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WELCOME BACK

Each month the council and the press editor will be putting out this newsletter to keep you informed of what's happening at the Burbank Parent Education Program. It is a valuable resource for workshop times and dates, upcoming events, announcements, and of course the real reason everyone picks it up every month—pictures of our kids in class. There will also be helpful information on what's happening around town as well as humor and the occasional bad knock knock joke. This is the forty-seventh year that the Preschool Press has been helping parents and caregivers stay connected, and we look forward to another fantastic year!

WANTED!

Class Representatives are needed to pass on important info to their individual classes. Just show up once a month and enjoy a free lunch, childcare, and the chance to get more involved in school activities.

Join us on the first Wednesday of every month from 330-530pm Room 201



UPCOMING DATES

AUGUST

14 *First Day of School*

SEPTEMBER

5 *Board Meeting*
7pm

6 *Welcome Tea*
First Council Meeting 330-530pm

13 *Back to School Event*

OCTOBER

3 *Board Meeting*

4 *Council Meeting*
330-530pm

21 *Boo Bash Carnival*
10am



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome back to BPEP veterans and a warm welcome to our new families.

Through word of mouth I discovered Burbank parent ed. My son Hendrix was six months old at the time, he is now four years old. It ranks very high on my list "best decisions" that I have ever made.

After serving as a council rep and holding a couple of different positions on the board, I feel excited and ready to serve as your president for the 2017-2018 school year. Burbank parent ed is truly a jewel in Burbank it has been serving our community for over fifty years!! Although it has changed over the years, what always remains constant is that we have a rare and much-loved and treasured program.

My goal is to continue to shout from the roof tops about our excellent program and to strengthen our well established foundation, while allowing us room to breathe, grow and thrive.

I can't wait to introduce you to this year's extremely talented and dedicated executive board. The board is made up of elected members of the students in our program and our wonderful resource teacher Christine Tutak. Our board has been busy throughout the summer gearing up for a fantastic new school year. Bernadette Dorame, our entertainment events chair is in the throes of planning our first "back to school" event which is just around the corner! I am sure this will be the first of many memorable events and activities that our program offers to you and your families. Favourites include: boo bash, visits from Mr. Claus, Easter Egg hunt, special workshops, guest speakers and of course our amazing annual fund raiser - the BPEC baskets luncheon - just wait until you hear about this year's exciting theme!

Be sure to check your classrooms for the Preschool Press. You will find this newsletter packed with important announcements from our school and community, along with adorable pictures of your kids! The press is also available in full colour on our website www.burbankparented.org. Also please "LIKE" us on our Facebook page so you can receive updates on your news feed.

Whether you are new or returning, we would love for you to join us at our welcome tea by becoming a class rep! As a class rep you form our council. Our council is a very important component and is vital to our program as you are the key to successful communication between the executive board and the students in parent ed. Your voice helps to strengthen our program and you have the chance to voice your opinions and ideas. Along with being "in the know", you will have a great time with a catered FREE snack, FREE childcare and FREE adult conversation. We meet once a month on Wednesdays. Our first meeting is Wednesday September 6th from 3:30-5:30pm. Please contact Jen Stanley at jenstanley26@yahoo.com to reserve your spot.

Burbank parent ed is here to support YOU... parents, grandparents, caregivers and of course our little ones as they navigate the early and sometimes challenging years of childhood development. Please don't hesitate to reach out to our educators for advice.

I am sure you can tell, I love being a part of the parent education program! It's such a special and magical time with our children and it is a real opportunity to learn new parenting skills and the chance to build a strong network of supportive friends. The friendships you make here may just last a lifetime! I look forward to seeing all of you throughout the year. I welcome your questions, comments and suggestions at troy224@gmail.com.

You will get out of this program what you put in... and MORE.

Cheers to a fantastic school year!

Troy Titus-Barrow

President 2017-2018

FROM THE DESK OF CHRISTINE TUTAK

Welcome everyone! I am excited to begin this year as your new Director, resource teacher, supporter, and teacher. The Council is in full swing, the teachers are prepared and the rooms are ready for a great year. I can't say enough about the support from former Director Linda Matsumoto. She has been there for anything and everything I've needed. Stay close Linda!



Although my heart is in the rooms with the children and parents, in my new position I have had to give up a few classes. And of course we needed to replace those our outgoing director, Linda, taught. We are fortunate to have these wonderful new teachers join our team. Kathy Stephenson has been here before and just can't stay away. She will teach the Infant III class. Nicole Michael has graduated from student to teacher and will teach the 4's class. (And will attend the School Age class; no one wants to leave Parent Ed!) Christina Yew is brand new to us but has friends who love the program which is how she heard about the position. She'll teach the 3's. You will hear more about them elsewhere. And Deanna Jennings, who previously taught at Methodist preschool, will continue to teach the 2's and Toddler classes.

Our amazing Aides are Linda Baca and Tekla Wright. They are the glue that hold the children's part of our classes together so please support them in any way you can. Heidi Birker will be substituting until a new aide is hired to replace our beloved Jill who is moving out of state.

