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June 2011 Edition

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June 8th & 9th

Fun Run

June 10th

Kids Night Out 5:30-9:30

June 6th thru 10th

Last Days of Enrichment Programs

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Last days of school

From the Executive Director

It is a bittersweet time of year. A time when we say goodbye to people we love and a time when we look forward to the excitement and new adventures that summer brings. Some friends we will see again next year at Childswork, others will move on to new schools or begin new journeys. We wish all our friends who are departing Childswork the very best. You will always be in our hearts and an important part of our school. Please come and visit any time!



It is with especially mixed emotions that we say goodbye to two of our teachers and wish two others well in some important life transitions. Liz Powers will be leaving us this year to tie the knot in Washington and then head on south to LA! Liz has been an important part of our community for the last couple of years in our Explorers program and in the full day, mixed-age classroom. Thank you, Liz, for your amazing dedication and commitment to children.

Molly Strand has also decided to leave Childswork (temporarily we hope!), as she pursues the last stage of her teaching degree. Molly has been a lead teacher for the last 3 years and has done an excellent job in putting our philosophy into practice. She has touched the lives of many children and families during her time here and will be deeply missed. Luckily we have another strong teacher to fill Molly's very big shoes. Susan Johnson will be working with Daniel in the 4-5 year old class.

Marlie announced earlier this year her plans to leave her position as Lead Teacher of kindergarten and begin a new teaching role with Crystal in our three year old class. Marlie has spent 20 years at Childswork, many of them teaching kindergarten. She has truly developed a unique program that integrates kindergarten curriculum with Childswork's philosophy. We will use this year to think about and discuss the evolving needs of our families for a future Childswork kindergarten program and present an option again to families for the fall of 2012. In the meantime, we envy the three year olds who will get to have Marlie as their teacher next year!

Finally, Laurie is finishing her slow transition out of the classroom and into the Childswork office this year. Her hands-on teaching experience, tremendous skills in working with children, and deep commitment to our school will be a welcome addition to our administrative team as she takes on the Explorers Director position full time.

Please join all of us in wishing these amazing teachers well in their new adventures!

Just a couple of reminders of two fantastic fundraising opportunities for our school! One is our **Cameras for Classrooms Campaign**. At no cost to you, you can help Childswork earn money from **Red Tricycle**, a new online resource for parents. Please see our website (www.childswork.org) for more information on how you can help Childswork buy cameras for classrooms.

The second one is our **Fun Run**. This year we will dedicate all the funds raised in our Fun Run to **playground improvements** over the summer. Please donate to this exciting event and come see your kids run on June 8th and 9th. Check with your teachers for exact times.

Kim

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