



## What's happenin' at CDC-PCC?

"We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today."

- Stacia Tauscher

### NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, November 13  
Monday, November 16-24  
Tuesday, November 16  
Wednesday, November 25  
November 26-27

HOLIDAY – Veteran's Day...NO SCHOOL  
FAMILY AFFAIR....see details below.  
Pie Orders are DUE!  
PIE PICK UP....11:00 am – 3:00 pm.....VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please sign up at the desk.  
HOLIDAY – Thanksgiving....NO SCHOOL

### DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, December 2  
Saturday, December 5  
Friday, December 18  
December 21-25  
December 28-31

Fundraiser – RUBY'S DINER in Long Beach. More details to follow.  
Belmont Shore Holiday Parade – 6pm  
Last Day for Rooms C2 and D1am/D1pm  
CDC CLOSED FOR WINTER RECESS  
CDC Open for Rooms C1, D2 and D3 only!

### JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, January 4, 2010  
Monday, January 11, 2010

CDC Open for Rooms C1, D2 and D3.  
CDC Open for Rooms C2, D1am, and D1pm.

### SAVE THE DATES in 2010

Saturday, April 17, 2010  
Saturday, May 1, 2010

Rummage Sale Fundraiser at CDC-PCC  
Family Fun Day at El Dorado Park



## Join us as we march with LBCC in the Belmont Shore Holiday Parade – Saturday, December 5, 2009!

Parade starts at 6:00 pm. If you are interested in participating, please sign up at the front desk. LBCC waiver must be completed and turned in for each participant along with attendance at information meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am or 4:30 pm. All CDC families are welcome, including siblings! This is a family event!

Strollers and wagons are okay – bikes, trikes, scooters and pets are not. More details to follow. Limited space available – sign up today if interested!

## A FAMILY AFFAIR.....November 16<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

### Dear CDC-PCC Parents and Families,

Four years ago we planned a week where families could create and display something that represents their family. We were overwhelmed by the response to this event and amazed by the community building that resulted. We are proud to present it again for the 2009-10 school year.

We would like each family to create a display that represents your family. The content of the display is up to you and may include your hobbies, talents, a family recipe, family photo albums, sharing your favorite music, etc. This is not meant to be overwhelming! This event was created in hopes of fostering community through sharing our stories.

Display tables will be available every day and we hope to have the displays up by 9:00 AM each morning and taken down (if you are not comfortable leaving your items here) by 4:00 PM. The children love getting to know each other through these displays and visit the lobby each day to view them again and again. Families are welcome to stand with their displays to answer questions and/or share more information. We also hope that you will take time to visit the displays with your child and get to know the other families at CDC-PCC.

The red photo album in the lobby contains a lot of photos from our very first Family Affair. Feel free to check it out for ideas! If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with your child's teacher or Stacey. We are hoping for 100% participation! Families will receive two hours towards their mandatory parent hours just for participating.

No one diets on Thanksgiving. What we're really talking about is a wonderful day set aside on the fourth Thursday of November when no one diets. I mean, why else would they call it Thanksgiving?

-Erma Bombeck



## Be sure to check out the following websites:

- The Child Development Center Website...newsletters, menus, Food Preparation Responses, Reading Responses, calendars: <http://childrencenter.lbcc.edu>
- Twitter: <http://twitter.com/cdcpsc>
- Articles from the National Association for the Education of Young Children: [www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org)
- Specific articles from NAEYC: <http://www.naeyc.org/ece/1997/04.pdf> <http://www.naeyc.org/ece/1999/18.pdf>
- For activities, events and places to go with children in Southern California: [www.kidsguide.info](http://www.kidsguide.info)



## Pod C Room 1 - Mrs. Debbi Watts, Ms. Karen Clay, Ms. Natalie Perez and Ms. Nimol Mean

### *It All Started with Old McDonald...*

In the beginning of the semester, we sang the popular song, "Old McDonald Had a Farm." It was a real big hit with the children in our classroom. They were able to recognize and name the animals as well as repeat the sounds that the animals make. The children enjoyed this activity so much, that we repeated it at least three times a day. Because of this excitement for farm animals and ability to repeat and recognize animals, the team decided to start a project dedicated to farm animals. Our plan is to study about animals that help humans in some way.



