



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		3-4 Years Old*		5th Birthday		
	On or before 9/1/22	Between 9/1/22 - 8/31/23	Between 7/1/22 - 9/1/22	Between 9/1/22 - 8/31/23	Between 9/1/22 - 8/31/23	After 8/31/23	
Preschool Academics (Fee Based)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
State Preschool Program (CSPP)**		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Full Day Kindergarten			✓				
Transitional Kindergarten (TK)					✓	✓	
ICC Summer Camp (Fee Based)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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HIGHLIGHTS

Week of the Young Child: During the week of April 3, 2023, the Preschool Academy celebrated the Week of the Young Child in alignment with National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). This week consisted of highlighted activities in the classroom that research indicates supports the development of our youngest learners. This included: music & movement, exploration with their five senses, process & product art, literacy, and collaboration and community. The Preschool Academy received great feedback and participation from families throughout this week!



TK Instructional Rounds: During the week of April 17, 2023, all seven Preschool Academy's Lead Teachers had the opportunity to visit all four Transitional Kindergarten (TK) classrooms currently housed at Hawes Elementary. During this visit, preschool instructors observed TK students transiting to school and participating in large group, small group, and recess activities. Observing how activities and learned concepts aligned in all four rooms was impressive, highlighting the significance of collaboration and Professional Learning Communities (PLC) in education. These visits aimed to understand better what instructional practices are used in TK and how they can be modified to be included in our preschool setting. This will allow HBCSD to implement the State of California's P-3 Alignment fully.

Administrative Professional's Day: On Wednesday, April 26, 2023, we celebrated the Preschool Academy's, Jocelyn Carbajal. Jocelyn serves as our program's Educational Support Assistant and is often the first person families and littles meet when introduced to our program. She supports the program by assisting families throughout enrollment into our CSPP, Fee-for-Service, and Learning Link Programs, providing families with tours of our facilities, and many other responsibilities that support families, students, instructors, and the daily operations of the Preschool Academy. Jocelyn Carbajal is an appreciated member of our Huntington Beach community, and the HBCSD leadership staff is honored to call her a member of our thriving school district.

Open House: On Thursday, April 27, 2023, The Preschool Academy welcomed families onto each campus and into our classrooms during the district-wide Open House event. During this event, parents have the opportunity to observe the classroom materials and activities that their children have access to daily. More specifically, Preschool Academy Instructors use this time to display preschool-appropriate activities, that align with the California Preschool Learning Foundations, to provide families with a detailed understanding of how their children learn when attending our program. Open House is always a great event for all involved!

PARENTING TIP 101: STAGES OF PLAY

Sociologist and researcher Mildred Parten developed the six (6) stages of play. These stages of play have been classified as unoccupied, solitary, spectator/onlooker, parallel, associate, and cooperative. Years of research in early childhood education support the findings that our youngest learners often learn through play, and play continues to be a vital component of the HBCSD Preschool Academy. As a result of this research, please ***click on the video link above*** and this [literature link](#) to better understand where your children are developmentally in their play and how to support them as they navigate through all six (6) stages.

SAVE THE DATES

May 1-5, 2023

- Teacher Appreciation Week

May 5, 2023

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

May 5, 2023

- Parent Ed Workshop- **Changing Challenging Behaviors**
 - Perry Campus @ 12PM

May 9, 2023

- Family Advisory Committee Meeting @ 9:30 AM

May 19, 2023

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

May 19, 2023

- Parent Ed Workshop- **Social Emotional Development**
 - Perry Campus @12PM

The 6 Stages of Play		Pathways
Unoccupied Play	0-3 months	When baby is making movements with their arms, legs, hands, feet, etc. They are learning about and discovering how their body moves.
Solitary Play	0-2 years	When a child plays alone and are not interested in playing with others quite yet.
Spectator/Onlooker Behavior	2 years	When a child watches and observes other children playing but will not play with them.
Parallel Play	2+ years	When a child plays alongside or near to others but does not play with them.
Associate Play	3-4 years	When a child starts to interact with others during play, but there is not much cooperation required. For example, kids playing on the playground but doing different things.
Cooperative Play	4+ years	When a child plays with others and has interest in both the activity and other children involved in playing.



RESOURCES

2023 Preschool Summer Camp

WEEK 1: LIFE CYCLE OF A BUTTERFLY

WEEK 2: OCEAN ANIMALS

WEEK 3: INSECTS

WEEK 4: FARM ANIMALS

WEEK 5: COMMUNITY HELPERS

2023/24 Preschool Academy

\$215/WEEK
5 WEEKS

Half-Day

9 AM - 1 PM
Eader Elementary

Full-Day

9 AM - 4 PM
Perry Campus

Tuition Rates (Monthly)

Days of Service	Half-Day Eader Elementary	Full-Day Perry Campus
5 Days	\$928	\$1,150
3 Days	\$596	\$739
2 Days	\$432	\$535