

ECE/CD Newsletter

For students of Cañada and Skyline Colleges

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Newsletter 3rd Edition

This is the third edition of the newsletter for ECE/CD students. We look forward to providing you with pertinent information regarding the happenings at the college and within the department. Your input is welcomed and I am counting on you, the students, the faculty and the staff to contribute ideas for articles in future editions. With the help of all involved we can produce an excellent newsletter for our ECE community.

By: Sue Eftekhari

A Great Leader in the ECE Field

Karen Haas Foletta is the Executive Director of Cipriani After School Care, a private non-profit organization that serves children from the ages of 6 weeks to eighth grade. Karen currently has 5 sites, 2 of them are middle school (Ralston and Central) 2 are elementary (Cipriani and Nesbit) and 1 preschool on the Nesbit school campus. She has been in the ECE field for well over 20 years, holding a BA in psychology and a teaching credential from Pacific Oaks College in Pasadena, California.

I asked Karen a few questions regarding her centers.

Where do you find staff when you are hiring?

I find my staff on craigslist, by word of mouth, or at the local colleges.

What are your education requirements for teachers?

Teachers should have 12 ECE units and have worked in the field for at least 1 year. I would prefer them to have an Associates or a Bachelors Degree, but it's not a requirement.

What qualities make a good teacher?

Flexible, reliable, responsible, warm, creative, and they have to have common sense.

What types of trainings do you offer your staff?

I provide my staff with opportunities to receive first aid and CPR training, which I require all of my staff to have. I also provide them with professional development opportunities that I hear about through the 4c's, Cal Sac, CAEYC etc. I feel it is very important for them to have ongoing education and growth.

By: Darlene Luna



What's Our name?

The newsletter needs a name. We had begun a contest in the past newsletter and we have a list of possible names. Please put on your thinking caps and submit some more names. Send an email to eftekharis@smccd.edu or drop it by Bldg. 22 Rm. 102 if there is no one there, just put it under the door. We will vote on the names next semester. The contributor of the winning name will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Morison's School Supply.

Here is the list of names received:

1. Time out Times
2. Temper Tantrum Gazette
3. Wondrous Stories
4. Poopy Times
5. Kiss the Sky Newsletter
6. ...but why?
7. Lest we forget...and other notes
8. Princesses and Super Heroes Gazette
9. Must I repeat myself so many Times
10. Big people Time

Good luck to all of the contributors!

Curriculum News

Greetings from Skyline College ECE Department! We are happy to join you in this newsletter to all Early Childhood Education students of the San Mateo Community College District. The 2 Departments work closely together in hopes of offering you a robust and varied schedule of courses and activities.

As the full-time faculty member of the Department, I am the Program Coordinator and schedule the course offerings year-round. Typically we schedule classes with these criteria in mind:

Is the course part of the core requirements? We try to schedule these all 3 terms

Is the course offered at our sister college? We often alternate where a course is held, so that if it is offered Fall at Skyline, likely it will be offered Spring at Cañada.

When was the course scheduled in the past? If we offer a daytime class, we try to schedule it for evening or weekend the next time.

What is the community interest in the course? If a course has low enrollment, likely it will be offered less often than those whose enrollment is larger.

Both Colleges have now filed intent to align our core coursework with the state-wide Community College initiative known as CAP [Curriculum Alignment Project]. Cañada began this program F/08. For Skyliners, this means that, beginning in Fall 09, both our Certificate and Degree program will be 24-units, and will have the following 8 courses as required:

201: Child Development
210: ECE Principles

211 ECE Curriculum
212 Child, Family, & Community
272 Teaching in a Diverse Society
333 Observational Skills
314 Health, Safety & Nutrition
366 Supervised Fieldwork

We have been offering 7 of these 8 courses at Skyline, and will be adding ECE 314 in the Fall. Please note that all students who are currently enrolled may choose to finish the 18-unit certificate program under the current catalog rights. If you have any questions, be sure to contact me, or our Program Services Coordinator, Sue Eftekhari.

In addition, we are happy to remind you all that, as a condition for receiving the Master Teacher level of the CA CD Teaching Permit, applicants must complete a specialization of 6 units. We offer the following 6 specializations:

Infant-Toddler Care
School-Age Child Care
Children with Special Needs
Children's Language & Literacy
Parent/Family Relationships
Family Support

Cañada College offers specializations also. Check the School Catalogues for the courses that qualify in each specialization. Also, at Skyline, we will be offering another new course in the fall; EC-E261: Early Intervention Practices will then become part of the Special Needs specialization.

