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Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, January 10,
2018-PAC Meeting

Monday, January 15,
2018-Closed for the
Martin Luther King Jr.
Holiday

Wednesday, January 24,
2018-Kindergarten
Information Session

Monday, February 19
2018-CDC Closed for
President's Day

2018-2019 Enrollment

Enrollment has begun for the 2018-2019 School Year. The opportunity to enroll for our private Kindergarten is now, prior to enrollment being open to the general public.

If you are interested in our Kindergarten program for your child who will be **5 years old before September 1, 2018**. Let one of the front office staff know. Spots are filling quickly, so make sure you get an early start.

For all other age groups we will be providing you with a fall 2018 enrollment form for you to identify any changes in your child's schedule by the end of the month.

This information is very important and we need *everyone* to return their forms back, so that we can determine what enrollment spaces are needed and what spaces are available.

Director's Corner

Dear CDC Families,

Happy New Year ☺ I hope that everyone was able to enjoy some family time during the Winter Break. I want to start off by expressing to all of you how thrilled I am to be your new Program Director, and continue the tradition of excellence in education that we are all so dedicated to here at the Fairplex Child Development Center.

For those of you I haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet, I wanted to share a little bit about myself. I have been here at the Child Development Center more than 10 years and will be completing my Master's Degree this semester at the University of La Verne. I am married and have two boys (ages 10 and 11) that are both Alumni of the Child Development Center. My youngest son was a part of the 1st Kindergarten Graduation here at the Fairplex in 2013. I look forward to getting to know all of you and your families!

I also wanted to let you know we will be conducting interviews for the Assistant Director position over the next couple weeks and should be making our final selection by mid-January. We will be sure to keep you all updated!

Please feel free to stop in and say "hello!" or you can email me anytime at Luby@Fairplex.com with any questions, suggestions, or concerns.

Wishing You Well,
Alexis Luby-Gordillo

Kindergarten Corner

January is an exciting month for Kindergarten. We will be celebrating Martin Luther King day by reading the “Martin’s Big Words” and learning about love, tolerance and acceptance of differences.

For the reading component and Accelerated Reader (AR), Kindergartners are partnered with a Reading partner, where student readers practice reading to a friend.

In the math component, the students are continuing to learn about addition and subtraction, and will be starting to learn about decomposing numbers using the ten frame. The year is starting off already with so much learning and knowledge for our scholars.



Kindergarten Information Session

On **Wednesday January 24th, 2018 from 5:00-6:00 p.m.** we will be hosting a Kindergarten Information Session lead by Kindergarten Teacher, Ruby Escamilla. Information that will be covered will include Kindergarten curriculum, along with demonstrations, class schedules, routines, and success stories from past Kindergarten years. Please make sure to RSVP at the front office, if you would like to attend the parent information session.

Traffic Alert!!!

The NHRA Winter Nationals will be rolling into town beginning **Thursday, February 8th through Sunday, February 11th.** Please allow yourself extra time at drop off and pick up **Thursday and Friday!!!**

Illness Policy Reminder



With cold and flu season in full swing, we would like to remind parents about our health policy. The regulation codes of the California Department of Public Health, the following symptoms, will be given an “exclusion notice” and they may not return for a minimum of 24 hours following the end of the symptoms: 1) A temperature of 101 or higher 2) An episode of vomiting or diarrhea 3) A rash of undetermined origin 5) Red, watery eyes with discharge 6) consistent cough, heavy nasal discharge or sore throat.

Please refer to the Center for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/> for more information on flu, illnesses and conditions.

Reminder:

CDC will be closed on **Monday, January 15th** in observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday and on **Monday, February 19th** in observance of President’s Day Holiday



Child Development Corner

Big Jobs at Home



Young children love to help out, but many times we don't let them. Why? Because we think it's easier—and faster—to do everyday jobs ourselves. Your child might take 15 minutes to finish a job you can do in one minute. But in 15 minutes your child can learn a lot!

Big Jobs are indoor and outdoor jobs children do with their families (or others) that help the whole family. They include tasks like setting the table, planting flowers, and tidying up

when visitors are coming. To adults they might seem like simple tasks, but Big Jobs carry big rewards—for your child and your entire family.

How are Big Jobs different from chores?

You assign chores. Children volunteer to do Big Jobs because they want to help out. Also, Big Jobs are done together with other family members. Teamwork is an important part of doing Big Jobs.

What do children learn from doing Big Jobs?

They learn to:

- work with other people
- solve problems
- compromise
- contribute to their family

What are some Big Jobs young children can do?

- Cooking and baking—washing and peeling vegetables, stirring muffin batter, tearing lettuce leaves to make salad
- Gardening—digging holes, planting seeds, raking leaves, weeding, watering plants indoors and outdoors
- Doing laundry—carrying the laundry basket, sorting, folding, delivering clean clothes to each family member's room
- Caring for pets—feeding, brushing, walking, cleaning the cage or aquarium
- Cleaning—rinsing dishes, dusting, emptying wastebaskets

Tips for doing Big Jobs at home

- Keep your child safe. Show your child how to safely use equipment like a rake or a vegetable peeler. Stay close by when it is his turn.
- Try to find child-size tools. They make jobs easier and safer.
- Have fun. Remember, your child chose to help out. Keep it enjoyable and she will want to do Big Jobs all the time.
- Talk while you work together. Chat about what you are doing and whatever else your child wants to discuss.
- Show your appreciation for the work family members have done. Say, “Thanks for setting the table, everyone. We are ready for dinner now, and the table looks beautiful.”

Source: Adapted from the Message in a Backpack for N.P. Jones, 2007, "Big Jobs," *Teaching Young Children* 1 (1): 10–12.