



Family Newsletter February 2008

Full Days & Closures

February 11th (Monday) – Full day for Mark West & Wright District – All RL Stevens & Wright students attend JX Wilson center; all Riebli & Mark West students attend San Miguel center

February 15th (Friday) – Full day for Windsor District – All Cali students attend Brooks and all Windsor Creek students attend Mattie

February 18th – ECC will be closed for an all staff inservice training

March 17th- 21st – Mark West District spring break

March 21st - 28th – Windsor District spring break

March 24th – 28th – Wright district spring break

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.

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 2008/09 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.



Credit Cards Now Accepted!

We are now able to take the following credit cards: VISA and Mastercard. If you would like to charge your child care expenses to your credit card, you can call the office. We are looking into monthly automatic payments and will let you know when that program is set up.

Time to Start thinking about Summer!

In March we will begin our enrollment for our Summer 2008 program. Our Summer program will begin the first day that school is out which is June 2nd (Monday) in Mark West and Windsor districts and June 6th (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 4 hours per day) or 5 part days (0-4 hours per day). Cost for full days is \$25.75 per day and part day cost is \$12.75 per day. Enrollment information will be in the March newsletter.

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

