



Children's Center of San Lorenzo Valley

Where a Lifetime of Discovery Begins...



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Upcoming Events:

February 27th:
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 6th:
FUNDRAISING MEETING

March 15th:
WORK DAY

May 10th:
HUMAN RACE

CCSLV's 2008 Board of Directors

Lori Hede - *President*
Joanna Reed - *Vice President*
Kate Stoelting - *Secretary*
Tamara Swain - *Treasurer*
Tony Burgess
Kristin Veeck
Bob Ellefson
Megan Kueny
April LoFranco
Elissa Tomlin
Susan Hammer

Please feel free to talk to any of our Board members if you have any questions, concerns, or issues about CCSLV, and how to make it an even better place to be!

Do you have yummy kid-friendly, easy recipes? Would you be willing to share them with CCSLV? We are hoping to make a CCSLV cookbook in the next few months, and need more recipes to fill it up. Please email any recipes to Joanna Reed at pugsforpeace@yahoo.com, or give them to the Office. Thank you, and look for the CCSLV cookbook in the future!

Happy February CCSLV Families!

Our Annual Parent Meeting on February 2nd was a success! Thank you to everyone who attended, spoke, and volunteered. It was a great meeting... we even had raffle prizes thanks to Susan Hammer and the following local merchants...Outback Trading Company, Don Quixotes, Coffee 9, Fat Cat Deli, Ristorante Italiano, and Eric Hammer Construction Inc. I also want to thank the Senior Center at Highlands Park, which let us use their big room for the meeting...it was wonderful to have it there!

At the meeting, we had sign up sheets for all of our committees. Many people signed up (thank you!), but we still need more people to sign up, especially for leadership positions. I will have all of the sign up sheets in the lobby for the next week or two, so please read through the descriptions, and sign up for a committee, sub-committee, or project if you are so inclined. Our Center needs our families to volunteer and help in this fashion so we can support our school and make it an even better place! Please feel free to ask me, any Board members, or our office staff if you have any questions regarding any of the committees or leadership positions.

I am excited to be able to share that we now have a FULL Board of Directors! Susan Hammer (Ruby and Charlie's mom), April LoFranco (Hannah's mom), and Tamara Swain (John's mom), all joined the Board at the Parent Meeting. Kristin Veeck (Gryphon's mom) decided to join the Board during our Closed Session on December 12th. I look forward to working with all of you, and I know the 2008 Board of Directors will be great. Please thank all of our Board Members for volunteering to help CCSLV stay great and become even better!

We also have all of our Board of Directors officer positions filled. I have decided to stay on as President, and Kate Stoelting (Jessica's mom) is staying on as Secretary. Joanna Reed (Trey's mom) is our new Vice President, and Tamara Swain (John's mom) is our new Treasurer.

I want to thank all of last year's Board Members. We had some challenging issues to get through and make policy on, and I am proud of you all! We will miss Amanda and Jim, who have stepped down from the Board, but I know that CCSLV still has a place in their hearts, as we do for them.

I hope everyone has a great month. See you soon at the Center!

Sincerely,
Lori Hede
Board President
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Toddler Plus News

We have been learning a lot about dinosaurs lately. Next we will be talking and learning about pets. If you have any pets at home please bring in a photo of your pet(s) and some brief story about them. The pet's name, and/or something special about them. This will be a fun curriculum. If your pet could visit the school that would be very exciting for the children. The pet should be very calm around new situations and around children. We have some special events coming up: this Saturday will be the annual parent meeting and on the March 15 will be a parent work day. We need lots of help to fix up our center. Work days do not include childcare. There are tools and cleaning chemicals not suited for children in the environment. Some parents tag team childcare so that each family can participate. On Feb 26th at 10:00 there will be a worm bin workshop. We are inviting the parents to attend this event. Some reminders: Please try to arrive before 8:30 so we can help with the separation and get prepared for breakfast. When families arrive during breakfast it is difficult for the teachers to help with the good-byes and have the very important check in with you. Thank you for bringing layers of clothes and shoes. Rain boots are great in the rain but hard to climb and run in. The cubbies are filling up with art work. Please take your child's art work home. The children are proud of what they have created.

Thank you for all you do.

Ann Chandler

February is the shortest month of the year but our Center has a lot going on this month. Saturday the 2nd was our Annual Parent Meeting, and it was the talk of the community for sure. I love the opportunity to come together with the families and the teachers all with the idea of creating a stronger and better vision. I like to let all families know the importance of their contributions and dedication to our community here at CCSLV. This meeting elected new members to our Board of Directors, and they will continue the prosperity of the Center.

For those that could not join us, here is my speech to the families of our Center:

Welcome families to our 2008 annual meeting. This year has gotten off to a wonderful start. We have seen toddlers successfully transition in to the Toddler Plus room and we have seen our newest families settle right in amongst our community. I can say that 2008 will be the best year ever here at CCSLV. We are honored to have a strong and seasoned Board of Directors, one that exemplifies dedication and true support of the whole Center.

I would like to take this chance to ask each and every one of you for your commitment to quality education. I remind you that this meeting is to unify us all as an organization with the intent to strengthen the mission of CCSLV.

Our statement of Program Philosophy is as follows: Our Center provides a child-centered, stimulating, safe environment that fosters each child's natural curiosity and encourages growth towards independence and competence. We serve children ages 12 months to four years, and maintain low child-teacher ratios in order to provide high-quality care and one-on-one interactions.

This statement holds true the idea that we all must provide an opportunity for children to discover themselves and feel safe in a place just for them. The Children's Center of San Lorenzo Valley is that place and you are all part of that opportunity. Our center is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. We can pride ourselves on the fact that we are the only school in the valley that holds itself to such high standards. We have been the jewel of the valley and we will always be "Where a life time of discovery begins." Remember it begins with your personal commitment to our Center. 2008 is the year and thank you for being here.

Remember if you could not make our Annual Meeting, please come to our next Board of Directors meeting on February 27th, 2008.

Alexa Rupert
Program Director