Best to you all as we move into the New Year!

Kate Browne

Circumstances

The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and if they don't find them, make them.



Are you in need of professional growth hours?

Here are some opportunities for professional growth:

1. 2009 Yolo County Child Development Conference

March 14, 2009 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Veterans Memorial Center 203 E. 14th St. (14th and B St.) Davis, Ca 95616.

The Keynote speaker is Lisa Murphy, The Ooey Gooey Lady.

For more info. Call Tamiko at (530)757-5695 or www.cityofdavis.org/cs/childcare.

2. Zap The Gap: Please join us for an engaging day to focus closing the achievement gap. The conference is provided by Curriculum Services, Instructional Services Division, San Mateo County Office of Education. Children, Youth and Family Services is collaborating with Curriculum Services to offer an early childhood breakout session. California Preschool Instructional Network, Region 4 will provide the presentation linking early childhood learning foundations and kindergarten standards and discussing the alignment.

In January 2008, Jack O' Connell, CA Superintendent of Schools, stated at the state Achievement Gap Conference that preschool is the effective strategy to break the achievement gap.

We would like this early childhood strand at this conference to be well attended with a conversation between early childhood professionals and kindergarten teachers. Please feel free to share this announcement with local kindergarten teachers.

Additionally, the presenters throughout the day will be inspiring. Registration is on line accessed through our website. For questions, please contact:

Maryanne Patterson, State Preschool Manager mpatterson@smcoe.k12.ca.us
Phone: [650-802-5616](tel:650-802-5616)

3. Or para una Conferencia en Espanol para Profesionales en el Desarrollo Infantil

Sabado 17 de Enero del 2009 8:00am a 2:30 pm a Chabot College. Llamar a Ana Del Aguila al (510) 723-7284 para mas informacion adelaguila@chabotcollege.edu



Have you checked your new student email?

Logging on to **my.smccd.edu** will allow you to:

Add class to waitlists
Get WebSMART receipts
Correspond with Financial Aid
Make registration appointments
Communicate with instructors and
classmates via Google Applications
You can check your current email account
on WebSMART at
<https://websmart.smccd.edu>
If you have questions
helpcenter@my.smccd.edu

Live Your Life Each Day

Live your life each day as you would climb a mountain. An occasional glance toward the summit keeps the goal in mind, but many beautiful scenes are to be observed from each new vantage point. Climb slowly, steadily, enjoying each passing moment, and the view from the summit will serve as a fitting climax for the journey.

Harold V. Melchert

The Carlmont Winter Concert at Cañada College



Carlmont High school students performed their Winter Concert on Dec. 3 and 4, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the College's Main Theater. The high school students did wonderful performances on all of their musical pieces. The Director, John Dabaldo also did an amazing job and it showed in his student's instrumental concert. Carlmont High school is also accepting donations for the Carlmont Performing Arts Fund. Their goal is \$500,000 in which they have raised \$225,000. Considering the budget cuts at schools and lack of appreciation for the arts, this foundation would be a great place to contribute. Donations are accepted at: www.Carmontacademicfoundation.org.

Coop Education Work Experience

Are you working with children? Are you taking classes next semester? If your answer is yes, then why not enroll in the ECE Co-op Education Work experience class? You can earn anywhere from 1 to 4 units by working at your job with children. All you need to do is sign up for the class and attend the orientation with Anne Nicholls. You must enroll in 7 units, including the co-op units. If you have any questions contact Anne Nicholls at 306-3367. The orientation dates are: Wednesday 5:25-6:25 1/21-2/4 or Saturday 8:00-8:55 1/24-2/7

Computer Literacy Requirements



Demonstration of computer literacy is a requirement for all certificate programs and associate degrees. To meet the requirement, students must complete a course (see the college catalog for more information regarding course choices) or take a computer literacy test that is 50% written and 50% hands on exercises. The Computer Literacy Testing Schedule is listed below. Students must pre-register for the test. Please contact Sharon Finn at (650) 306-3450 or finn@smccd.net one week prior to the test date. Testing takes place in building 13, room 217.

