



Family Newsletter February 2009



Full Days & Closures

February 9th (Monday) – Full day for Mark West & Wright District – All JX Wilson & Wright students attend RL Stevens center; all Riebli & San Miguel students attend Mark West center

February 13th (Friday) – Full day for Windsor District – All Cali students attend Brooks and all Mattie students attend Windsor Creek

February 16th – ECC will be closed for an all staff in-service training

March 23rd – 27th – Mark West District & Wright District spring break – Mark West & Riebli students attend San Miguel; RL Stevens & Wright students attend JX Wilson center

April 10 – 17th – Windsor District spring break - All Brooks students attend Cali and Mattie students attend Windsor Creek

April 10th & April 13th – Full day for Mark West District - Riebli & Mark West students attend San Miguel

Remember to sign up at the center for the full days that you need care!

Parent Surveys

This month you will be receiving a Parent Survey with your bill. These surveys are one of the ways that we evaluate our program to make improvements. Your input is a valuable part of this process so please take the time to complete the survey and mail it back with your check. You can also complete the survey at our web site – www.extcc.org Thanks for your input.

New Main Office Location!

Our main office has moved to 1745 Copperhill Parkway, Suite #5. Take Airport Blvd west of Hwy 101 to Westwind Blvd. Take a left at Westwind Blvd and take a right onto Copperhill Parkway. Take a right into the second driveway. There are not very many tenants in this building right now so the parking lot looks empty. We are at the back of the building when you walk in and there are signs posted in the hallway. Payments can be brought to the office Monday – Friday during our regular business hours of 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thank you for your patience with our move.

Thinking Ahead to April 15th

Please save your monthly statements for your year end tax purposes. These statements, in addition to the year-end summary, should help you figure any credits you may be entitled to. Year End Summaries were mailed to you in mid- January.

Incoming Kindergartners

If you have an incoming kindergartner for the 2009/10 school year, please call the main office immediately, 545-2402, so we can set up your child in our system and prepare packets for enrolling. Siblings are given priority for enrollment in the program with no wait, but we need to know about them.

REMINDERS

- You may have winter break charges appear on your February statement.
- If you have a new address, cell phone, work phone, want to add a person to your emergency card or any other changes, please call the ECC office at 545-2402 with this information.
- All schedule changes must be called into the main office at 545-2402. Informing someone at the center is not enough.

Time to Start thinking about Summer!

In March, we will begin our enrollments for our Summer 2009 program. Our Summer program will begin the first day that school is out which is June 1st (Monday) in Windsor districts, June 4th (Thursday) in the Mark West district and June 5th (Friday) in the Wright district. Parents have the option of continuing care for the summer or returning in the fall. Our centers will be open from 7am to 6pm Monday-Friday all summer. Enrollment options are 3, 4 or 5 full days (more than 5 hours per day) or 5 part days (0-5 hours per day). Cost for full days is \$26.75 per day and part day cost is \$15.00 per day. Enrollment information will be in the March newsletter.

Parenting Classes

Extended Child Care reimburses enrolled parents for parenting classes that they take at California Parenting Institute. You can call 585-6108 to register or go to www.calparents.org. Extended Child Care will reimburse your fees if you wish to attend. Call Sheri or Cherelle for more information at 545-2402.

Kids' Turn –

Help for Parents & Children Facing Separation & Divorce

Kids' Turn of Sonoma County is an educational program to help families deal with issues arising from separation and divorce. Children and teens ages 5-14 meet in small groups according to age. Therapists help these children address the difficult feelings they are having about separation and divorce and use age-appropriate approaches to help resolve them.

Parents also participate in Kids' Turn by joining with other parents in a discussion group where they can meet separately from their former partners. Parent participation is important to the program's success and while both parents are invited to attend, at least one parent must commit to the Kids' Turn program.

Kid's Turn comprises six weekly sessions that are held on Wednesdays, from 6:30-8:30 pm. The program is offered four times a year at a Santa Rosa school location. Thanks to donor support, the cost of attending Kids' Turn has been reduced to \$60 per each parent and child that attends.

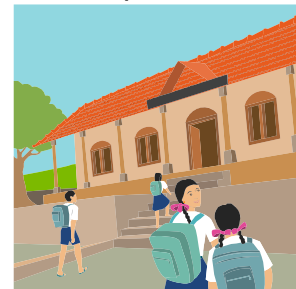
Kids' Turn goals for children are to:

- Help them identify and communicate feelings
- Encourage them to talk about the changes in the family
- Improve their coping skills and adjustment

Kids' Turn goals for parents are to:

- Help parents understand how children are affected and how parents can help
- Show how to deal effectively with the emotional consequences of separation and/or divorce
- To improve communication between parents and children, especially with other parent.

For more information about Kids' Turn, call 585-6108



Next ECC Board Meeting – February 23, 2009 at 6:45 at 1745 Copperhill Pkwy, Suite #5, Santa Rosa. Parents are always welcome.

