



Discovery Tree Schools

Director's Corner

Annual Enrollment: A reminder that your annual enrollment fees are due this month. They are \$ 40 per child or \$60 Per family. The annual fee covers student accident insurance, supplies and reserves your child's spot for the upcoming school year. This month we also will be applying the \$5 t-shirt fee. This fee is automatically applied to your account each August. The \$5 is used for the upkeep and cleaning of our field trip shirts. So please look for an additional charge this month. If you have any questions please give me a call.

Save the Date: Our Annual Mandatory Parent Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday,

September 15th, from 6-8 pm. This is a Mandatory meeting for all families. I would also like to remind parents that children may not be present during this meeting. I understand that this may be difficult but this allows us to go through all the information that we have more quickly and with the least amount of interruption possible. During this time you will get the chance to meet the teachers, hear about upcoming changes that we are having at our school as well as any policy changes that we may be having for the year. Please save the date, we look forward to seeing all of you there.

Parent Night Out: I would like to thank all of the parents that have been participating in our monthly Parent Night Outs. The money raised for these fundraisers will be helping me to attend the World Forum Conference in May of 2011 in Hawaii. Our next Parent Night Out will be on Friday, August 20th. At our Q street location.

BBQ: May of you may have already heard that the pre-school class is going to be building a playhouse on the playground. Once construction is complete we will be having a BBQ grand opening pot luck dinner. I am looking for it to be on Friday, August 27th. Hope to see you all there!

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Important Dates:

- Tuition Due: 2,9,16,23,30
- Tuition Late: 3, 10, 17, 23, 31
- 8/9 Wear Red
- 8/10 Wear Orange
- 8/11 Wear Green
- 8/12 Wear Blue
- 8/13 Wear Purple
- Gymnastics: 8/2, 16
- PNO @ Q street 8/20
- 8/20 Hawaiian beach day
- Piano Man: 8/26

Kid Ease Parent Board

Please remember to check out the Kid Ease web site located at www.Kid-Ease.org.

There you will find the latest newsletter, calendar, school reminders, upcoming events, menus, tuition, and copies of the meeting minutes from the monthly Kid-Ease parent board meetings. The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 10th at 12

noon in conference room 110. In the Cal EPA headquarters building. If you are not an employee in the building you will need to please check in at the security desk. Thank you and we hope to see you there !

Thank you to all of the parents that helped in participating in our used book sale. The book sale

was a big hit. We raised just over \$300.00 . Many people were asking what the Parent Board is raising money for now. In the past we have purchased a new washer and dryer/refrigerator/freezer/ the play yards, new children's computers as well as each year the teachers are given money so that they can purchase items for the school. If you have any ideas please come to the next board meeting to share.



Preschool Information

Introducing our new small groups:

We have some new changes that are going to be happening at all of our schools. Instead of the children picking the names of the groups we are going to start having universal names for all of our schools. If your child is in the Pre-K group they will now be called the Redwoods, if your child is in the pre- middles they will be called the Magnolia's, if your child is in the middles small group they will be called the Oaks, and Finally if your child is in the Little small group than they will be called the Willow's. If you have any questions please ask me or your child's small group teacher.

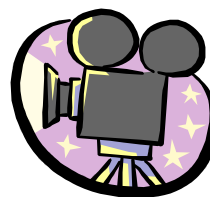
Redwoods: Our August theme is museum and Movies. Throughout the month of August we will learn about different types of museums, what

makes a museum and what people do at museums. With movies we will learn how they are made different types and the yummy foods we eat when we go to the movies. The Redwoods would like to extend a big hug to all of our friends that are leaving for kindergarten. We wish you all the best.

Oaks: As summer goes on and we enter our hottest month of the year, the oaks will beat the heat with some indoor entertainment, exploring cool, classy museums and good old fashioned films. Children will learn about various styles of art that populate our beloved museums as well what it takes to protect these priceless relics of human imagination. We will then move ahead to the most popular art form of today- the motion picture or cinema. We will explore all the

work that goes on behind the scene to create the movie magic that inspires us and fills our hearts with joy. We are happy to welcome Cassandra and Peyton to our Oak family this month.

Willows: Wow! There are so many new willow faces in preschool! Austin, Emma, Gilan, Sydney... Welcome to the Willows! August should be a pretty cool month, as we learn about museums and movies. We can't wait to get to know all of our new friends and explore our new themes. We all hope that you have been enjoying your summer we know that we have!



Infant/Toddler Information

New Names:

Our new names for the Infant room and Toddler rooms are: Infants will be called the Maples and the Toddlers will be called the Junipers. These changes are being made company wide. The Directors took names of different types of Trees and decided what each group should be called.

Updates:

As the summer comes to a close we want to thank all the parents for being diligent in bringing water play items to school every week. This is such a help because then we don't have to exclude any child due to not having appropriate items available. We will continue with water play through August so keep it up! If you have laundry soap caps please donate them to the toddler program so they can be used for pouring sand and water. Your donation would be very much appreciated.

If you have been outdoors on the infant/toddler playground you may have noticed a quiet reading area made out of a plastic wading pool. Well... if anyone or group is willing to donate soft items for it such as a round cushion, comforter, or pillows we are still in need. Please feel free to donate anything you may feel that would enhance our program. You never know, we can use odd items in innovative ways!

This month we have two new friends in the infant room, Evelyn Ward and Eloise Waters. On the toddler side we said goodbye to Austin and will be welcoming Lindsay. More children transitioning will happen this month so let's all come together and make everyone feel welcomed.

Donations:

Our school is in need of some menus from restaurants to use for our Dramatic Play, An old Iron that you do not care about any more, small picnic tables, play house that you might not use anymore, Tree stumps, glass baby food Jars, plastic shelf units that we could use outdoors for our outdoor classroom, old blankets and throw pillows that you no longer need. We also are in need of some old pots and pans that the children can use outdoors. A pop up tent that is easy to assemble. These are great treasures that can be used in our program. Thank you