



March 2025 Newsletter

Dear Friend,

Spring reminds us that growth requires time, support, and the right environment. At Carpinteria Children's Project, we see this every day as kids gain new skills, or a parent shares a breakthrough or milestone. While some growth is visible, much of it happens quietly, beneath the surface. Just like seedlings pushing through the soil, resilience takes root even in uncertain times.

We hope you'll join us in celebrating this resilience at our **Día del Niño event on Saturday, April 26th from 1 PM - 4 PM!** This free community celebration will bring families together for games, entertainment, food, and local organizations—all focused on giving kids a day of joy and connection.

In this newsletter, you'll find updates on the exciting programs and community events we've been working on, from the success of our All In for Carp Kids breakfast to the ongoing support provided by our Family Resource Center. We're committed to connecting families with the resources they need, whether it's through our Know Your Rights forum or our Latino Literacy cohort.

Thank you for being part of this work. Whether you're a parent, a supporter, or a partner in our programs, you're part of something bigger. And together, we are planting the future—one small step, one strong root, and one season at a time.

Warmly,

All In for Carp Kids: Event Recap



On March 13th, we gathered with over 150 community members for our All In for Carp Kids breakfast fundraiser!

We were honored to present Lynda Fairly with the All In for Carp Kids Award in recognition of her unwavering support for Carpinteria's kids through her work with CCP, the Carpinteria Arts Center, and Girls Inc. of Carpinteria. Hearing her story illuminated why she chooses to support CCP and highlighted the importance of early childhood education in preparing students for success.

Keynote speaker Sonia Aguila shared her journey in bilingual education, rooted in her own childhood experiences and lifelong dream of becoming a teacher. Our very own Guadalupe Perez brought the mission home with a moving story of a CCP parent who found not only childcare but also the support needed to navigate housing insecurity for her two young children—all made possible through a full scholarship.

Investing in our kids today makes the leaders of tomorrow possible. By providing access to opportunities and nurturing their unique potential, we are shaping a future where they can build on an even stronger foundation. We are grateful to everyone who came together to celebrate this shared commitment.

Together, with the generosity of our supporters, we raised over \$45,000 during the paddle raise! A huge thank you to Chevron, our title sponsor, and to all our event sponsors for leading the way in supporting our programs.





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Know Your Rights: Informing Families and Ensuring Access

At our second Know Your Rights forum, we tackled mass deportation rumors, ensuring families know their rights and who is most at risk. Our Director of Family Services, Jessica Ramirez was joined by Julissa Peña (Immigrant Legal Defense Center), Marisol Alarcon (Immigration Attorney), and Primitiva Hernandez (805UndocuFund) to answer

questions from attendees and provide critical guidance in navigating legal and mental health issues.

This conversation comes at a crucial time, when fear is keeping families from accessing essential services like Medi-Cal. **Our work was recently featured on KEYT News.**

[Read more here.](#)



Early Learning Highlights: Learning through the Seasons

At CCP, every day is a chance to explore and learn!

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Rainy days turned into muddy adventures and gave kids the chance to explore nature up close. The Butterfly class took trips to the creek and ocean, observing how tides and water levels shift with the weather. Meanwhile, the Dragonflies have been busy exploring natural spaces all over Carpinteria, guided by expert explorer Ulises from Wilderness Youth Project.

A huge thank you to WYP for providing rainboots and making these adventures accessible to our Dragonfly classroom!



WINTER CELEBRATIONS

From Lunar New Year to St. Patrick's Day, our classrooms came alive with music, stories, and hands-on activities. Kids explored traditions and connected with new cultures.



READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK

The National Education Association launched Read Across America to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday and inspire a love of reading. Since 1998, it has grown into a nationwide tradition. This year, guest readers visited our classrooms each day, sharing books that sparked curiosity, laughter, and imagination.



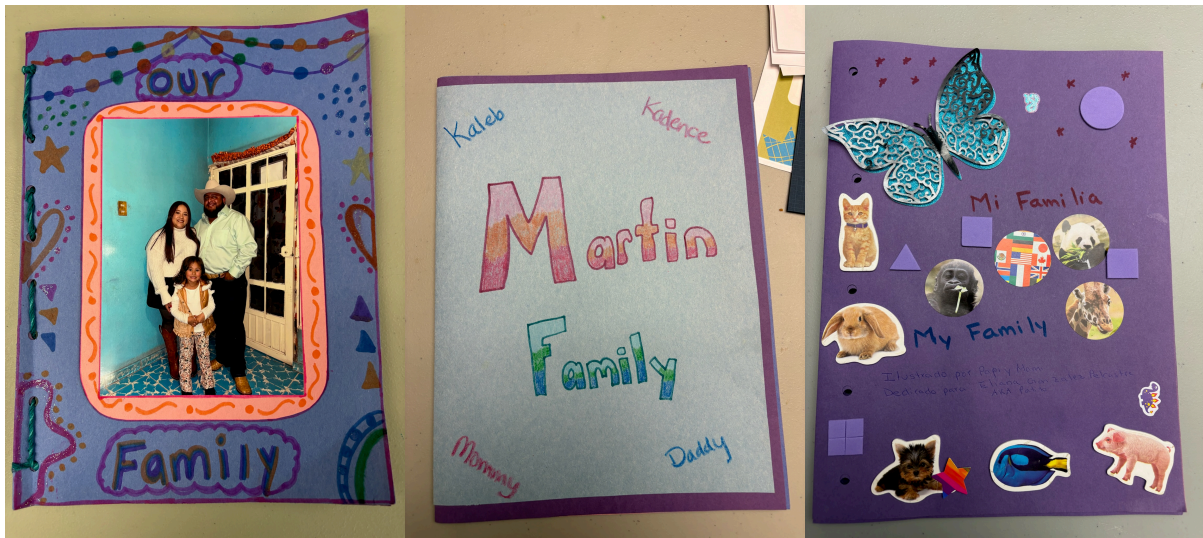
Program Spotlight: Celebrating our largest Latino Literacy cohort!



This Latino Literacy cohort was our biggest yet, with several families from our classrooms joining in! Sixteen dedicated parents came together, eager to learn and be a part of a supportive community.

Over the course of four weeks, this group learned about how to develop good reading habits at home and created a book about their family to share with their little ones! Hats off to them for expanding their own knowledge and setting a powerful example for their kids. We're so proud of them and grateful to have shared this experience together!

Congratulations, graduates! Keep an eye out on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#) for more details on our next cohort.



Join us for coffee & a tour!

Join us for our Coffee & Community tour on April 10th at 10 AM! Get an inside look at our programs, meet our dedicated team, and see firsthand how we're making a difference for kids and families.

[Sign Up Here!](#)

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