

Chief Executive Officer's Report



May 2006

A Monthly Report for our Board, Staff and Friends

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Learning Center Preschool has a new HOME!

More than 50 volunteers consisting of parents, staff, service groups and friends gathered to move our preschool. A huge semi, four large trucks and a large covered trailer helped get the job done. By mid afternoon, Saturday, we were unloading at the new site. By late afternoon, Sunday, everything was in it's place and ready for opening day on Monday. My advice, don't try this at home!

So the process continued! In fact the plan worked perfectly, or almost perfectly! Monday, the fire inspection was scheduled for 9AM. At 9:30AM I connected with the inspector that had forgotten to calendar the visit. He was at the site in 20 minutes and had the inspection completed by 10:30AM. The clearance form was sent to Social Services by noon. The business license was hanging, the occupancy permit was in the works but that's another story in itself. All we needed was Social Services. Friday morning, our evaluator arrived. She was pleased with the facilities and we were issued our licenses. As we requested, our facility capacity is 176 broken down to 12 infants (6weeks to 18 months), 36 toddlers (18-30 months) and 128 preschooler (30 months to 5 years).

On opening day we had 95 children enrolled. Today, 126 children are enrolled. Staff are doing continuous tours. Unfortunately, this is the time of year that pre-k students drop as they prepare to enter kindergarten. We expect to loose 10-15 students in the next few weeks, a trend we always experience. However, we expect our enrollment to continue and our numbers to grow.

Congrats to the Learning Center staff for making this transition work. Thank you to all of our staff and board members for their hard work and support. We couldn't do it without you!

KID CONNECTION Closes! Club Kids move to our HB and Kingston Branches

In lieu of celebrating our 25th anniversary at Wardlow School last Friday, we said goodbye to our Club. A series of parties and celebrations helped get the kids excited about moving to the Club they were about to attend. For the most part, the final week went as expected. I'm so proud of our staff for making this transition as easy as possible for the kids.

Seussical! A huge success!

The performances started with a Dr. Seuss party for Club kids. Nearly 200 kids from all branches enjoyed a carnival, popcorn, drinks and a live performance by the ClubHouse Theatre Entertainers, nineteen cast members, ages 10 to 16 that make up the advanced cast. That was Thursday, Friday night was a sold-out performance followed by a repeat on Saturday night. Everyone left singing songs and talking about the next production, "Annie" scheduled to open in September. If you missed Seussical, you have one more chance to see selected songs at the 'Dare to Dream' Auction at the Hyatt on October 20, 2006.



CLUB Updates

LEARNING CENTER Chelo Loshak — The end of May was spent packing up our center and preparing for the move to our new home. The move went smoothly thanks to the many caring people who volunteered their time such as Unit/Program directors, board members, parents and administrators. We could not have done it without everyone's hard work and effort; a special recognition to my staff who worked non stop all weekend in order for us to be ready by Monday. My mentor who is our PITC trainer and also a validator for NAEYC came out and evaluated the set up of all the classrooms to make sure we were in compliance with our accreditation. 95 families came with us to Haven View and enrollment in the past few weeks have picked up to 124, tours for perspective families have been ongoing thanks to the many post cards mailed out in the area. Once again thank you to everyone who helped make this move a positive experience.

KID CONNECTION Sara de Boom — Seems like just yesterday we were starting the 2005-2006 school year. It is hard to believe that the school year and our time at Kid Connection is coming to a close. This is however, an exciting time for all of us as we venture to one of the two other clubs! June has been an active month filled with inter-club soccer competitions, pizza parties, science projects and a lot of fun! Our Education Center held "Week of Penguins"- a weeklong program where the kids learned about our little tuxedo wearing friends. The week ended with a special showing of "March of the Penguins".

The Kingston Branch hosted a combined graduation for all 3 primary programs on Saturday, June 17. Each primary program performed a song and/or a dance and then the kindergarteners each received a diploma. There was a time of eating and fellowship immediately following the graduation. Many of the children's family and friends attended and everyone had a great time. We are all looking forward to summer at the club and know this summer will be the best summer ever!

KINGSTON Shannon Voigt — The Kingston Branch has been very busy getting ready for a fun filled summer. We have been enrolling children continuously and have noticed a new form of excitement in the kids who are ready for school to end and summer to begin. We recently were able to arrange for Seaworld to come to the club and the kids as well as the staff thoroughly enjoyed it. We were amazed to see the trainers holding a vulture, penguins, lemur, and even two baby black bear cubs. I have never seen the kids sit still for so long and with such interest as they did during this event. On another note, we are currently forming our summer programs and have had a lot of interest in our Frisbee golf club as well as our Community Service Group. Also our Newspaper club is in the process of putting together a new issue that should be ready to go to print soon.

CLUB Updates Continued...

HB BRANCH Tim Nolan — As the school year winds down we are getting ready for summer. The office is very busy and sign-ups are going great. With the merger of our Kid Connection Branch we are looking to have our largest summer camp ever.

On June 17, 2006 the Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley held our first annual club wide kindergarten program graduation. The crowd was treated as each branch performed a song and danced. The crowd was totally blown away by the all performances. After all the graduates names were read, all the children came together and they culminated the ceremony with the singing of the "Boys & Girls Club" song. This was our first foray into combining all the clubs and it went fantastic.

Well summer is upon us and we are all geared up. Our first two special events, the "Sock Hop" and "Western Round up", are planned and ready to go.

GWC CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER Susan Bixler — May was a quiet month with the count down of the spring semester coming to an end for students on campus. May 3rd the nursing program students came over again and followed up with our kids on proper hygiene, they showed them how to wash their hands and brush their teeth; each child received a free tooth brush after the demonstration. May 10th the Ocean View School District nurse came out and held screenings of vision and hearing for our children. May 24th Chelo and I attended the 26th Annual Director Workshop where I received great information on Prop 82, preschool for all, and also updated requirements for Title 22 which are standards we must meet for licensing. The month ended with some of our staff volunteering their time to help out fellow co-workers at Learning Center pack up and move to Haven View.

