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CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS**  
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**FRIDAY, SEPT. 26, 2025, 5:30 - 7:30PM**



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## EXCITING NEWS: EXPANDING OUR EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS



We are thrilled to share some exciting updates about our Ludloff Center. In response to the growing demand for infant and toddler care in our community, we've made a significant change. After converting three of our preschool classrooms, we have successfully opened one infant classroom and two toddler classrooms. The center now has the capacity to serve 12 infants and 24 toddlers.

In April, we welcomed our very first group of infants and toddlers into their new spaces. Our infant classroom started with three little ones, while our toddler classroom welcomed four energetic toddlers. The excitement and energy in our center have been truly contagious, and we are thrilled to see the children thrive in their new environments. We are proud to announce that we are nearing full capacity and are preparing to open our second toddler classroom in early June. This will allow us to welcome even more little ones and continue providing high-quality early childhood education to our litttest learners.

This expansion is an essential part of our mission to serve the families in our community, and we could not be more excited about this new chapter. We look forward to seeing the wonderful growth and development of the children in our care.

## EXPLORING THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF ANIMALS

In April, our preschoolers had an exciting adventure that tied perfectly into our learning theme, *The Wonderful World of Animals*. We took a trip to Centennial Farm, where the children had the chance to interact with a variety of animals and learn all about the incredible creatures that share our world.

The trip was an amazing opportunity for our young learners to experience firsthand the concepts they have been exploring in the classroom. From meeting farm animals like cows, chickens, and goats to learning about the different habitats and roles each animal plays, our preschoolers were fully immersed in the wonders of the animal kingdom. The hands-on experience sparked curiosity, excitement, and a deeper understanding of the natural world.

Throughout the visit, the children had the chance to ask questions, observe the animals in action, and even pet some of them, making the experience both educational and fun. It was the perfect way to bring our theme to life, and the smiles and laughter of the children as they explored the farm were priceless. This field trip not only reinforced the lessons of the month but also created memories that will last a lifetime.





## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

### *Celebrating Growth, Connection, & What's Ahead*

As we reach the close of another quarter, I want to take a moment to reflect on what we have accomplished together and look ahead to what is next.

This past quarter has been one of fun, engaging activities and meaningful progress for our children. We have seen the results of our shared dedication in supporting learning in the classrooms, parent engagement activities and professional development opportunities for our staff. Read in this newsletter about the fun-filled field trip and our Parent Café. These achievements are a testament to the hard work and heart our team brings to make our mission happen every day.

One of the highlights of this quarter was our recent field trip to Centennial Farm where the children explored and experienced learning beyond the classroom. It was a day full of discovery and laughter—exactly the kind of memory we hope to create for every child. It's in moments like these that we are reminded of why we do what we do: to make a lasting difference, together.

Looking ahead, we are excited as we plan our Annual Fiesta fundraiser on September 26, 2025. This promises to be a fun and meaningful evening where we will gather as a community to celebrate our shared impact and raise critical funds to continue this important work. The evening will include a silent auction, an opportunity drawing, and plenty of festive spirit. Please save the date—we would love to see you there.

Together, we are building a brighter path for every child who walks through our doors. Thank you for your continued belief in our mission, our work would not be possible without our community of supporters. Your generosity and belief in our mission have a direct and lasting impact on the lives of the children and families we serve. Together, we are not just supporting education, we are nurturing futures. Thank you, as always, for being part of our community. Your support, trust, and partnership mean the world to us.



In Service,

Sarah M. Soriano  
Executive Director

## CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

This spring has been a season of connection and outreach for our centers. We represented our programs and shared our mission with families and community partners at a variety of local events.

We kicked off the year by participating in the Early Learning & Kindergarten Festivals at two local elementary schools in January and March. These festivals are a great way to connect with families preparing for the transition into kindergarten and to showcase the early learning opportunities available through our programs.

