



Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year! There have been many staff changes in the ECI program this year. We welcome the following new staff members:

- Kelly Palya, Speech Language Pathologist (SLP)
- Emily Coatney, Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Teacher
- Brigitte Esparza, ECI Secretary
- Michelle Vance, ECI Evaluator for Klamath County School District
- MariJo Griffith, Physical Therapist
- Nikki Blodgett, Early Intervention (EI) Teacher

Each of our new team members brings an expertise with them that is irreplaceable! I anticipate a wonderful school year.

In addition to our new staff, two of our classrooms have moved to a new location. The Modular at Head Start, as well as the ECI classroom at Roosevelt, have both moved to Mills Elementary School. We are fortunate to work with the Mills staff! The principal of Mills Elementary, Mr. Bartels, is very knowledgeable and supportive of the ECI program. He was eager to offer the ECI program not one, but two classrooms in his building. This opportunity allows the teachers and paraprofessionals to work closely with one another, sharing their expertise.

Parent Liaison Corner

Valerie Smith is the Parent Liaison for ECI. Her role is to attend ECP meetings, participate in planning ECI family activities, and to phone parents to ask the following questions:

- 1) How is your child benefiting from the services?
- 2) How could we improve communication between you and your child's team?
- 3) What ways could ECI improve so as to better meet the needs of your child?

- 4) Are there any questions about the ECI services or your child's progress that you would like to share with the ECI Administrator?
- 5) What areas of training would have helped you as your child began working with ECI staff members?

Please share your valuable insight with Valerie so that we may better serve our children and families.

Reminders

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 Minute

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