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Annual Performances Highlight Essential Skills

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The Annual Student Performance has begun. The students at Whelan State Preschool and Buford State Preschool performed for their parents and showed their many talents, including singing, dancing, reciting nursery rhymes and poems. Students were able to announce the titles of the songs and poems while parents listened and observed with awe.

The children are capable of showing their talents when we provide the opportunity for them to shine and show what they have learned. Children swayed and danced to the music based on their interpretation of the song. The performances showcased the importance of oral language development and listening skills.

One of the primary reasons that we focus on music and movement is to help establish listening skills and oral language development. When a child is able to hear a word and say the word, it means they are making sense and meaning of sounds. Once a child is able to hear and say a word, then she/he will be able to decode the word to read the word and eventually write the word. It is why we ask you to talk with your child and read aloud to him/her daily. Exposing children to songs, poems, and nursery rhymes in two languages augments their knowledge and is one of the reasons why we provide instruction in both English and Spanish. We have children enrolled in our program that are learning a third langauge and in some cases a fourth language. There are many benefits from learning more than one language. We are proud to be able to instruct children in two languages.

The remaining State Preschool Program sites will host their Annual Student Performances in the upcoming weeks. Notice the many language skills, memorization, rhyming and listening skills being displayed. You will also see letter sound recognition, numeral awareness, self-regulation, self-control, and ability to follow directions. Enjoy the upcoming performances. Keep in mind that your quiet and calm presence is requested so that children can feel safe and perform with ease and enthusiasm. Do not bring any items from home (NO food, drinks, balloons, flowers, etc.) to ensure everyone has a pleasant listening and looking experience. Refer to the Upcoming events for

dates and times. Note that children will have their regularly scheduled school hours on the day of the performance. Pick them up as the usual dismissal time. Above all, enjoy the performance.

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Experience and Training of Program Staff

By Nellie Ríos-Parra, Director of State Preschool & Consuelo Morales, State Preschool Teacher



We invite you to get to know our staff. Each week we feature a staff member in this section titled, *Experience and Training of Program Staff*. This week we are highlighting one of our State Preschool Teachers that will be retiring at the end of the school year, Mrs. Consuelo Morales. She began teaching in our State Preschool Program as an Associate State Preschool Teacher in August 2007. We invite you to join us in wishing her well as she prepares to transition to retirement.

Mrs. Consuelo Morales was born and raised in Atotonilco El Alto, Jalisco, Mexico. After living in Santa Monica, Mrs. Morales moved to Lennox, CA where she lived from 1988-1999. A young mother of four, she worked day in and day out with teachers so that her children would be successful.

Mrs. Morales knew the importance of education and making a difference for her family and in 1998, she returned to school and graduated from Inglewood Adult High School. In 1999, she became a volunteer with AmeriCorps Corporation of National and Community Services, where she tutored students in all academic subjects. In 2000, Worthington Elementary School awarded Mrs. Morales as Volunteer of the Year.

In 2002, Mrs. Morales volunteered at a local preschool in the Lennox community and decided to earn a Preschool Teacher Permit from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing in 2003. In the same year, she was hired to work in a Special needs preschool classroom and worked there for three years. Over the years, she continued to work in the Lennox School District in different preschool sites.

In 2014, while working at Whelan State Preschool, Mrs. Morales was nominated Teacher of the Year. During that time, she graduated from El Camino College with High Honors in Child Development and proceeded to transfer to a four-year college. She holds a bachelor's degree in Adolescence and Child Development from Union Institute and University.

Mrs. Morales has worked at Buford, Felton, Moffett and Whelan State Preschool. As a mother and teacher, she is aware of the needs of the Lennox community and the importance of being involved in your child's education at a young age.

UPCOMING EVENTS

***** EVERY Tuesday, please return the READ WITH ME books to school. The last time we will distribute is on Thursday, June 6th. ALL materials need to be returned to the classroom on Tuesday, June 11th. We will need Parent Volunteers to help us process the materials. See the Site Supervisor if you are available to assist. Thank you.*****

May is

Mental Health Awareness Month

National Physical Fitness and Sports Month

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Thursday, May 16 - Happy Birthday State Preschool Site Supervisor Mrs. Salcedo!



May 16 - Last day to order Lifetouch photos for Jefferson State Preschool

Friday, May 17 - Super Hero Julian Roque Day, Wear your favorite superhero costume

Monday, May 20 - Happy Birthday State Preschool Teacher Ms. Alma Maciel!

Tuesday, May 21- 9:30 AM JSP Morning Session Performance

Tuesday, May 21- 1:30 PM JSP Afternoon Session Performance

Thursday, May 22: Jog-a-thon

Thursday, May 23 - 8:30 AM Taller de padres en el PDC: 10319 Firmona Ave. Call (310) 680-3500 to reserve your space. Childcare is provided.

Thursday, May 23, 8:30-10:00 AM - Parent Workshop in Spanish at the District Office Professional Development Center: 10319 Firmona Ave. Call 310-680-3500 to reserve your space. Childcare is provided.

Friday, May 24 - 9:00 AM Moffett SP Morning Session Student Performance

Friday, May 24 - 1:30 PM Moffett SP Afternoon Session Student Performance

Monday, May 27 - Happy Memorial Day, No classes



Wednesday, May 29 - Happy Birthday State Preschool Teacher Mrs. Cortez!



Thursday, May 30 - 8:30 AM Taller de padres en el PDC: 10319 Firmona Ave. Call (310) 680-3500 to reserve your space. Childcare is provided.

Friday, May 31 - Blue Submarine in school field trip at BSP

Friday, May 31 - 9:30-10:30 AM Felton SP Morning Session Student Performance

Friday, May 31 - 1:30-2:30 PM Felton SP Afternoon Session Student Performance

Monday, June 3 - Blue Submarine in school field trip at FSP

Tuesday, June 4 - Blue Submarine in school field trip at JSP

Wednesday, June 5 - Blue Submarine in school field trip at MSP

Wednesday, June 5, 3:15 PM, Parent Advisory Council Meeting in person, please RSVP.

Thursday, June 6 - Blue Submarine in school field trip at WSP

Thursday, June 6 - Last day of read with me backpack distribution

Tuesday, June 11 - RETURN ALL Read With Me backpacks and books.



Tuesday, June 11 - Happy Birthday State Preschool Secretary Betsy McLaurin!

Wednesday, June 12, 3:15 PM, Parent Advisory Council Meeting in person

Sunday, June 16 - Happy Father's Day!



Monday, June 17 - Friday, June 21 - End of the year Spirit Week

Tuesday, June 18 - Board Meeting at 6 PM

Wednesday, June 19 - Juneteenth, No class, Preschool Office will be closed.

Friday, June 21 - Last day of school, have a great summer break!

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