

# News from Early Childhood Care & Education Services October 2010



Dear Families,

*Fall is rolling right along. We are all looking forward to the upcoming Fall potluck and pumpkin carving evenings and hope that you will be able to join us. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet the other children and families who share in your child's classroom community and to spend a little extra time enjoying a visit with the teachers and staff as well.*

*I wish for you that in the rush of your daily lives you are finding time for a peaceful moment to enjoy the beauty around us and the joy of your own family and friends.*

*Here's a little Fall poem to inspire*

Reading in the Autumn

The big trees exposed to the west wind are losing their leaves.

To be comfortable I have unfastened the collar of my robe;  
sitting here, I'm letting the time go by.

Doing nothing, I've turned my back on encroaching autumn...

I've not finished my book.

My spirit has gone wandering in the sky... Who can fathom it?

Shen Chou, about 1470

*with peaceful wishes,*

*Leslie*

*Director ECCES*

## EVENTS



### Fall Potluck & Pumpkin Carving

Orfalea Family Children's Center

Preschool

Carving 4:30-5:30; Potluck 5:30-6:30

Tuesday October 19<sup>th</sup> - Orange, Blue, Brown

Wednesday October 20<sup>th</sup> - Red, Pink

Thursday October 21<sup>st</sup> - Turquoise, Purple

Orfalea Family Children's Center

Infant & Toddler

White, Yellow, Green & Grey

Friday October 22<sup>nd</sup>

5:00 - 6:30

University Children's Center

Stars, Sky, Earth and Sun

5:00 - 6:30

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November

Family Conference Month ~ sign up in your classroom

Thurs Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Veteran's Day Holiday; CENTERS CLOSED

Wed & Thurs Nov 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> ~ Thanksgiving CENTERS CLOSED

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Revised Annual Calendar

See attached

Please be sure to make the necessary changes in your own calendars.

## Public Health Reminder

Whooping cough remains a serious health concern.

[http://www.countyofsb.org/uploadedFiles/phd/Press\\_Release/WhoopingCough.pdf](http://www.countyofsb.org/uploadedFiles/phd/Press_Release/WhoopingCough.pdf)

Please take time to review the information on the web site of Santa Barbara County Public Health and to check with your family's health care providers to ensure the best health choices for your family.

[http://www.countyofsb.org/phd/default\\_all.aspx?id=25680](http://www.countyofsb.org/phd/default_all.aspx?id=25680)

Information regarding the seasonal flu vaccine is also available on their website and through your health care provider.

<http://www.countyofsb.org/phd/>

## Accreditation Self-Study Team

The ECCES program is proud to have been accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs since 1990. We are once again about to embark on our journey towards Accreditation renewal. It is a comprehensive, extensive and time-consuming process and we are looking for a parent who might enjoy joining our self-study team. You will find more information in the attached letter and are always welcome to come by or contact me (Leslie ☺) with questions.

### Growing things

A wonderful opportunity for someone who likes to dig in dirt! The barrels and pot planters at the main entrance of the Orfaea Family Children's Center could use some regular tender attention and fresh plant material. An enjoyable project for the whole family! Please see Tamara if you are interested.

**Family Involvement  
Opportunity**

**Gratitude**

Thank you to all of the families who have participated in the lovely wish tree giving opportunities. We so appreciate the generous spirit of our families for the gifts large and small.

We are truly grateful for the privilege of caring for each of your children. They bring us joy and wonder every day.

*Cheers,*

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