



Saddleback Children's Center



Newsletter
April 2018



Message from SCC:

It's A Miracle

Dear SCC Families,

We hope you and your family had a joy filled Easter!

We have a busy, but fun April ahead of us. Soon the children will get to observe a butterfly emerge from its chrysalis and witness the miracle of birth as our chicks hatch from their eggs. What a blessing for all of us!

Our Spring Open House also promises to be a fun evening for the entire family. We hope you plan to join us!

-Carla Leveratt, Director &
Meagan Kraszewski, Assistant Director

Each year we incubate chicks for a few different reasons. It is a great way to show sequencing of an event to your children in a way they can understand. It also introduces them to life cycles and where eggs come from. Most importantly, they get to witness the miracle of a chick's birth!

We will start incubating our eggs on April 10th. It takes 21 days for a chicken egg to hatch. Our delivery day should be on or around May 1st. The incubator will be located in our foyer. Parents and children will be able to check it out on a daily basis.

IMPORTANT: Morning Drop-Off

Our campus is not open until 7:00am. Families that arrive early in the morning may not enter the campus until this time. Please respect the time the teachers need to set up for your children to have a fun and safe learning environment. Thank you!

Reminders

- ❖ **Tuition:** Tuition is due the first of each month and payable until the 10th. Payments received after the 10th will be assessed a \$25.00 late fee. Tuition must be paid within 48 hours of notification or an additional **\$25.00 will be charged to your account for a total of \$50.**
- ❖ **Sign-In:** When dropping off or picking up your child you must sign them in/out each day. If not, you may be called to return and sign your child in/out. No one under the age of 18 may pick up a child from school. Parents/guardians are required by the State of California to sign their child in and out of school each day. Please make sure that you use your full legal signature.
- ❖ **For your tax records:**
 - Our tax I.D. # is: 93-0782055
 - Our address is: 30322 Via Con Dios, Rancho Santa Margarita, Ca 92688
 - You can also find all tax I.D. information on our web site at: saddlebackchildrenscenter.org

Important Dates to Remember

Easter Break

Full Day & 8 Hour Students ONLY

Monday, April 2nd – Friday, April 6th

Baby Chick Incubation:

Tuesday, April 10th: incubation begins

Tuesday, May 1st: estimated arrival!

Farm Animals Visit:

Thursday, April 19th and Friday, April 20th

A variety of farm animals will be here at school for the children to see. They will be able to feed and pet them, as well as learn about their needs.

The animals will be at our school between 9:30-11:00am both days.



Pony Pictures Day:

Thursday, April 26th and Friday, April 27th

"Whatever Little Pony" school photographers will be here this month. Each child will have a short pony ride and then have their picture taken on the pony. If you have other children you would like to bring in for pony picture day, please do so. Also, siblings may have their pictures taken together.

The pictures will come back to our school for you to view. You may decide at that time if you would like to purchase them.



Spring Open House:

Thursday, April 26th (6:30-8:00)

We invite you to join us for this fun evening for the entire family. All of our rooms will be open for you to visit. Each class will have a hands-on activity that children and parents can enjoy doing together. This is an exciting evening for our children as they love to show their families their school and share with them about their work here. Please plan to join us for this special event!

NEW THIS YEAR! We will have a food truck from TK Burgers on our campus as early as 6:00pm. Burger combos and drinks will be available for purchase. Tables and chairs will be set up, so you can relax and enjoy dinner with others in our SCC family! More information will be available soon!

Preschool Sunday:

Sunday, April 29th 10:45 Service

Community Lutheran Church

Please join us to see what your children have been learning during Chapel with Pastor Marty and Josiah.

The children will sing songs they have been learning at the beginning of the service and then you can choose to have them participate in Children's Church or join you for the remainder of the service. A professionally staffed nursery is also available!

Prior to the 10:45 service, the church is hosting a camp style breakfast from 9:30am to 10:30am to kick off their summer programs, including VBS and Day Camp. If you are planning on attending either breakfast or the 10:45 service, please RSVP Josiah at Josiahclcrsm@gmail.com by April 27th. Thank you!





Summer School Registration



Summer School registration forms were distributed to your files in March.
Look for additional forms in the foyer or in the office!

Sign up by May 1 to receive a 50% registration discount, normally \$40.

