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July & August 2024 Newsletter

Message from Our Executive Director

Dear Friend,

As another school year draws to a close, I'm thrilled to reflect on all that we've accomplished together. From the growth in our Dual Language Immersion Program to the joyful moments at our recent Spring Sing and Jogathon, it's been a year filled with achievements and community spirit.

As summer arrives, our campus is buzzing with excitement for activities that will keep our little ones engaged and learning. It's a time of exploration and fun under the sun!

Our newsletter is here to keep you in the know about these exciting updates and more. From highlights of our programs to heartwarming stories from our classrooms, we hope you enjoy this peek into the wonderful world of Carpinteria Children's Project.

Warm regards,
Teresa Alvarez

Cosecha y Cocina: Exploring Fresh Flavors with Ms. Gabbie

It's tough to get kids to eat their veggies, but Ms. Gabbie has found a way! Her students dove into healthy eating and expanded their Spanish vocabulary through hands-on learning activities this spring. Read about their culinary adventures with a new juicer, gifted by Explore Ecology.

Our class received a juicer and thanks to that gift, we are able to incorporate more recipes that help us learn about different foods, and we are also able to enjoy fruits and vegetables from our garden in different ways. Our class has enjoyed trying veggie tacos made from broccoli, kale and cauliflower that we grew in our garden.

The day before we unpacked the new juicer, we talked about what we could make our juice out of. We decided we wanted to make a carrot and orange juice. Everyone worked together to prep the ingredients and then began to juice. We all had a turn juicing, then tried the juice together.



One of the children said it tasted "sweet", while others said it tasted "agrio" from the orange. We also talked about the pulp that was left over from juicing and decided to add it to a cake for one of their classmate's birthday.

The following day, the children mentioned that they wanted to make more juice and they all talked about their favorite fruits and veggies to add, including "manzanas, platanos, and strawberries".



Fortifying Foundations: Homelessness Prevention Program

Did you know that children experiencing housing insecurity are at a higher risk of facing depression, anxiety, and other health issues? Studies indicate that stable housing during childhood is essential for cognitive and emotional development, creating a foundation for lifelong success.

CCP's new Homelessness Prevention Program plays a crucial role in supporting families facing housing challenges. From emergency financial assistance to personalized case management and resource referrals, we address the multifaceted challenges of housing insecurity. Our goal is to help families achieve and maintain housing stability, ensuring that children have the secure, nurturing environment they need to succeed.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Cox Communications for their generous \$5,000 grant, Rotary Club for their \$1,000 award, and the City of Carpinteria for their substantial \$10,000 contribution. Their support enables us to continue making a positive impact, one family at a time, building a stronger, more resilient community together.

Welcoming Terri Allison to Our Board of Trustees



We are thrilled to welcome Terri Allison to our board. As a co-founder and former Executive Director of Storyteller Children's Center, Terri brings a wealth of experience in early care and education. Since retiring in 2015, she has continued to impact the field as a consultant for various local agencies, leveraging her extensive expertise and credentials. Terri's dedication to early childhood development and her impressive background will be invaluable to our organization.

Early Learning Adventures: Spring Activities Recap

Our Early Childhood Education program had a fantastic spring with our annual Jog-a-thon and Spring Sing events. The kids had a blast running through bubbles, with a sideline of cheering parents.

The Spring Sing concert showcased the musical talents and hard work of our students. Thank you to **Kindermusik with Kathy** for sharing the love of music and preparing our young musicians over the course of 8 weeks.



Family Resource Highlights: Building Literacy Together

Our recent literacy event, Dia de los Niños, was a huge success! Families enjoyed a day filled with reading activities, book giveaways, and performances by a dance group from the **Inkalech Cultural Arts Center**. Thank you to **Chevron** for sponsoring Dia de Los Niños and making this event possible!



Congratulations to the third cohort of our Latino Literacy Program! This initiative empowers families to foster a love of reading and learning at home. Over the 6-week program, 11 families created a book about their family and learned ways to establish a regular reading routine with their little ones. During the final class, staff from **Carpinteria Library** shared resources available for families and kids.



Join us in making a difference!

At Carpinteria Children's Project, our programs work together to nurture, educate, and support children and families in our community. Your support helps us create a welcoming environment where children can thrive, and families can find the assistance they need.

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