



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.

HBCSD Programs 2022-2023	3-5 Years Old		5th Birthday			
	On or before 9/1/22	Between 9/1/22-9/1/23	Between 9/1/23-5/1/23	After 5/1/23	After 5/1/23	After 5/1/23
Preschool Academics (Fee Based)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
State Preschool Program (CSPP)**		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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



Teacher Appreciation Week: During the first week in May, the Huntington Beach City School District (HBCSD) celebrated all certificated and classified staff members. More specifically, the Preschool Academy Leadership Team honored the hard work of our instructors daily with some goodies and playful puns. Our agency recognizes the tireless efforts of all staff members to provide unique and developmentally appropriate learning opportunities for the littles of our community. We are grateful to have educators who strive to create learning environments that allow all students access and opportunities for success!

Reading is Fundamental (RIF): The Preschool Academy has partnered with Reading is Fundamental (RIF) for years. RIF is committed to supporting a literate America by giving children access to various literacy materials three times throughout the school year. During the Preschool Academy's last RIF book distribution of the 2022/23 school year, Director, Jason C. Reyes, went into each classroom to read with the students. He shared an interactive reading of *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Frog*. During this reading, students could feed the old lady similar items identified in the book. They worked on various skills, including sequencing, answering open-ended questions, using language to express a want/need, and waiting for a turn. In addition, all students were sent home with a book and bookmark of their choosing.

Interactive Learning- Life Cycle of Butterflies & Chickens: Students on all three of our Preschool Academy campuses had the opportunity to receive interactive instruction when learning about the life cycle of both Butterflies and Chickens. More specifically, students on the Perry campus observed caterpillars transition twice into chrysalis and adult butterflies. In addition, our instructors paired this learning opportunity with the book titled *The Hungry Caterpillar*, which students referenced when providing delicious snacks for the butterflies-- specifically oranges. On the Eader and Peterson campuses, students observed eggs hatch into chicks. During this process, students were introduced to incubators and their purpose. These were fun activities for students and instructors alike.

2023 ECE Employee of the Year: On Thursday, June 8, 2023, the Preschool Academy held its last program-wide staff meeting of the 2022/23 academic year. In this meeting, Director Jason C. Reyes recognized the program's first Employee of the Year voted to receive this acknowledgment from her colleagues. The process consisted of receiving nominations from ECE staff, and after two weeks, the staff identified five dedicated and deserving teachers, instructional assistants, and educational support assistants. The five nominees included: Ms. Kori Stephenson, Ms. Lisa Springer, Ms. Anna Chen, Ms. Jocelyn Carbajal, and Ms. Alivia Batta. After one week of voting, Ms. Jocelyn Carbajal was selected to represent our program as our first-ever Employee of the Year. We are fortunate to have Jocelyn as a member of our staff-- congratulations!

PARENTING TIP 101: TIPS TO SUPPORTING PICKY EATERS

Early Childhood Education focuses on supporting the Whole Child, and this includes during meal times as learning opportunities are still present. In addition, to good nutritional habits creating healthy and strong individuals, meal times can support language development, turn-taking skills, sharing, decision-making, and fine motor to name a few benefits. Unfortunately, children may not like every food item presented to them on the first try. Nonetheless, it is recommended to provide children with multiple opportunities to acquire the taste and texture of new foods. In addition, please see other [Mealtime Approaches](#) and [Playful Activities](#) that can reduce behaviors of picky eaters.

SAVE THE DATES

June 1, 2023

- Family Advisory Committee Meeting
 - Perry Campus @ 9:30 AM

June 2, 2023

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

June 2, 2023

- Parent Ed Workshop
 - Topic: **Positive Parenting for Children w/ Disabilities**
 - Perry Campus @ 12PM

June 16, 2023

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

June 21, 2023

- Last day of Instruction for T/Th Littles

June 22, 2023

- Last day of Instruction for CSPP & M, W, F Littles



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