Changes! Changes are a constant for both adults and children, but we are all resilient. Love and understanding are what makes it work. Wonderful, life long friends are made in Parent Ed. and they begin with love and understanding of one another. It starts here and now.

Looking forward to a SUPER FUN LOVING YEAR!

Chris Tutak

Adult School Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday

8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

THE PRESS EDITOR NEEDS YOUR HELP

Would you like to see your kids in the next Preschool Press?

We would too! Please send pictures from your class to

preschoolpresseditor@yahoo.com

or **#pressphotos** on facebook on the Parent Ed page:

@BurbankParentEducationProgram

OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP A SUCCESS!



SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED CLEAR OUT THE SPIDERS AND CLEAN THE PLAY YARDS. GINA EPPERSON AND MICHELLE BARRONDO'S TEAM OF BRAVE SPIDER BANISHERS HAVE MADE THE PLAY YARDS SAFE AND SPARKLING FOR EVERYONE!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you have a special announcement? New baby or birthday? A thank you or a shout out?

Did you meet another awesome parent on the playground and forget to get their contact info?

Did you clean out your garage and want to unload some stuff on another parent who might be able to use it?

Contact preschoolpresseditor@yahoo.com and we will put it in the next month's issue for you.

DIRTY DIAPERS?

Each room has a supply of plastic bags for diaper disposal. Please make sure to put all diapers in the large garbage cans that are OUTSIDE of the rooms.



10 Things All Moms Say All. Summer. Long.

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Shut the door. SHUT THE DOOR! Shut the freaking door!!!

Why is this wet?

Hang up your towel!

Who left the water hose running?

You will NOT spend your whole summer watching TV. Play outside.

You're hungry again?

It is not my job to entertain you.

Play with your toys, there are kids that don't even have toys!!

No you can't have friend over again.

If you're bored, I can give you a chore to do,
That's what I thought.

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SPLASH PADS

School may have started, but the summer weather is showing no plans of going away anytime soon.

Cool off at these (sort of) local splash pads that are still open through the mid-fall season:

Pacific Community Center & Park
501 S. Pacific Ave. Glendale
91204

Cerritos Park
3690 San Fernando Road,
Glendale 91204

June 15 through September 15
11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. DAILY

September 16 through October
15

11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS
ONLY

SPOTLIGHT ON ...

Every issue we will be shining a spotlight on special stars around campus. Each month will have a different theme so be prepared to nominate someone for a special interview by the preschool press editor, Liz Eaton. She may also be popping into your classroom to conduct interviews, so be ready to sparkle!

September's spotlight will be shining on:



NEW STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Contact preschoolpresseditor@yahoo.com if you have someone you would like to be interviewed.

GO GREEN WITH MUGS



Please remember to bring a mug or reusable cup with you to use during snack time or coffee breaks. Your mug/reusable cup will be stored in the discussion rooms for use each week. There is dish soap and a sink in the discussion rooms, so please remember to wash and dry your own mug/cup after each use.

Thank you!

BOO BASH



join us at this
years BOO BASH
for games, shows,
food and more! Door opens at 10am.

2017 BOARD MEMBERS

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Childcare Coordinator	Reina Lipa



***Make sure you sign up in class for snack duty during discussions—your teacher will have a sign up sheet. And don't forget: the coffee is provided by the council, but the person on snack duty still needs to make it before class!
#noclasssanssnacks
#butfirstcoffee***



SNACK TIME SONG

(SUNG TO THE TUNE OF "TWINKLE TWINKLE LITTLE STAR")

I'M GLAD TO BE IN SCHOOL TODAY

TO SEE MY FRIENDS AND LEARN AND PLAY

THANK YOU FOR THIS WATER TO DRINK

I WILL FINISH IN A WINK

THANK YOU FOR THE CRACKERS TOO

I WILL SAVE MY CRUMBS FOR YOU

I WON'T CRY AND WON'T BE FUSSIN'

WHILE MY PARENT'S IN DISCUSSION

I'LL PLAY NICELY, WAIT AND SEE

THE AIDES WILL TAKE GOOD CARE OF ME

THEN WE'LL ALL SIT ON THE RUG

AND I'LL GIVE MY PARENT A HUG

I SEE YOU...

I see you at Target. Your cart is not even close to full but two of your three kids are already starting to melt down. The oldest is complaining that the jeans you got them for back to school are ugly and they want to go to Tilly's like their friend did and get a pair that probably costs more than your week's grocery budget. Your middle kid is upset because you walked past the new Beat Bugs display on the endcap and didn't stop. Your youngest, in the carrier, is starting to fuss because they are hungry and uh-oh, you forget to wear a top that was compatible for nursing while in the carrier, but you just throw a sweater over that kid and do what you need to do. You look slightly frazzled and tired, and you have probably already lost your cool a few times and yelled more than you feel good about today. But it's OK. You are rocking this Target trip, even if you forget half the stuff on your list. You Mom, are doing a great job.

