

Edgewater News



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IMPORTANT DATES BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Back to School Night is on **Thursday**, **August 29**th **from 5:30-7pm**. This is an opportunity for parents to talk with teachers and with other parents, meet the team and get great information about the program and your child's new classroom. We hope to see everyone there.

Please remember, Back to School Night is for parents only.

SPLASH DAYS

Sprites and Munchkins: August 8th & 20th Chipmunks & Muskrats: August 9th & 21st **Pixies will have Splash days on all four days.** Please send your child to school with their bathing suit under their clothes and with a towel.

Please do not forget to apply sunscreen to your child before they come to school. The children will be able to run through the sprinklers and play in a small pool. The teachers will also go over water safety with the children.

SUMMER CURRICULUM FUN

This month we will continue having special outdoor activities for the children. We will have a construction week where we will build a fort on the lawn using blocks and boxes. We will also have a creative art/sensory week filled with splatter ball painting, play dough, water table activities and sand art. The children will also be exposed to a variety of science concepts through digging, mixing water and soap (bubbles) and exploring shaving cream! See the attached curriculum calendar.

MIXED BAGS FUNDRAISING

Our mixed bags fundraiser starts on **Friday, August 30th!** The proceeds will support staff development.

Mixed bags offers a variety of household items, office supplies, leisure items, accessories and much more! The school will receive 50% profit on total purchase. All orders are due into the office on or by Friday, September 20th.

NEW RATES FOR THE FALL

In 2016 the State of California enacted legislation known as the Fair Wage Act mandating businesses to increase minimum wages for hourly rate employees. These increases were to be implemented incrementally over time with different municipalities enacting differing amounts and different launch dates. Some increases have occurred, and some are forthcoming. The next mandated increase is to take effect January 1, 2020.

Due to the significant increased expense associated with this law, and to ensure that we maintain our commitment to compensate our employees above minimum wage standards, we will have a 5% cost of quality increase commencing September 1, 2019. This increase will automatically be reflected on your monthly tuition charge.

We value our relationship with each family and thank you for allowing us to be part of your child's early education journey. We are committed to offering your family a daily exceptional experience. There is no more important component to the delivery of that than experience our valued employees. This cost of quality increase and resulting raise in their compensation continues commitment to that standard. Thank you for your support. We are grateful and will continue to strive to exceed your expectations.

Attached are the new rates effective September 1, 2019.

Yearly \$50 material fees will also be charged on September 1st for all children enrolled before March 1, 2019. This will automatically be added to your tuition.

CSULB STUDENTS

Cal State Long Beach student volunteers will be returning for the fall semester on Monday, August 26th. We will be posting new student bios on our CSULB board following student orientation. We are excited to have them back with us!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

With the new school year and new tuition rates, we will need all families to sign an updated admissions agreement. These agreements will be distributed on your child's sign in sheet during the week of **August 19th**. Please take the time to review and initial each item and return it to the office by **Wednesday**, **August 28th**. We also ask that one parent please stop by the office to initial your child's Emergency Information form and make any necessary changes/updates by **Friday**, **September 6th**.

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VACATION

Some of the staff will be taking much deserved vacation time.

- * Dawn out August 5th through 9th
- * Monica out August 8th through 14th
- * Andrea out August 12th through 16th

Do you have any vacations planned? We know things can get a little relaxed, and at the same time hectic during summer, so please remember to let us know ahead of time about planned days off. Knowing this will help us grant some families' requests for extra days and time off for staff. You can stop by the office or e mail us to let us know of any days you plan on keeping your child out of school.

LOOKING AHEAD

- * <u>School Closed</u> = Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day
- * <u>Emergency Information Form</u> <u>Updates and Initials Due</u> = Friday, September 6th
- *<u>National Playdough Day</u> = Monday, September 16th
- * <u>Mixed Bags Fundraiser is Due =</u> Friday, September 20th