



Creekside ESS October News 858.679.9601



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DON'T FORGET THESE DATES:

October 11 Columbus Day – School & ESS OPEN

October 15 Creekside Fall Carnival 5:00-8:00

October 26 School Pictures

October 29 CEF Haunted House

LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER:

Nov. 11 & 12 School & ESS Closed, Veterans' Day

Nov. 15-19 Conference week – Minimum Days-see below

Nov. 22-26 School & ESS Closed, Thanksgiving

Dec. 20-31 School & ESS Closed- Winter Break

A message from our ESS Director:

September 2010

Dear ESS Families,

Welcome to our 2010-2011 school year. Hopefully by now you and your children have settled into the routine that will carry you through the year, including ESS as part of that routine serving as your child's extended home.

I have now completed my first year as Director of ESS and have come to several conclusions. First, your children are in the care of the most professional and caring staff possible. They embrace all the children with consistent and nurturing care, establishing that individual relationship with each student in the program. Secondly, I am so impressed by the collaborative nature of their relationship with each one of you to promote the success of your child in ESS. Third, the ESS staff has such a "can do" attitude that despite budget concerns, long hours, and lots of little voices, they continue to smile and be totally engaged. And lastly, I have learned how supportive our community of families has been entrusting us with your most prized possession.

We are off to a great start this year. Our numbers are over 3100 strong and as we grow we find ourselves as a work in progress to meet the challenges of our diverse 25 site population. One of our challenges is to find ways to train all of our staff, many of whom are college students with complicated schedules, while recognizing the need to have well prepared individuals working with our children. ESS is also working to strengthen the relationships with your school sites so we have a smooth transition between the school day and our program.

Please note the changes in our calendar this year. While we are fee based and self supporting, we are also under the umbrella of Poway Unified. Therefore, due to budget rollbacks and the school calendar, we also must accommodate those changes as reflected in the days we are closed.

Thank you again for the gift of your children, and we take very seriously this responsibility. Please feel free to contact me at jgregg@powayusd.com with any questions or concerns. We even take compliments!

Sincerely,
Johneen Gregg
Director ESS

November Conference Days – Unless you are Full Day or PM, you will need to register and pay extra for afternoon ESS if you need PM care during 12:45 early dismissal Conference Week. The deadline to sign up & be billed is October 11. Later, pay when enrolling \$16/ day

After School Enrichment Program

We have had some questions about the Enrichment program (see flyers in rack outside school office). These fee-based after school activities classes, which are offered each semester and are held at the school sites, are not conducted by the school district, or by ESS. They are offered by an independent company which has been approved by PUSD. ESS is not able to deduct charges for the time your child might be attending Enrichment classes. ESS is still liable for checking the child's attendance, and for making sure the child goes to and returns from the Enrich class. .

About our Staff

Where's Ms Carol Ann? She was selected to go to England for a college semester. She'll be back after New Year's. Mr. Erik has steadily been onstage in a series of theatrical productions. We posted a flyer from his last performance at the Lyceum. We'll try to keep you posted on his future performances, so that those who want to can attend. We have to admit that he has talent! Ms Kristina won her kick-boxing match in San Francisco – way to go! Don't mess with Ms Kristina!! Mr. Donnie is going to Haiti the first week of October with a group from his church. We're sure their repair efforts will be appreciated.