



Saddleback Children's Center



Newsletter
May 2018

Message from SCC:

Our Open House was a delightful evening. It was wonderful to have so many families visit our classrooms, enjoying a variety of activities!

This month, we will take time to celebrate Mother's Day and what a blessing our Moms are! We hope you will join us for "Muffins with Mom."

Happy Mother's Day to all of our Moms, Grandmothers and special women in our lives!

-Carla Leveratt, Director &
Meagan Kraszewski, Assistant Director

Teacher Appreciation Week Monday, May 14th – Wednesday, May 16th

Please look for information in your files about Teacher Appreciation Week. For more information, you can reach out to your Room Parent or our Room Parent Liaison, Joy Kemmerle, who has planned a super special top secret mission for our teachers this year!

Important Dates to Remember:



Muffins with Mom



Thursday, May 10th & Friday May 11th

In celebration of our Moms, Grandmothers & special women, we will be serving coffee, juice and muffins in our courtyard from 7:00am – 9:00am.

Please stop by and enjoy this special morning with your child(ren).



Parent Teacher Conferences

DATE CHANGE

Thursday, May 24th & Friday, May 25th

The conferences are scheduled to provide an opportunity for parents to be updated on their child's development and progress in school. Please look for the sign-up sheet on the parent table outside your child's classroom. Conferences will be held in the church. **Parents only please!**

Note: Preschool is closed on both days, Our Full Day & 8 Hour Programs will remain open.



Memorial Day
Monday, May 28th



SCHOOL CLOSED



Our children had a blast petting the farm animals!



Mom and Dad take the night off!
Drop the kids off in the Full Day Room with Josiah and volunteers for dinner, desserts, music, crafts, fun games, and a movie while you have an evening to yourself.

Saturday, May 19th

Time: 5:00-7:00 pm

Cost \$ 20 per child, siblings additional \$10.

Ages: 2.5-8

We are also looking for volunteers, please email Josiah Canto, Director of Youth and Family Ministry at Community Lutheran Church Josiahclcrsm@gmail.com for questions.

Pre- registration is required,
please email Josiah
Registration deadline is Thursday, May 17th

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.
- ❖ **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!
- ❖ **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

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 LAST FAMILY NIGHT OUT OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

We are planning for May 31st so look for more information coming soon!

Outdoor Art Curriculum



We continue to need supplies to contribute to this program. If this is something you are passionate about, we are still collecting items for donation. We will keep a drop-box near Miss Carla's office.

Here is a list of most needed materials:

- Bristol paper
- Matte paper
- Oil pastels (these have been fun!)

These items could be purchased from Michaels or Amazon.com

Classroom Update



Most of you have likely seen the new beautiful vinyl plank flooring, which was installed in our older building during Easter Break.

Just in case this is your first time reading about it, we 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.

We are continuing to raise money toward the purchase of new furniture and rugs for this building as well.

Ways to get involved

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



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!

Important!

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

Classes are already filling up. 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.



11 Reasons to Take the Kids Outside

Submitted by Julia Luckenbill

on Tue, 10/15/2013 - 11:10

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As a teacher and as a parent, I have discovered this magic: When the kids are sad or too loud or when fights break out, taking the kids outside seems to fix everything, especially if running water, sand or soil is involved. At our school when the children spill out into the yard and garden, a sudden calm descends. At home, in the evening “arsenic hour,” playing on the grass erases our daughter’s distress. Though parking kids in front of the TV is one way to keep them busy, [there are many reasons why sending them out to play is better for their development](#), especially if you come along and teach them about the plants, animals and natural materials found there.

Here are 11 reasons to take the kids outside:

- They are calmer outdoors.
- They do not have to stay quiet and it is ok to sing loud!
- There is more space for big body play.
- There is less setup and clean up to be done.
- The materials (mud, sticks, rocks, flowers, leaves) are free.
- The mud can be hosed off outside before kids come back inside.
- Sand and water play lead to an understanding of volume, cause and effect, and use of tools.
- There is room to invent new ideas and new worlds.
- They learn nature smarts and learn to love the outdoors.
- Learning to be gentle with a flower leads to being gentle in other ways.
- They learn life lessons: All living things hatch, sprout or are born, and all things die.

A last thought –time spent in nature is good for grownups too. Enjoying a hike or time in the garden can support your own mental health and help you relax and slow down. Isn’t it time now to turn off your computer and go out to play?

<http://families.naeyc.org/content/11-reasons-take-kids-outside>



May 2018

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M	T	W	Th	F
	1 Chapel	2 Happy Birthday Pickles & Lollipop 	3	4
7	8	9 Chapel	10-11 "Muffins with Mom"  	
14	15 Chapel	16	17	18
14-16 Teacher Appreciation Week				
21	22	23 Chapel	24-25 Parent teacher conferences Full Day & 8 Hr Students Only	
28 Memorial Day School Closed 	29 Chapel	30	31	

May Bible Verse:
 "Children, obey your parents in all things."
 Colossians 3:20

