

Discoveries Learning Centers

October 2014



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From the Director

We are off to a great start! We had great event this past month: the Toddler House Potluck was fun, and very well attended! We will be having our Chaucer Book Fair this SUNDAY from 4-6pm!

When you receive a newsletter, please make note of the dates, over there in the yellow box, on the right. There are many great events here that you just don't want to miss!

Axxess Book sales are happily on the rise, with our goal of each family purchasing or selling their one and only book. They are such a great savings tool; everyone should have one. Please return your books or pay \$30 for them by the end of next week. (All unreturned book must be paid for.) Thanks.

LifeTouch was here this past Wednesday and Thursday to take our School Photos. Everyone who was here on Wednesday, had their photo taken, the remainder was done on Thursday. Your child's photos should be here in the office by the end of October. You may take your packet of school pictures home and decide if you want to buy them, or not. Prices are in the packet. You are not obligated to buy them! If you do, Discoveries gets 10%. Don't lose them! You must bring back the ones you don't want to buy, or you will be charged.

My new Education Coordinator, Rina will be celebrating her first official day at Discoveries on October 20!

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Important Dates

Axxess Book Sales

Return \$\$\$ or Books back due NOW!
Every book sold, \$10 of the proceeds go toward our Teacher Fund.

Sunday, October 5

Chaucer's Book Faire!

4:00 to 6:00pm

New date this year! 25% proceeds go towards our great library.

Tuesday, October 15

A Day in the Life of your child at

Curriculum Night

6:30-7:30pm

Friday, October 17

Parent's Night Out!

6:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Let our terrific teachers babysit your children and treat them, and yourselves, to a fun night out!

Saturday October 18

Pumpkin Patch

9:30 am

Families gather at Lane Farms for our traditional and informal fun hay rides & pumpkin picking.

Tuesday, October 21

Read for the Record

We will be reading Bunny Cakes by Rosemary Wells to help set a record during group time!

Monday, October 27

Parent Representative Meeting

6:30-7:30 pm

In the School House

Wednesday, October 29

Family Matters Webinar Series

(see pg. 4 for details)

(Be sure to consult the calendar in the kiosk and copies in the office for Discoveries' yearly closure dates and events)

At Discoveries we practice the philosophy of "Resources for Infant Educators."

Each Newsletter will highlight one of the ten RIE Principles.

RIE Principle #2: Make the time you spend with your child a pleasure, not a chore.

DO invest uninterrupted, quality time when you are totally available to your child.

DON'T just "supervise" your child; play with them, talk with them, get down to their level.

- ♥ Also give your child some quality "alone" time to relax and do nothing.
- ♥ Give yourself some privacy – time and space to be alone.

Bright Horizons – Emergency Hotline:

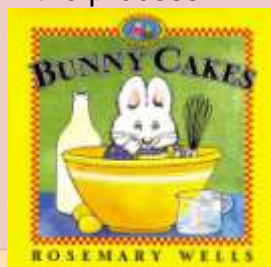
Do you have a "Ready to Respond" notice in your files? Please keep this information in a safe place where you can access it in case of a severe emergency. I have also attached a copy to this email for your convenience and computer accessibility. We actually used this once, when the Jesusita Fire came within a mile of the Center, we closed the school for one day. If you hadn't received notification from me, then you could have called this Hotline and been informed about this closure. Also, if we ever have to evacuate, you can call the Hotline and find out where we have gone (planned locations are on the Ready to Respond card.)

Read for the Record 2014

What are you doing on October 21st? How does breaking a world reading record while raising awareness about America's achievement gap sound?

Join us as we participate in Jumpstart's Read for the Record®— a national campaign that mobilizes adults and children to close the early education achievement gap by setting a reading world record.

This annual campaign allows Americans to demand that all children receive the quality early education they deserve. On October 21, 2014, more than 2 million voices will call for an end to America's early education achievement gap by reading *Bunny Cakes* by Rosemary Wells – setting a world record in the process!



Want to read along, but don't have a copy of the book? Visit [here](#) to read a free online version.

Health & Safety

IMMUNIZATIONS

Did you know every year we do a health immunization report for the California Health and Safety Code? They require the updated immunization records of each student here at the center. If your child goes to the doctor, please make sure you get your yellow card updated and give us a copy.

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Parent Representatives 2014 - 2015 Group

Debbie's Honeybees	Rheanna Phillips (Gabe) 729-2025 rheanna.phillips@yahoo.com
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READY for SCHOOL Parent News: Inclusion Interactions

Early childhood is the time when children develop lifelong values and dispositions that affect how they view the world, how they relate to others and ultimately how they act. The core of each child's self-esteem and identity stems from the interactions between the child and important adults in the child's life. Children who have a secure sense of identity, (which includes gender, size, race, ethnicity, language, religion, culture, family composition, abilities, etc.), are more likely to develop skills to be inclusive of others.

Just as prejudice and stereotyping are learned behaviors, tolerance and inclusion are learned behaviors as well. Telling children to "be kind," and "play with everyone" or punishing a child for hurting a friend, have little lasting effect on the development of their attitudes. Observing adults being kind and including other people is much more effective. Children learn by modeling the adults in their world. Children are strong perceivers, and they take in all the subtleties of the adults' behaviors.

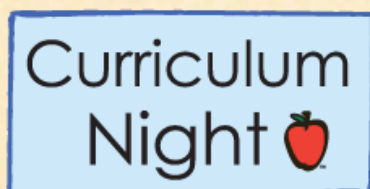
Our behaviors and beliefs have a tremendous impact on how children feel about themselves, view the world, and how they regard differences. As parents, we need to continuously be self-reflective and think about both the direct and subtle messages that we give children. We convey messages by our words, jokes, seemingly innocent comments, tone, body language, facial expressions, and physical actions.

Parents are key in instilling the values of respect, acceptance, and inclusion in their children. Children who feel good about themselves tend to have open hearts and minds; they are less likely to judge people by their accents, clothing, skin colors, sexual preference, age or physical appearance. Acute awareness of the messages that we give children is key. Think about the powerful effect it has on any child when we give him or her the message, "You are recognized, you are valued and I'm **really** glad you're my child."

Bright Horizons News



Curriculum Night 2014: "A Day in the Life"



Join us for a special event and "experience a day in the life" of your child at Curriculum Night 2014 on Tuesday, October 7.

Parents of children in all age groups are welcome to attend and orientate themselves to their child's upcoming year with Bright Horizons. Familiarize yourself with your child's classroom and daily schedule, experience how the various pieces of *The World at Their Fingertips®* curriculum are brought to life each day, and meet with your child's teachers to ask questions and discuss learning objectives for the upcoming year throughout the event.

Share in the experience and invite your friends and family to attend Curriculum Night with you and your family. You can learn more about Curriculum Night by asking your Center Director or child's teacher.

SAVE THE DATE: October installment of the Family Matters Webinar Series!

Family Matters

A Bright Horizons Webinar Series

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, October 29, 2:00 pm EST

Featuring [AARP](#) Health Experts, Bright Horizons Family Solutions® is bringing you the next installment of the Family Matters Webinar Series on the the basics of Medicare for caregivers Join us in this hour long webinar to discover what you need to know about Medicare policies in an quick and easy to understand format.

Keep checking www.brighthorizons.com/webinar for the latest registration information as it becomes available!