Important!

Registration for the Fall opened up to the public:
February 20th

Classes are already filling up, especially our Pre-K and JK classes.
Sign-up for the Fall before all the spaces are taken! Now that
Priority Registrations are over, it is first come, first served!!

Be sure your child has a space for the
new school year!

Bring **O**ne **G**et **O**ne Hundred
family to register *dollars*



To receive your \$100.00 credit, the family that registers must tell us that you sent them.



ONGOING WAYS TO SUPPORT SCC



Help support us while you shop! The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases, which will go toward our school and church when you select "Community Lutheran Church" as your charity!

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT FAMILY NIGHT OUT!



Ruby's Diner Mission Viejo Mall

Come in at Ruby's and 20% of all food and non-alcoholic beverage sales (when accompanied with this flyer) will be donated to

**Saddleback
Children's Center**

**All Day
April 25th 2018**

Classroom Update



We are thrilled to announce that the installation of our new beautiful vinyl plank flooring for our older building has already begun. By time everybody returns from spring break, there will be a whole new look!

Just in case this is your first time reading about it, we have raised enough to replace the flooring, a project totaling almost \$20K. We would like to again send our thanks to our Community Lutheran Church members as well as our preschool families for working together to achieve this.

See's Candy



We are happy to announce that our See's Candy fundraiser raised a profit of \$1,500. Thank you to all of those who participated!

The money will be used for updates to our classrooms as well as materials for our Outdoor Classroom.

Ways to get involved

- Any of our fundraisers opportunities
- Straight donations
- Ask about how to volunteer

Key Messages of the NAEYC/Fred Rogers Center Position Statement on Technology and Interactive Media in Early Childhood Programs

This summary highlights key messages of the January 2012 joint position statement, *Technology and Interactive Media as Tools in Early Childhood Programs Serving Children from Birth through Age 8*, issued by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the Fred Rogers Center for Early Learning and Children's Media at Saint Vincent College.

Why this statement is important

Advances in technology and interactive media rapidly are transforming how we communicate and use information in our homes, offices, and early childhood settings. This position statement offers guidance—based on research-based knowledge of how young children grow and learn—on both the opportunities and the challenges of the use of technology and interactive media. The statement focuses on their use in early childhood programs—schools, centers, family child care—serving children from birth through age 8.

When used intentionally and appropriately, technology and interactive media are effective tools to support learning and development. The fundamental premise of the position statement is that technology and interactive media are tools for teachers and administrators to use in early childhood programs. The effectiveness of technology and interactive media, as with other tools, depends on their being used in the right ways, under the right circumstances, by those skilled in their use. Within the framework of developmentally appropriate practice, this means recognizing children as unique individuals, being attuned to their age and developmental level, and being responsive to the social and cultural contexts in which they live.

Effective uses of technology and media are active, hands-on, engaging, and empowering; give the child control; provide adaptive scaffolds to help children progress in skills development at their individual rates; and are used as one of many options to support children's learning. Technology and interactive media should expand children's access to new content and new skills. When truly integrated, uses of technology and media become routine and transparent—the child or the educator is focused on the activity or exploration itself and not on the technology.

Intentional use requires early childhood teachers and administrators to have information and resources regarding the nature of these tools and the implications of their use with children. Ultimately, the key decision regarding the use of technology and interactive media is whether specific goals—both for individual children and the program as a whole—can be more effectively achieved using traditional classroom materials, or whether the use of particular technology and interactive media tools actually extends the opportunities for learning and development. There are many

ways that technology can extend opportunities for learning and development—helping to better meet the needs of individual children (e.g., assistive technologies that improve children's ability to learn, move, communicate, and create); supporting enhanced communication with families (e.g., digital portfolios

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April Concepts
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M	T	W	Th	F
2	3 Chapel	4	5	6
Easter Break – Full Day & 8 Hour Students Only				
9	10 Chick Incubation Starts 	11 Chapel	12	13
16	17 Chapel	18	19	20 Farm Animals Visit 
23	24	25 Chapel	26 Spring Open House 6:30PM – 8:00PM	27 Pony Pictures 
30	1 Chicks Hatch 			

April Bible Verse:
 "God made us to do good things."
 Ephesians 12:10

