



Brush Creek Newsletter

Class Notes

Spring has sprung and it is already April....unbelievable. The trees are budding out, kids are chasing each other around the play structure, the hawks are up in the oak trees calling their mates. It's a great time of year.

Cool weather is still with us on some days, so make sure your child has a lightweight jacket or a sweater for the cool mornings.

April is that month where we shake off the winter blahs and focus on the renewal that Spring brings. We will be planting and tending our school garden, and doing lots of talking about growing this month.

Summer School

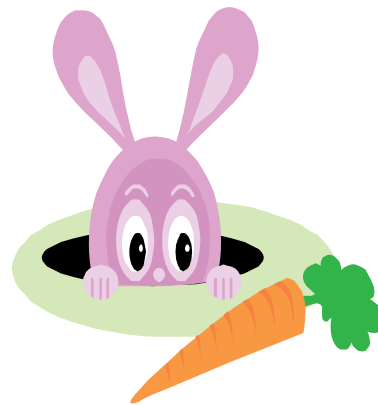
We are moving along with the summer school enrollment. Our Kindergarten Readiness session is full, but we will take your name on a waiting list if you are still considering it.

All other classes are still

You will definitely see projects about flowers, baby animals.

April 12-16 has been designated as "The Week of the Young Child". In honor of that Brush Creek will have an art display from April 5th-7 at the Rincon Valley Library. Check it out while you are checking out some good books to read with your children.

April, 2010



Brush Creek Family Services, Inc.

Special points of interest:

- ☺ *The waiting list for families returning w/siblings for Fall 2011 begins April 5th, 2010
- ☺ School is closed Friday, April 23rd so staff can tour the Bing School in Berkley
- ☺ Our Evening in Paradise Fundraiser will be May 8th..mark your calendar
- ☺ The Week of the Young Child is April 12-16

open, so as you solidify your summer plans don't forget to sign up for a session or two and join our fun.

Teachers have been planning and organizing for the best summer program ever....busy children are

happy children....don't miss out!

Some people have asked about partial enrollment, and we can only consider those as we get closer to our summer program.

Thanks!



Waiting List to begin for 2011

April 5th marks the first time previous to Brush Creek families can get on our waiting list for Fall 2011. The fun begins at 8am, and only people who have already had a child at Brush Creek (or currently have a child here) are eligible.

New to Brush Creek families can call for the first time on May 3, 2010 for Fall 2011. This list will continue from the previous parent list.

Remember, your child must turn two **THIS YEAR** (from Jan 1-Dec1) in order to be eligible.

Make sure to spread the word and tell your friends so they don't miss out on

getting started on the enrollment process. Often Brush Creek gets the reputation as being hard to get into. That isn't always the case, so encourage friends to call and get on the list.



LOOKING FOR 4 YEAR OLDS...

Brush Creek has a few openings for Fall of 2010 in our four year old pm class. Openings are in the MWF pm class. We are trying to get the word out to anyone who may be looking for a great preschool experience for their four year old. Have them call the office at 539-1612.

Thanks.

Brush Creek Art to Be Displayed

April 12-16 marks "The Week of the Young Child". This nationally designated week is set aside in celebration of children all over the world. It is to also raise awareness of the plight of some children's struggle just for day to day survival.

We know our children are very fortunate and are being raised in loving families. We celebrate their develop-

ment, their uniqueness and the richness they bring to our lives.

Brush Creek will be having a display of your children's artwork at the Rincon Valley library starting April 5th.

We hope you will all take time to visit the library and enjoy the creativity of your kids.



Profiled Employee for April: Birte

Please join us in congratulating Birte, the recognized employee for April! Birte has been at Brush Creek for over 25 years and she still loves her job.

Birte was born in Denmark where she lived on a farm. She was the youngest of the family. While a child, Birte attended school in a one-room schoolhouse. In 8th grade she moved to

town to attend high school. She attended Business College and trained to be a buyer of porcelain and glass.

She came to America to be a governess, and ended up meeting and marrying her husband Bill. She began to take classes at SRJC in Child Development and eventually got her ECE certificate.

She started working at BC in 1981.

Birte and Bill have three grown children and are grandparents as well.

Birte loves adventure and travel. She has been to many countries and all 50 states. She has backpacked the high Swiss Alps, sky dived, hiked Half Dome, kayaked and scuba dived all over.

Thank you Birte for all you've given BC, we appreciate you!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

It is that time of year, time for us to sit down with all parents and discuss your child's progress since school began. We can hardly believe we are at this stage in the year, but it's here. Some teachers started awhile ago, some are just beginning. Each teacher makes appointments individually with parents, so we ask for your patience as we try to get to each of you for your own time.

Conferences are approximately 20 minutes long and include a written synopsis for you to take home.

This is a time where we can really reflect on how much your children

have grown and how much we enjoy them and are excited for all the things we see them mastering and experiencing.



THANKS FOR THE TLC..

Hopefully you all noticed (or participated in) the wonderful day that was TLC. So many things got accomplished and our school is looking "Spring spiffy" thanks to those efforts. We acknowledge all of the hard work of parents, siblings, grandparents, staff and children but especially we wish to thank Melissa Derreumaux (Facilities Chair) for her organizing, and a special GIANT thanks to Birte who planned, organized, cajoled, and executed a really productive, beneficial event for the school. Great work!!

Mother's Day Event

May 1st will be our annual Mother's Day celebration held here at school.

We will be having brunch for our Moms (and kids) and it will be happening in shifts (much like the Father/Child breakfast was).

The kids will help prepare some of the meal and it will be a really fun time for all..

Please mark it on your calendar, and we will be sending our invitations soon with the time you are to attend.

For those of you that may need it...our tax ID number is 94-2297008

Evening in Paradise

We are sure you have all marked your calendar for May 8th, our wonderful end of the year party and fundraiser at Legends in Bennett Valley. Invitations have been mailed out and responses are coming in. Please consider attendance for this fun event. Brush Creek tries very hard to keep our fundraising down, but puts a lot of effort and energy into this one

event. Continued success at this event means we don't have to add any additional fundraisers each year. Besides, it's a whole lot of fun.

It's not too late to get those donations in as well. Think about any connections you may have that could "help the cause", and send your response card back today!!

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