



Saddleback Children's Center



Newsletter
May 2021

Message from SCC:

It was such a delight to see the Open House videos our teachers put together to honor this year with your kiddos. We hope you enjoyed!

This month, we will take time to celebrate moms and dads and what a blessing our parents are! We hope you will join us for "Pastries with Parents."

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

- Meagan Kraszewski, Director &
Kristin Thomas, Assistant Director

Teacher Appreciation Week Monday, May 17th – Friday, May 21st

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, Sarah Benson, who is planning something special for our teachers this year!

Important Dates to Remember:

Pastries with Parents

Thursday, May 6th & Friday May 7th



Come share the most important meal of the day with your child! We will be serving coffee, juice, and pastries in our church courtyard from 8:00am – 9:30am.

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



Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, May 13th & Friday, May 14th

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 at your child's designated sign-in station. Conferences will be held in the church courtyard. **Parents only please!**

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

Memorial Day

Monday, May 31st

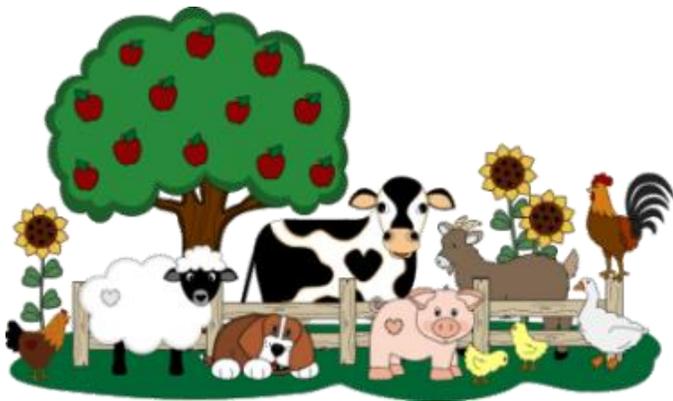


SCHOOL CLOSED





Our children had a blast
petting the farm animals!



Final Tuition Payments

This year has flown by quickly and we have enjoyed every moment of it with your child(ren) here at our school. As the year nears the end, you may have questions as to how to settle your final tuition payments.

- 1.) If you will be **returning** next year, we will hold onto your deposit and apply it toward your final month of tuition at Saddleback Children's Center. Your last payment for the 2020/21 school year will be due June 1st and will be a full tuition payment.
- 2.) If you are **not returning** next year, we will apply your deposit toward your June tuition.
 - a. If you are not returning next year but are attending Summer School we will still apply your deposit toward you June Tuition. Please log into your parent portal to view your balance.
 - b. If you have not notified the school that you will be returning, your deposit will be applied to your June Tuition. If you decide you will be returning, please register through MyProcure.

If you have any questions about your tuition or registration, please email kristin.t@saddlebackchildrenscenter.org or stop by the office.

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.**
- ❖ **Morning Drop-off:** Our campus is not open until 8:00am. 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!

Current Fundraising Projects

We will continue to enhance our play yards by purchasing materials that encourage critical thinking and problem solving, inquiry and exploration, and gross and fine motor development. We will purchase curriculum materials for individual classrooms as well with the funds raised through our spring See's fundraiser. Thanks to your support we raised \$1,100 for these items!

Ways to get involved

- Kristina Amante, our Outdoor Classroom Specialist, has created an Amazon Wishlist for items needed for our Outdoor Classroom. Here is the link: [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) if you would like to donate. Thank you!

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT FAMILY NIGHT OUT!

Join Us For A Fundraiser At



for



Tuesday, May 25th from 11am - 8pm

BallPark Pizza Team
28813 Los Alisos Blvd.
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

Mention Saddleback Children's Center at the register and 20% of your order will go to the fundraiser.

(949)830-3436

In house or pick up only.

Not valid with any other offer, discounts, specials or coupons. Not valid on delivery.



Summer School Registration



Summer School opened for registration in February and is filling up! The deadline to register is June 4th.

Important!

Registration for the Fall opened to the public: February 16th

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 dollars
family to register



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>



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3	4 Chapel	5	6 Pastries with Parents Come Share the Most Important Meal of the Day with Your Child 	7
10	11	12 Chapel	13 Parent Teacher conferences Full Day & 8 Hr. Students Only	14
17	18 Chapel	19	20 Outdoor Classroom Day	21
Teacher Appreciation Week				
24	25 Family Night Out @ Ballpark Pizza	26 Chapel	27	28
31 Memorial Day School Closed 	<p>May Bible Verse: "Children, obey your parents in all things." Colossians 3:20</p>			

