



Early Childhood Education

PRESCHOOL ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Early Childhood Education is often a child's first exposure to a classroom learning environment and to working with unfamiliar adults and peers. Research shows that these experiences support development in all littles. Specifically, the Huntington Beach City School District (HBCSD) has been offering Early Childhood Programming since 2002 that includes: School Readiness Programs, Preschool Classrooms, & Transitional Kindergarten Classrooms. This newsletter will serve to share what the HBCSD littles are up to, important programming information, and exciting upcoming events and activities.

Program	3-5 Years Old		5th Birthday			
	3-4 Years Old*	5 Years Old*	On or before 9/1/22	Between 7/1/22-9/1/22	Between 9/1/22-2/1/23	After 2/1/23
Preschool Academics (Fee Based)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
State Preschool Program (CSPPP)		✓	✓		✓	✓
Full Day Kindergarten			✓			
Transitional Kindergarten (TK)					✓	
ECE Summer Camp (Fee Based)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

* California State Preschool Program is free for eligible students.
** Based on available space.

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HIGHLIGHTS



Healthy Smiles: Historically, the Preschool Academy has partnered with Healthy Smiles to provide our students and families with dental resources. During their visit this past month, dental technicians screened all students whose parents provided consent. After the screening, students were provided fluoride varnish intended to prevent cavities and tooth decay from occurring, and our families were provided with a summary of the findings.

Preschool's Night Out: On January 19th, BJ's Restaurant hosted our fourth community event of this academic year. Similar to previous events, we had a great turnout of supporters that included families, district employees, and members of the community. During this event, the Preschool Academy raised \$145!

Celebrating Kindness: On January 17th, Kenny the Kindness Elephant visited room 3 on the Perry Campus to recognize our littles' acts of kindness. During his visit, he sang songs and talked all about the importance of being kind to others. Before leaving, Kenny gifted each student bubbles and left with the message that kindness can make us feel bubbly inside!

Mystery Readers: During the month of January, Ms. Anna Chen announced room 3 on the Perry Campus will be welcoming "mystery readers" into their classroom. She is encouraging family members and staff to participate and before each visit, she intends to provide clues for students to have the opportunity to guess each reader.

Lunar New Year: During the week of January 23rd, our preschool students were exposed to the Lunar New Year holiday and celebration. Our instructors created learning opportunities that included many diverse practices including manipulating chopsticks, modeling a new language, and the significance of the color red to name a few. In addition, the Perry Campus welcomed a parent volunteer onto campus who provided our students with a presentation on the holiday and a deeper explanation of their customs.

HEALTH SCREENING

As a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, The Preschool Academy is asking families to complete a health screening before entering our school campuses each day of attendance. We appreciate families taking time out of their busy mornings to complete such a task and in doing so, ensuring that the HBCSD is providing children and staff with safe learning environments.



The Health Screening can be accessed using the purple QR-Code.

SAVE THE DATES

February 4, 2023

- [Learning Link](#)
- Session 1: 9:30 AM- 10:30 AM, Session 2: 11 AM- 12 PM

February 10, 2023

- [Parent Ed Workshop- Toilet Training](#)
 - Perry Campus @ 12PM

February 10, 2023

- Enrollment for Summer Camp & Returning Families Opens

February 13 & 20, 2023

- No Instruction- Holidays Observed

February 17, 2023

- [Learning Link](#)
- Session 1: 9:30 AM- 10:30 AM, Session 2: 11 AM- 12 PM

February 22, 2023

- [Preschool's Night Out](#)
 - [Chick-Fil-A](#)
 - 1 PM- 8 PM

February 24, 2023

- [Parent Ed Workshop- Managing Fighting & Aggression](#)
 - Perry Campus @12PM



RESOURCES

Parent Informational Meeting: Early Childhood Education Options



Join the Huntington Beach City School District (HBCSD) for a virtual information meeting about our Early Childhood Education (ECE) program options (formerly known as Kindergarten Round-up). The meeting will be offered in English and Spanish; please take a look at the details below. Information will be reviewed regarding enrollment, registration, immunization requirements; how you can support your child's development; and more! There will also be a question-and-answer opportunity.

English Session

February 16, 2023

6:00 pm

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/99306359081>

Spanish Session

February 23, 2023

9:00 am

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/97132524410>