In addition to practicing the sounds that each animal makes, we have learned that...

- The chicken gives us eggs to eat and lives in a chicken coop.
- The cow gives us milk and grazes on grass.
- The pig gives us bacon, sausage and ham and eats slop, sleeps all day and rolls in the mud.



In addition to our farm project, we have also created a pumpkin patch on the patio. Thanks to Steve Acevedo and Shalu Gupta for delivering our hay and pumpkins. The children enjoy picking up the pumpkins and carrying them from spot to spot. Mrs. Watts brought in leaves from her yard and the children have been enjoying raking, throwing and rolling in the leaves. In the weeks ahead, we plan to cook, count, measure and weigh the pumpkins.

### *Upcoming events...*

- Saturday, November 14 Visit to Centennial Farm in Orange County
- Tuesday, November 17 Lantern Walk. Meet in the main lobby at 5:30pm
- Friday, November 20 Raising a Reader group library visit at Mark Twain library 4pm
- Wednesday, November 25 Friendship Vegetable Soup

## Pod C Room 2 - Ms. Markesha Taylor, Ms. Montoya Whitfield and Ms. Raksa Phann

The children in Room C2 have been very busy. You can usually find Reagan, Mikayla, and Makeda in the house keeping area; cooking and playing dress up. James and Rylan appear to love trucks and trains. Jayden and Noel seem interested in anything involving cause and effect, usually splashing water, pushing baskets, or sand play. Ruya and Helena seem to enjoy science, the magnifying glasses and dress up clothes, too. Ty-Ty is usually spotted using the hammers or manipulating play-dough. Genesis likes the play-dough, as well as puzzles. Evan and Zane appear to enjoy the animals and the dinosaurs. Lex and Charlie seem to enjoy painting and other art activities. Lex is also a large motor guy.

Believe it or not we also like to sit and read during group time. Some of our favorite books are *Owl Babies*, *If you give a Mouse a Cookie*, *Where's My Teddy*, and *Mouse Paint*.

Although we embrace everyone's individual interest, a group interest has been sensory. This has been a fun, educational and messy exploration for us all. This week we are exploring mud (11/9-11/13). The children had the opportunity to create clean mud for the first part of the week and real mud for the second part. I notice children scooping, pouring, tearing, and mixing. This experience assisted the children in math as they learned to concept the different amounts of mud; it helps with their creativity/cognitive development as they created and molded the mud; it helped with their social skills as they worked together. So...if anybody is in the mood to get messy while learning and having fun, please stop by and join us.



## Pod D Room 1 - Ms. RaShanda Cook, Ms. Janelle Holt,

**Morning Session: Ms. Vanessa Contreras and Ms. Ilen Castillo**

**Afternoon Session: Ms. Erika Evans and Mr. Andrew "Squirrel" Tulley**

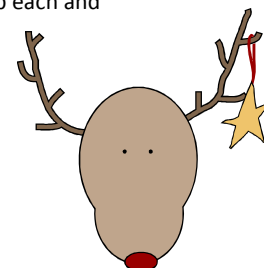
Dear Parents and Families in D1,

Thank you very much for your ongoing patience and flexibility as we operate your child's classroom without a permanent teacher. Ms. RaShanda Cook was injured at work in September and has been unable to return to full duty. We do not yet have a return date for her. She misses the children very much and is eager to return.

We feel very fortunate to have a wonderful substitute teacher in Janelle Holt. She has been able to provide consistent and quality care for the programs, morning and afternoon, 5 days a week. The support teaching staff (Vanessa Contreras, Ilen Castillo, Ericka Evans and Andrew "Squirrel" Tulley) has also remained consistent and they are doing a fantastic job each and every day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to stop by my office in the lobby or contact me at (562) 938-3080 or via email at [s2smith@lbcc.edu](mailto:s2smith@lbcc.edu).

