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Center Newsletter
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Staff Spotlight

We are excited to have three new educators join our full-time team:
Please welcome…

Teacher Genesis Ruiz has been promoted from our part-time assistant staff to our full-time staff and will be working with Master Teacher, Vee in the Mulberry Room. Genesis holds a B.A. in Child Development from Cal State LA.

Teacher Kayla Castillo has been promoted from our part-time assistant staff to our full-time staff, and will be working with Master Teacher, Anastasia in the Bamboo Room. Kayla hold a B.A. in Liberal Studies/Elementary Education.

Teacher Lina Carpio has been hired to join our full-time team as a floating certificated teacher to step in to support classrooms when needed. For the interim, Lina will be joining Master Teacher, Ileana Ramirez in the Maple Room until we hire a permanent co-teacher. Lina holds a Child Development Associate Teacher Certification and a Bachelor of Performing Arts.

In The News

- **Rescinded Funding Freeze:** The Center has not been impacted by any funding freezes and our current funding is secure.
- **National Coalition of Campus Childcare Centers** (N4C). Jim will be attending the N4C conference in Philadelphia next month. The conference will enable stakeholders to advocate and gain more insight into the status of federal and state grant funding and how centers may be impacted by decisions and mandates made by the current White House Administration.

For more information on N4C please visit:

https://www.campuschildren.org/

https://www.campuschildren.org/advocacy

https://www.campuschildren.org/conference-events

Calendar

Spring Calendar

February 14 Friendship Dance (PAC Event, 4:30-6:00)

March 31 Center closed for Cesar Chavez

April 1-4 Center closed for Staff Development

April Parent Surveys will be emailed out

April/May Parent Conferences (TBD by classroom)

May 17 Last Day of Spring 2024 semester.

May 26 Center closed in observance of Memorial Day

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Staff Development



Our Fall 2024 Pedagogical Journey…

We have made some changes to our office entry hallway. The documentation you see posted is a culmination of our work and study with the Boulder Journey School (BJS) in Boulder, Colorado. As you may know, the full-time staff visited BJS last April to participate in a study tour focusing on pedagogical documentation and contextual curriculum development. To build upon what we learned in Colorado, the teachers continued their work into fall 2024 by participating in bi-weekly Zoom meetings with a BJS faculty member and our Education Specialist, Jana Maudonnet. Meetings focused on in-depth study of children's interests and classroom identity at a particular point in time. Teachers and children were able to tap into concepts and themes and the documentation represents their experiences through this process. Teachers and administration used meeting times to discuss and critique each others documentation as a way to reflect and build upon our philosophy and pedagogical development. *We are excited to be sending another small group of teachers to BJS in April for those who were not able to attend the study tour last year.

For more information on this collaborative process:
https://www.boulderjourneyschool.com/consulting.html

For more information on progressive education:
https://www.usnews.com/education/k12/articles/what-is-progressive-education

Center Updates

- **New Sand:** Sand has been replaced in all sandboxes throughout the Center.
- **New Burglar Alarm:** A new burglar alarm has been installed that is connected to motion sensors throughout the main building. Should someone try to break into the Center, campus police will be notified immediately. Damaged cameras have also been replaced.
- **Panic Button Installed:** For added security, campus police has installed a panic button at the front desk that will notify campus police should the need arise.
- **CSU Children's Center Director's Conference:** Jim attended a Children's Center Director's conference at Fresno State University 2/5-2/7 to meet and discuss current topics and trends relevant to CSU children's centers.
- **Staff Development:** The Center is providing **RIE training** for our new infant/toddler teachers who have recently joined our team. Teachers will be working with a RIE coach over the semester to reflect on and implement the RIE approach. For more info on the RIE Approach: https://rie.org/.
- **I.C.E. Protocol:** Teachers/Staff have been trained on what to do if I.C.E. were to show up at the Center. The Center will be locked down, CSULA Police will be notified immediately and I.C.E. agents will not be allowed in the building. Parents will be notified via One-Call should this occur. Make sure you opt into One-Call! See Larissa if you have not opted in.
- Keep a look out on your emails as we will be scheduling a **Parent Saturday Workday** in the coming weeks; more to follow.

Parent Resources

Please visit our parent resource page on our website:

https://www.calstatela.edu/abacc/parent-resources-and-information

Scroll to Parent Resources and Education