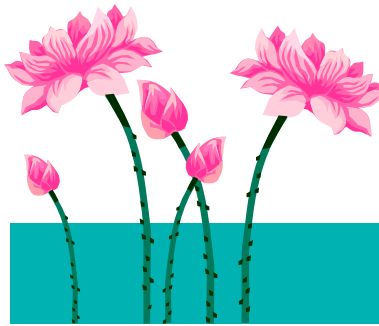


MAY 2011

From the Front Office...

We have welcomed the beautiful sunshine, and are gearing up for a fantastic summer season. Thank you all that attended or contributed to our 4th Annual Spaghetti Feed-we raised over \$2700! Much of this will go towards school improvements-we just replaced a shade structure, we

purchased sand boxes and other items for the playground, and the



teachers (I'm sure) have a long mental list of other items

they would like to have. Stay tuned for some great family events-we have a swim day planned, as well as a movie screening and discussion for parents. As always, Tomoko, Koko and I are available through the phone or email with any questions. See you all soon!
-Aimee

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

May 18th-Annual Board Meeting, at Milestones, Tiger classroom, 5 pm, all parents/guardians welcome

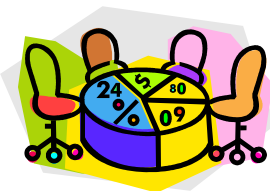
May 30th-CLOSED for Memorial Day
Early June-Lil Angels photos available for purchase

June 11th-Swim Day

June 15th-Consuming Kids Movie Screening



June 17th-Tiger Graduation!



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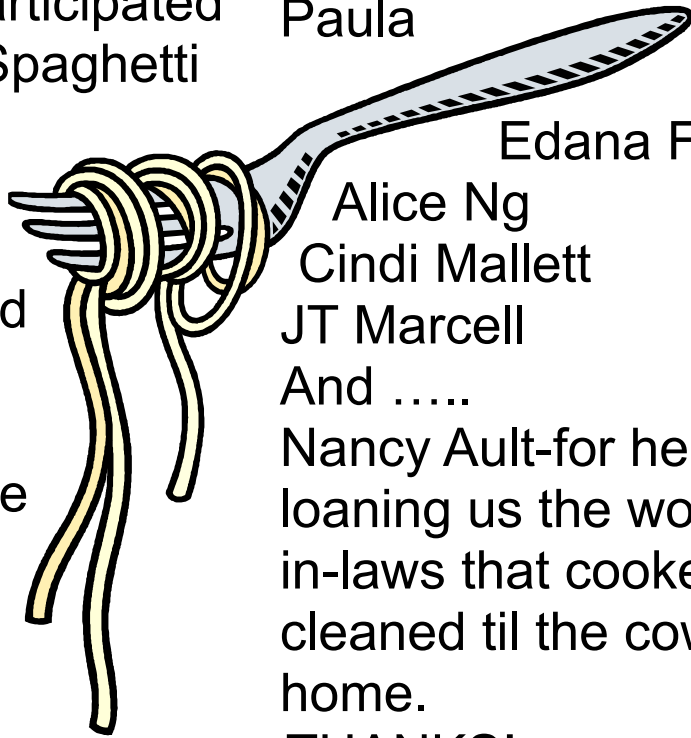
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Thank you!

Special thanks are due to all the families that participated in our 4th Annual Spaghetti Feed and Silent Auction. We had a great time with wonderful food, and lots of awesome prizes. We raised over \$2700, and we could not have done it without all our wonderful families. A very



special thanks also needs to go to the parents that go above and beyond, year after year:

Paula Riviera

Edana Fielden

Alice Ng

Cindi Mallett

JT Marcell

And

Nancy Ault-for her help, and loaning us the wonderful in-laws that cooked and cleaned til the cows came home.

THANKS!

WELCOME

Welcome to Ms Ashley!

She worked here for quite some time, then left to go back to school. The timing worked out perfect, and she has come back! She will be working with the Ladybugs, with a new group of babies along with Nancy C.

We are very glad to see her face again!



TRANSITIONS

We have a lot of transitions coming up! We have spent lots of time working out all the details:

Ms. Sadie will be coming back to full time in just a couple weeks. She will continue to remain in the Tiger class, to assist with the new group of children coming in this summer.

Ms. Nikkya will be moving with the Safari group that will transition to Tigers this summer. Ms. Christine will stay in Safari, to assist with the new group of children coming in.

Ms. Kara will move with the transitioning Pandas into Safari. Ms. Lana and Ms. Miko will remain in Pandas, and will work with Ms. See, who will be bringing in a group of transitioning butterflies.

