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Parent Newsletter

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Happy Talkers Outreach

Mark your calendar for the Happy Talkers Community Outreach Fair, formerly known as *Bright Beginnings*, happening on Saturday, May 30th and Saturday, June 20th.

Autism and Developmental Screenings

Saturday, May 30th at the model homes at Schaefer Ranch, the new site of School of Imagination.

Seminars for Parents and Professionals

Saturday, June 20th at Dublin Senior Center. There will be seminars including key note speaker Dr. Brad Berman. Contact your teacher about how you can volunteer for this event.

PICK-UP POLICY REMINDER

After class, there is a 5 minute Grace Period for parents to pick up their children. After the 5 minute Grace Period, parents will be charged \$1 per minute.

Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame

Charlene Sigman, M.S. Ed., CCC-SLP, School of Imagination and Happy Talkers Founder and Director was inducted into the Sixteenth Annual Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame on April 25th, 2009.

Charlene was inducted in the area of Education, a category which the ACWHF characterizes as those who promote success in the Alameda County public education system. Ten other outstanding women of Alameda County were awarded in categories including Business and Professions, Community Service, Culture and Art, Environment, Health, Justice, Non-Traditional Careers, Science, Sports and Athletics and Youth.

The Women's Hall of Fame was established in 1993, its purpose is to recognize outstanding women for their achievements and contributions to the overall well-being of our county and its citizens. Read more about Women's Hall of Fame www.acgov.org/cao/halloffame

Updates from Your Classroom

MS. DEBBIE'S BRIDGE

KINDERGARTEN: April was an exciting month!...In May, we will turn our focus to ladybugs, caterpillars, butterflies, frogs, turtles, and end our school year in the ocean. It's hard to believe that we are already talking about the end of the school year!...Our newest word family word is the -it word chunk.In math we have finished up our six packet and will begin our 7 packet....

THANK YOU: To ALL the parents for the coffees every month! This was such a great treat each month and I GREATLY appreciate it!! You are all the best and I am truly lucky to have all of your children in my class this year! Thank you to Cheryl for going to the library with us this month! Thank you for all for donating crayons, water colors, rice, and seeds!

READ THE FULL NEWSLETTER and get Ms. Debbie's Important Dates including Parent Teacher Conferences at the Bridge Kindergarten Class Website.

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THE OAKLAND TRIBUNE SALUTES
THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL
WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME
AWARD RECIPIENTS

 Charlene Sigman Education	 Judy Goff Non-Traditional Careers	 Mildred Oliver Business and Professions
 Cherri Allison Justice	 Kemba Shakur Environment	 Mona Vaughn Scott Culture and Art
 Diamond Broussard Youth	 Linda Campana Sports and Athletics	 G.G. Greenhouse Health
 Dr. Gina Bonanno Science	 Margo Dashiell Community Service	

MS. GAYLI'S PRESCHOOL 4-5: April has been another busy and fun month!... The children had a wonderful time hunting for eggs at the all school egg hunt and cheering for Ms. Gayli when the lead teachers had to hunt for the remaining eggs...Thank you to Miss Chrissy who provided the cute green buckets that the children decorated with stickers... Since Spring Break the children have been busy exploring the farm, through animals, machinery, dirt and seeds. Each child has planted vegetable seeds and we are waiting to see which plant will spout through the dirt first. We read books in connection to Earth Day and talked about how we can take care of our Earth... The children are doing an amazing job and I feel confident that they will be ready to move on to the next level of learning. Parent/Teacher conferences are May 4th - 8th.

THANK YOU: Thank you to Anita Monery for making capes for our dress-up box! The children love to wear them as

cap and aprons!

READ THE FULL NEWSLETTER and get Ms. Gayli's Important Dates, Parent/Teacher Conferences, and Wish list on the Preschool 4-5 Class Website.

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MS. DENISE'S PRESCHOOL 3-4: This month will be working on the *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter. Many of you may be familiar with this book. This classic story is a favorite of children and adults alike. Peter gets into all kinds of mischief when he chooses not to listen to his mother's warnings about going into Mr. McGregor's garden. While we go into the garden with Peter we will be learning about his garden and the vegetables that grow there.

READ THE FULL NEWSLETTER and get Ms. Denise's excellent list of Goals and Objectives during *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, *Sharing Day reminders*, and *Important Dates on the Preschool 3-4 Class Website*.

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MS. CHRISSY'S PRESCHOOL 2-3: For the month of May we are going to be taking about things that grow! We are going to talk about the process of growing flowers and how to maintain plants and gardens at their own house. The morning 2's class will continue to work on colors, shapes and numbers up to 5. We have been working on patterning, tracing and prepositions on paper. The afternoon 3's and 4's have been great peer models to Ms. Gayli's afternoon class. Together they have been encouraging and lots of fun to

work with. Each child is flexible and welcoming to change. I appreciate their help and enjoy watching each of their personalities come out. The afternoon 3's are also working on what sounds and letters that words start with. The perfect opportunity to talk to your child in on your way to work. Practice with them and ask what sounds does ___ start with and what letter does ___ start with. The afternoon class loves to play games and learn so much from them.

READ THE FULL NEWSLETTER and get Ms. Chrissy's Important Dates, and instructions on *Sharing Days and Clue Fridays on the Preschool 2-3 Class Website*.

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INFANT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: We have just wrapped up reading "The Very Busy Spider" by Eric Carle. The students loved exploring and learning about the different farm animals as well as spiders and spider webs... This month we will be reading "The Three Little Pigs." We will be using this month's theme to practice prepositions, actions, shapes and colors as well as working on our balance and muscle strength. On May 6th and 7th we will be hosting a Mother's Day Tea Party to show our mom's how much we appreciate them. The tea party will be from 11-11:45am, if you are unable to attend please make sure to send a family member in your place so none of our students feel left out....

READ THE FULL NEWSLETTER and get important reminders and Tips to Work on at Home such as developing pincher grasp and remember tasks at the IDP Class Website

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Important Dates for your Calendar

Friday, May 1 Summer Program registration and non-refundable commitment fee (applied towards tuition) is DUE..

Monday, May 4th-Friday, May 8th Teacher Appreciation Week. Also, check with your teacher about Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Monday, May 25 MEMORIAL DAY. School of Imagination and Happy Talkers will be CLOSED.

Saturday, May 30, 10AM-4PM *Happy Talkers Community Outreach Fair*: Free Autism and Developmental Screenings at Schaefer Ranch Model Homes.

Spanish speakers will be available. Transportation from Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station will be available upon request on May 30th. More info and online registration at: www.schoolofimagination.org/outreach

Friday, June 5 End of Year Celebration

Monday, June 15 First Day of 2009 Summer Program

Saturday, June 20, 8AM-3:30PM *Happy Talkers Community Outreach Fair*: Free Seminars for Parents and Professionals at Dublin Senior Center. More info and online registration at: www.schoolofimagination.org/outreach

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NOAH BESTON!

Noah Beston requested that his friends donate items to the school in lieu of buying birthday presents for him! Many thanks to the Beston family and all of the families that donated items to S.O.I!

Zoey Contos, Medical Kit; Zoe Esquivel, Good Night Moon Game; Brian and Andrew Niiya, Various Puzzles; Daniel Beckley, Egg and Spoon Race Game; and Luke Martin, Playdough and Accessories.

THANK YOU to all who attended Comedy Night on Thursday, April 30th at Tommy T's Comedy Steakhouse!