



Citrus College  
Orfalea Family Children's Center  
Spring Newsletter  
2009



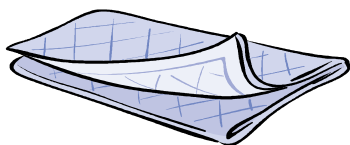
It is time to wake up and spring back into action. Spring is a time of renewal for many people. The weather is becoming warmer, days are lasting longer, trees are beginning to bud with new leaves and flowers are starting to bloom. The world around us is coming to life again and now is the time to renew and recharge; there is a new energy in the air!

This is the start of a wonderful new semester! We are opening two new rooms and welcoming many new 2-and-a-half year old children and their parent's to the center's family; we welcome new families and welcome back returning students and their children! We also welcome new student aides and returning teachers to the classrooms!!!

## Center Happenings

Feb. 24th-27th—Hearing Screening  
Mar. 3rd-5th—Picture Days  
Mar. 13th—Pre K Dental Screening  
April—Blue Ribbon Month  
April 13th-17th—Spring Break  
**Center open for working families**  
April 21st-22nd—Vision Screening  
May—Annual Hop-a-Thon  
May 11th—Parent Workshop  
May 11th-14th—Book Fair

Classroom and support staff are available to answer your questions and hear your concerns; please feel free to stop in or call at any time. Please take into account the rest time in your child's classroom, as a ringing phone will wake the children.



Please take your child's bedding home and wash it each weekend, and return it the following week!

## Contracted Hours

Parents receiving subsidized child development services from the state are having their fees for care paid for by the state, which means with taxpayers' taxes. It is important that parents follow all guidelines established by the state for the privilege of receiving these services.

One of these guidelines is that of 'contracted hours' This is the schedule of attendance contract established by the parent based on their need for care. This includes time spent at work or in the classroom, as well as some study time. The state will not pay for care for any time that is not considered a 'need'.

This contract is between the parent and the state, and must be adhered to. If you are not bringing your child in on time, or picking your child up early or late you are not following this contract and this will lead to termination of services.

If there is a change in your work or school schedule, and you need to alter your contract you must see Sue Manning and create a new contract.

**Misuse of contracted hours is grounds for termination from the Child Development Center.**



### Parking

During the first month of the semester parking is a challenge on campus and it is important that you allow yourself enough time to drop off and get where you need to be.

Please be sure to follow all parking guidelines and be patient. The center will not be able to 'get you out of' tickets you receive because you did not follow guidelines. We will try to support you should there be another issue involved.

**Make sure to put the BLUE Parent Parking Pass on your dash so you do not get a ticket!**

### February Celebrations

Feb 24th—Pancake Day  
Feb 28th—National Tooth Fairy



### March Celebrations

Mar 8th—Daylight Savings Time  
Mar 9th—Napping Day  
Mar 17th—St Paddy's Day  
Mar 23rd—National Puppy Day

**Use My Pyramid to help your preschooler eat well, be active and be healthy.**

You are the most important influence on your child. You can do many things to help your children develop healthy eating habits for life.

- Set a Good Example
- Offer a Variety of Foods
- Start with Small Portions
- Help them know when they have had enough
- Follow a Meal and Snack Schedule
- Make Mealtime a Family Time
- Help Them Try New Foods
- Make Food Fun
- Play Actively Every Day



### April Celebrations

April 1st—National Fun Day  
April 12th—Easter  
April 16th—Moment of Laughter Day  
April 22nd—Earth Day



### May Celebrations

May 1st—Mother Goose Day  
May 6th—No Diet Day  
May 10th—Mom's Day  
May 16th—Sea Monkey Day



### June Celebrations

June 1st—Go Barefoot Day  
June 12th—Loving Day  
June 16th—Fudge Day

**Don't Forget to Sign Your Child  
In and Out Each Day**



**Hours of Operation**

Day Care in the Main Center  
6:30-8:00am/4:00-6:30pm

Classroom Education  
8:00am—4:00pm

Enrollment Office Hours  
7:30am—4:00pm

Front Desk Hours  
8:00am—5:00pm

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