Ms. Toni will work throughout the school, assisting with absences and breaks.

All transition notes will go onto



each child's sign-in sheet-when applicable. Look for these notices sometime near the end of this month.

Ms. Nancy, along with Ashley, will welcome our new group of babies in Ladybugs.

This is one of the final steps we will take to acclimate the school to complete continuity of care. We feel certain that the slight changes will go well, and children, staff and families will adapt easily.

Please see Tomoko or Koko with any questions.

MORE FROM OUR BOARD

Results of the East End Child Center Board of Directors' parent survey are in, and there is lots of good news to report: 85 percent of those who responded said they were "very satisfied" or "moderately satisfied" with Milestones. More than 90 percent of parents agreed with statements that their children were safe, happy and learning. It was particularly nice to see that every single employee of the center was singled out at least once for positive acknowledgement.

The board conducted the survey to gather feedback and help it determine areas to work on, and one issue that was mentioned multiple times as a concern was communication. Aimee has implemented several things to improve communication between parents and caregivers, such as routine evaluations of the kids, parent-teacher conferences, and continuity of care,

which allows parents a point-person to talk to about their kids. In the coming year, the board plans to respond to the communication concern by sponsoring outside events that bring families together. Ideas include hosting play dates at area parks on weekends, or even get-togethers for parents. These events can help parents get to know each other better and enhance the Milestones community, which we believe can help improve communication throughout the center.

Stay tuned for more information on upcoming events.

In addition, if you are interested in helping plan these events; please consider joining the board for the 2011-12 year. Elections will be held on Wednesday, May 18, at the board's annual membership meeting. Talk to Aimee or me if you're interested. (I can be reached at 916-267-7813 or mark.martin@asm.ca.gov)

More information on the May 18 meeting will be available soon.

Mark Martin, Board President

What's for Lunch?



Recently, a wonderful parent, Philip Wright, embedded a Google calendar into our website

for us. It's job is to keep track of what is planned for lunch each day. This can help you plan out your weekly meals at home, or prepare your child for the routine of the day. Also, you are welcome to grab that calendar

and embed it into your smart phone. To add it to your phone:

- Go to milestonescdc.net
- Click on the tab for monthly info
- Scroll down to the bottom right corner of the calendar
- Click on the logo for Google Calendar
- Follow directions for your situation
- See Aimee with any questions!

Swim Party!

The Milestones PAC has coordinated a wonderful family event. We have a swim/playday planned...see below for details!

Where: Woodlake Swim Club, 1445 Lochbrae Rd,
Sacramento

When: Sat, June 11th, 3-6 pm

Why: To enjoy the wonderful sunshine, pool, and other amenities (badminton, volleyball, ping pong, bocce ball, horseshoes, etc.) while socializing with parents

The PAC is providing hot dogs and condiments, the cost is \$4 per person which includes admission

What do I bring? Something to share:

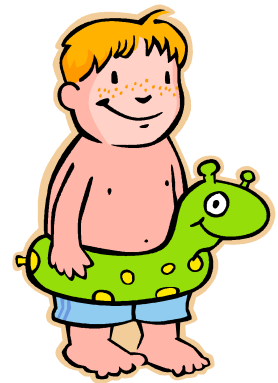
A side dish if your address is an even number

A beverage if your address is an odd number

Don't forget your sunscreen, towels, goggles, swim diapers, etc.

What to leave at home: Anything in glass containers

RSVP in our lobby, prepayment required



Monthly info available at...
www.milestonescdc.net

A Great Movie Screening, June 15th

Facebook Group

A parent, Nancy Ault, recently made a Facebook Group for us all to use. The group is called Parents of Milestones. If you are on Facebook and a parent of Milestones, feel free to request to join the group. An administrator will add you. This is a great place to view info about upcoming events, plan your own events, arrange playdates, and view photos from Milestones events. This is a CLOSED group- no one can view anything without being admitted. Also, you do not need to "friend" people to join - just simply request to join the group!



Consuming Kids: The Commercialization of Childhood is a remarkable documentary about the marketing industry and how it affects our children. We will be screening a copy of this on Wednesday, June 15th for parents. You are also welcome to invite other adults to watch. The movie runs just over 1 hour, and we will have time for questions and a group discussion after. We will end around 7 pm. If you would like to attend, email Aimee. If you need childcare for your child past 6 pm, please let me know, the cost is \$5 per child, and goes directly to the staff members that stay with the children. They will be given a substantial snack and have a special activity. RSVP right away!

