



October 7, 2014

Hello ECI Families!

I have been fortunate enough to visit every ECSE classroom at least once! There are wonderful things happening—students are learning routines, working on fine motor skills, gross motor skills, communicating with peers and adults, learning shapes, colors, letters, numbers, and all around, enjoying their time in the learning environment. It is wonderful to watch learning take place!

Conferences are coming up quickly for students. If your child attends ECI at our Ferguson Elementary location, conferences are held October 15th and 16th. There are no class sessions for students on the 16th.

For students attending ECI at our Mills Elementary location, conferences are October 28th and October 29th. Students in the a.m. preschool classes at Mills will be released from school at 11:30 on the 28th and 29th. If your child attends the p.m. session at Mills, there is no school on October 28th or 29th for your child.

For students ages 3-5 attending the 5:15 class at Head Start, OCDC, OPK, or other locations, your special education teacher will be contacting you to make an appointment for a conference.

Enjoy the changing weather—fall leaves, crisp morning air!

Dena Haudenschild

Parent Liaison Corner

Summer is over, school is in session, and our group is starting back up again. It is designed for families in our community who have special needs children of any age. This is a great place to come and talk about issues that are important to you, receive info, gain insight about your child and possibly help other parents with questions that they may have. We meet the second Tuesday of the month and we have a range of topics. Our next meeting is scheduled for:

October 14 at 6:30pm

At the Early Childhood Intervention Office, 3125 Crosby Avenue

For more information, please contact Valerie Smith
klamathspecialfamilies@gmail.com

Reminder

If your child will be absent from school and they are transported by school bus, please contact the **Classroom** to notify the teacher of your child's absence and the **Bus Shop** providing transportation for your child (County 541.883.5013 or City 541.883.4716) so that they may adjust their route. When your child is ready to return to school, please contact the Bus Shop to resume bus pickup.

If your child will be missing a scheduled appointment, please let us know as soon as possible so that our staff can make appropriate adjustments to their schedule. Our number is 541.883.4748.

Technology

Just a reminder...ECI has a webpage at <http://www.kfalls.k12.or.us/departments/eci.asp>

The webpage will have explanations of the services ECI provides, ECI newsletters, links to the ASQ screening tool that you may complete during regular check-ups at the pediatrician's office, and other program information.

If you would like to receive this newsletter electronically, please send your email address to haudenshidd@kfalls.k12.or.us

2014 Fall Trainings

The Child Care Resource Network is offering a training at Klamath Community College on Saturday, November 1st. The first session is from 9:00-10:30 and the second session from 11:00-12:30. This training, called *I Am Moving, I Am Learning: Opportunity Knocks and Body Language*, addresses childhood obesity and helps participants to recognize and prevent childhood obesity trends, promote lifelong fitness, increase movement activities, encourage healthy nutrition, and more. To register, call 541-842-2610 or 541-842-2590.

Giving Directions to Children

Article from the Childcare Resource Network

"The manner and quality with which adults give directives and verbally interact with young children can make a big difference in the kinds of behaviors children exhibit," write Tom Udell and Gary Glasenapp in their Exchange article, "Managing Challenging Behaviors."

Some guidelines they suggest:

Be specific and clear when giving directives. Children need to know precisely what is expected. They are more likely to respond appropriately to "Keep your feet on the floor," than "Be careful."

Avoid using questions you do not mean to ask. Use question statements only when you truly intend to provide a choice. A direct request, such as "Jason, will you wash your hands," is preferable to "Jason, will you wash your hands before snacks?"

State requests and directions in a positive manner. Asking a child to "Walk in the house" is more positive and more clearly understood than "Don't run."