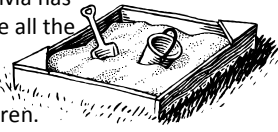
Sincerely,  
Stacey Smith, Site Supervisor



## Pod D Room 2

**Mrs. Sylvia Velasquez Lawrence and Mrs. Leslie Martinez....Mrs. Kristin Pierce, Lab Instructor  
Ms. Ruta Niua, Ms. Darlene Woodson, and Ms. Stella Rodriguez**

“Getting to know you. Getting to know all about you...” has been the theme song for the month as Mrs. Sylvia has been getting to know all about the children and families in Room 2. The children have been have been eager to share all the things they can do and what they know about themselves and the program. Our days are full of talk, surprises and as Elijah says, “Action!”



The balmy Indian summer weather has continued to make our outside environment irresistible to the children. Earlier in the month the boys spent many mornings collaborating and digging a big swimming pool in the sandbox. Work in the sandbox gives the children opportunities to stretch their muscles and their imaginations. Everyone involved has to share information about his experience and what he knows about pools...how big, how deep and what shape? Social skills are supported as they negotiate, take turns and congratulate each other for an amazing leap into the pool shouting, “cannonball!” To build on the children’s knowledge, we talk about pools in nature. Like us, animals enjoy pools in their backyard, too.

Collaborating is the best way to build relationships, knowledge and skills. Our first collaboration as a learning community will be to decide what to do with all our beautiful pumpkins! We will keep you posted.

You may have noticed some changes to our inside environment as we move things around to get ready to discover new and rediscover familiar materials and spaces. When things settle, we will welcome two new members to Room 2, Pippin and Frodo, Mrs. Sylvia’s guinea pigs.



## Pod D Room 3

**Mrs. Carolyn Jura and Mrs. Monica Alvarado....Mrs. Kristin Pierce, Lab Instructor  
Ms. Sotheavottee Soeung, Ms. Petra Crane and Ms. Flora Zacharias**

### *Greetings from Room D 3*

We have recently been very involved in planting our fall garden. Thanks to Susan from grounds the weeds have been tamed and we have started planting some vegetables and flowers. We made two trips to Horticulture and Brian generously donated many plants. Our patio also received some of the flowers and Mia, Elise’s mom, has brought us many cuttings and seeds that we are nurturing in the patio. The children are enthusiastic gardeners and are eagerly learning how to care for the plants.

Our ongoing pumpkin experience has created many learning experiences as the children have measured, graphed, cooked, and sprouted seeds from our pumpkins. We have also made prints of the sprouts and pumpkins. So far the favorite experience has been the “Pumpkin Pancakes”. See recipe below:

3 cups of flour  
3 teaspoons baking powder  
2 teaspoons cinnamon  
1 teaspoon nutmeg  
½ teaspoon cloves  
1 Tablespoon sugar

Beat the whites of 3 eggs and 1 whole egg  
1 Tablespoon of vegetable oil  
1 cup of milk  
2 teaspoons of vanilla  
½ cup of water  
2 cups of baked mashed pumpkin\*



\*microwave ½ pumpkin at a time in a zip-loc bag for about 10 min. vent bag).

Mix dry ingredients thoroughly and add to wet mixture stir pour dough onto hot griddle cook and enjoy with applesauce or syrup.

### **Child Care Scholarships Now Available!**

The LBCC Foundation and CDC’s have applications for the Josephine S. Gumbiner Child Care Scholarships for qualifying students who are currently enrolled in 12 units or more. The scholarship will pay \$500 of your child’s tuition at the LBCC – CDC. Please see Stacey Smith or Charline Lang for more details and/or an application.

The CDC Staff wishes you & your family a  
**Happy Thanksgiving...**  
**...and a Fun Filled Holiday Season!**