In April, we participated in the Celebration of the Young Child, a city-wide resource event. Our team also participated in Red Shield Day, where we engaged with families and community members, highlighting the resources and support we offer. We were invited by Jackie Robinson Academy to take part in their Open House and Community Resource Fair. It was a great opportunity to connect with local families, answer questions, and share information about our programs and services.

In addition, we took part in Long Beach City College's Career Exploration Day, where we spoke with students considering careers in early childhood education. It was exciting to connect with the next generation of educators and share our passion for supporting young learners.

Each of these events gave us a chance to collaborate and spread the word about our important work. We are grateful for the opportunity to be part of such a supportive and engaged community—and we look forward to continuing these meaningful partnerships.



## CELEBRATING OUR AMAZING EDUCATORS

In early May, we celebrated our dedicated teaching staff during Teacher Appreciation Week, and we went all out with a fun-filled Spirit Week to show just how much we value and appreciate the heart of our centers—our teachers.

Each day brought a new theme and lots of laughter and smiles:

🌈 Wear Your Teacher's Favorite Color Day kicked off the week with beautiful displays of appreciation.

🦸 Favorite Character Day brought out superheroes, princesses, and storybook stars.

🏈 Favorite Sports Team Day had classrooms full of team pride.

🎩 Wear Your Favorite Hat Day brought out some creative and silly headwear.

🛏 And we wrapped up with a cozy Pajama Day—a favorite for both kids and staff.

In addition to all the fun, we made sure our teachers felt loved, with delicious treats and a special lunch. A highlight of the week was a generous donation by advisory board member, Roland Spongberg, of 10 dozen Krispy Kreme donuts that were shared across all our centers. This added an extra layer of sweetness to our celebrations.

We are incredibly grateful for the passion, dedication, and care our teachers bring to their classrooms every single day. Teacher Appreciation Week was just a small way for us to say thank you!



## PARENT CAFÉ: SUPPORTING FAMILIES THROUGH MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS

In late March, we hosted a Parent Café centered on the important topic of challenging behaviors in young children. We were thrilled to see a wonderful turnout of engaged and thoughtful parents who came ready to share, learn, and connect with one another.

The event offered a warm, supportive space for parents to talk openly, gain practical strategies, and feel empowered in their parenting journey. It was clear from the thoughtful conversations and positive feedback that families are hungry for more—and the next Parent Café is scheduled for the fall.

We want to extend a special thank you to the incredible staff who made this event such a success: our Program Director, Danielle Triplett, M.A., Mental Health Consultant Stephanie Bobadilla, LCSW, and Program Assistant, Andrea Carrasco. Their thoughtful planning, expertise, and commitment to family engagement created a truly meaningful experience for everyone involved.

Thank you to all the families who participated. We are excited to continue growing and learning together.



## PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PRESENTATIONS AT OUR CENTERS

This spring, our children took part in an important learning experience focused on pedestrian safety. Through engaging, age-appropriate presentations held at our centers, children learned how to stay safe while walking near streets, crossing the road, and being aware of their surroundings.

With the help of visuals, interactive demonstrations, and fun role-playing activities, the presentations emphasized key safety tips such as:

- 🚶 Always holding an adult's hand when crossing the street
- 🚦 Looking both ways before crossing
- 🛑 Stopping at curbs and following traffic signals
- 👁 Staying alert and paying attention to cars and bikes

These lessons are an essential part of helping children build the awareness and habits they need to stay safe in their daily environments. We're grateful for the opportunity to bring this valuable information directly into our centers and to partner with families in reinforcing these safety skills at home.

Thank you to the team members and our community partner, Walk & Roll Long Beach who made these presentations possible.



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## EVENT CALENDAR

**May 26:**  
Centers Closed  
for Memorial Day

**July 4:**  
Centers Closed  
for Independence Day

**September 1:**  
Labor Day

**September 18:**  
Long Beach Gives

**September 26:**  
Annual Fiesta

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