ECE Bulletin Board

Be sure to take a look at the ECE bulletin board in Bldg. 22. It is updated regularly and you will find many interesting items in terms of such topics as:

Jobs
Professional Development
Workshops
College Information
Preschool For All updates

Unless commitment is made, there are only promises and hopes; but no plans.

-- Peter F. Drucker

PROGRAMA EVEN START



OFRECE CLASES DE INGLES PARA
PADRES Y MADRES Y **PRE-
ESCOLAR GRATIS!!**

**En Enero, 2009 tendremos una
nueva sesión
de la tarde. Registren a su
hijo/a ahora !!!**

- **Para niños de 3 - 5
años**
- **Todos los días de lunes
a viernes de 1:00
p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (el
horario se puede cambiar
según
las necesidades de las
familias!)**

PROGRAMA EVEN START EN LA
ESCUELA JOHN GILL (ESQUINA
DE JEFFERSON Y MYRTLE)

LLAME A HEATHER IRANI AL
(650) 569-2332 O DIANA
ESPINOSA AL (650) 306-3388
PARA MAS INFORMACION!

ECE 366 (37164) Practicum in Early Childhood Education

The Cañada College ECE Department is taking its first step into online classes with one section of ECE 366 Practicum in Early Childhood Education

this spring semester (crn 37164). The course, which is the opportunity for ECE students to practice their skills in their work with young children under the supervision of an **ECE faculty member**, is required for both the ECE Certificate and AS Degree. As an "online" class, there will be **no** on campus meetings, but each student will be required to complete 96 hours of practical experience at an approved **early childhood education site** in San Mateo County. The rest of the course will be offered through the SMCCCD WebAccess course system. For more information about WebAccess, and a tutorial to see if you are ready to take an online course you can go to:

<http://www.smccd.net/accounts/ctl/webaccess/index.html> For more information about the course you can email the professor directly at: dilko@smccd.edu To register for the class you can go to WebSmart at: <https://websmart.smccd.edu/> See you online!
Patty Dilko, Professor of ECE/CD

Cañada College Honors Transfer Program:

Cañada College has just begun an Honors Program. Classes in this program are open to all students interested in a higher **academic challenge**, and who would like to utilize the enhanced transfer opportunities that will soon be available upon completion of their AS/AA Degree or transfer requirements. Details regarding the Honors Transfer Program are available at:

<http://Cañadacollege.edu/honorsprogram/> or directly from the Honors Transfer Program Coordinator Professor Patty Dilko at dilko@smccd.edu

Some Words of Inspiration:

The light beyond the window pane breaks through the unyielding clouds. Watch as its shine brings everything to life and wonder no longer if you have the strength to make life your own.

Caitlin Noah 18

Winter Break is Here !!!

Take time to enjoy your Winter Break and spend some quality time with family and friends. I believe this poem says it best when describing the hustle and bustle of the holidays:

Favorite Time

The week after Christmas
I like best of all;
The rushing is over
And friends come to call.
The fruitcake is ready,
The cookies are made,
And leisure for reading
The cards on parade.
There's time for relaxing,
Old dreams to recall.
The week after Christmas
I like best of all.

Hilda Butler Farr

Learn From our Children

As you go through your busy days, with work, school and family responsibilities, try to remember how our children see things and what we can learn from them. The following poem says it all:

Through the Eyes of Children
Through the eyes of children,

The world seems bright and gay.
The misgivings of our society
Seem to drift away.
Through children's eyes, we aren't judged
By the color of our skin,
But by the way we act and conduct ourselves
And the qualities within.
A child sees the simple things
That we pass by each day,
And views them with wonderment
In a very special way.
If only we could view the world
The way that children see,
We could reach and touch the souls
Of all humanity. *Author Anonymous*

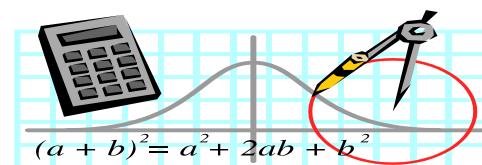
Take time to see the world as if through the eyes of a child.

ECE Math Classes

Do you plan to get your AS Degree in ECE?

Do you want to transfer to a University?

Do you need support for math classes?



Study with your friends in a math class targeted for ECE students in the Spring-2009 semester! !

Register for: Math 112 Tues. 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Course Number (CRN) = 31341

Taught by Ray Lapuz

Take the placement test and register early! !