



September 2024 Newsletter

Message from Our Director of Early Learning

Dear Friend,

We're excited to kick off a new and promising school year at Carpinteria Children's Project! As the Director of Early Learning, I'm thrilled to share this journey not only with our families but also with our dedicated community of donors, volunteers, and supporters who make our work possible. This year promises to be filled with growth, discovery, and countless opportunities for the children in our care to learn and thrive.

The continued trust and partnership our returning families have with CCP is truly cherished. We take great joy in building upon the experiences and relationships we've established over the years. For our new families, we are committed to ensuring that every child's transition into CCP is as smooth and enjoyable as possible. It's a pleasure to get to know each child and their family, and we look forward to supporting their journey throughout the year.

At Carpinteria Children's Project, we are dedicated to creating a warm, nurturing environment where every child feels valued and inspired to explore the world around them. Our team of educators is eager to embark on this new chapter, supporting each child's unique path to growth and discovery.

Thank you for being a vital part of our CCP family. Together, we will make this school year an unforgettable experience filled with joy, learning, and meaningful connections.

In community,
Guadalupe Perez



Through the Eyes of a Child: Self-Portraits with Ms. Dora

In their first week back, the Dragonfly classroom embarked on an exciting journey of self-discovery through self-portraits! Ms. Dora shares how each child gains a deeper understanding of who they are, boosting self-esteem and celebrating their individuality.



Drawing self portraits helps children identify themselves in many ways. Children think critically about their features. They have to put to paper the many aspects of their face. The children all took turns identifying the most important parts of their face. Some included many different features while others were very precise with what they wanted to portray in themselves. Are their faces happy, scared, surprised? Learning to identify emotions through art and being able to express themselves in a great motivator for self-esteem. I think they're wonderful!





Summer Fun Highlights

Career Week: This summer, our kids had an amazing time during Career Week! They got to meet and learn from professionals like a florist, chef, police officer, nurse, and firefighters. Each visitor shared what they do and even let the kids try some hands-on activities. The week ended with an exciting trip to our local fire department, where the kids learned about fire safety and got to see the fire trucks up close!



Summer Enrichment Program: Our Summer Enrichment Program, led by our Promotoras and CUSD counselors, offered local students fun activities and field trips, thanks to UCSB's MESA program. The program was such a hit that we extended it for an extra week. The kids loved every moment, from the educational field trips to the engaging activities. It was a summer full of learning and adventure!



Partner Spotlight: Wilderness Youth Project



We're excited to continue our partnership with the Wilderness Youth Project! Each week, our preschoolers will take part in outdoor adventures led by Ulises Rios. These sessions help our young learners connect with nature, build confidence, and learn teamwork. Through exploring the outdoors, our kids gain a sense of wonder and respect for the environment. We can't wait to see how much they grow through these experiences this year!

Sharing Our Success: CCP's Impact at Zero to Three

Our Executive Director, **Teresa Alvarez**, and Director of Family Services, **Jessica Ramirez**, recently presented at the Zero to Three LEARN conference, where over 2,000 people attended from across the country. They shared how CCP's programs support families and help children thrive through our culturally-responsive, three-generational approach. We're proud to showcase how our work is making a difference!



Thank You, Jon Clark

This September, we say goodbye to **Jon Clark**, a dedicated board member whose leadership has been instrumental in our success. Over the past eight years, Jon helped secure over \$2 million in funding through the James S. Bower Foundation, greatly enhancing our programs. His unwavering commitment to early childhood education and his impact on CCP will be felt for years to come. While we'll miss his presence on the board, we know his support for our mission will continue. Thank you, Jon, for your incredible contributions and lasting legacy.

Get involved with CCP!

Become a Children's Champion

Your monthly support fuels our mission to create a strong community where children and families can flourish. With your help, we keep our programs accessible, our classrooms dynamic, and our teachers empowered. Together, we're nurturing future generations—one month at a time.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE, EVERY MONTH

Lend a Helping Hand

Your time and talents can make a lasting difference! Whether it's preparing classrooms, organizing supplies, or assisting with campus upkeep, your efforts directly support our mission.

Interested in volunteering?

Contact Ari Rodriguez, Director of Development, at arodriguez@carpchildren.org.

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