

El Segundo Pre-School “Eagles’ Nest”



Eagles' Nest Room.

COMMUNITY OUTPOUR HELPS BEAUTIFUL PRESCHOOL GROUNDS

Saturday, May 2 saw community members, parents, faculty and staff swarm the grounds of the Eagles' Nest El Segundo preschool in an effort to beautify the grounds. Mrs. Kelli Keller, preschool administrator and Assistant Principal at Center Street Elementary, was clearly excited about the turnout. "There were so many volunteers present, willingly working towards creating an improved environment for our community's youth, they really need to be commended for their hard work."

Dr. Geoff Yantz, ESUSD Superintendent, was especially grateful to Wes Harding from the Foursquare Church, and Chad Mayer of ShareFest "for making this dream a reality.

The site's new enhancements are evidence of what can happen when we all work together – and we look forward to our continuing partnership in years to come."

Volunteers painted classrooms, built children's cubbies, and hauled loads of woodchips onto the grounds as phase one of what will soon become a flourishing school and garden. Individual beds will be built outside each classroom, making them a potentially rich learning environment for the preschool students. And as Keller laughs, "What kid doesn't like to dig in the dirt?"

Again giving a nod to ShareFest, Mrs. Keller noted that they were the perfect group with which to partner. "After all, their orga-

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ESUSD Pre-School and Kindergarten Registration Clock Starts Ticking



Kris Martin, District Registrar

IN TIME OF BUDGET UNCERTAINTIES EARLY REGISTRATION HELPS DISTRICT PLAN FOR 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

In a bid to help provide a clear idea of what the staffing needs will be in El Segundo schools for the 2009-2010 school year, El Segundo Unified is encouraging parents to register their children as soon as possible for kindergarten and preschool programs. According to Kris Martin, Senior Administrative Assistant and the point-person on all school registrations, "The earlier we know how many incoming kinders we have, the sooner we can decide how many classrooms we'll be staffing. I understand parents don't see the need to rush to get in here because to them, September seems a long way away. But to us, it's really very important that we get an idea of the numbers of students

we'll be responsible for. The same goes for new resident students in any grade level, kindergarten through twelve, who will be enrolling in El Segundo schools for the 2009-10 year."

In years past when budget issues were not at the forefront of everyone's thoughts, it wasn't as crucial to have an accurate head count by May or June. However, ESUSD made a deliberate effort to hang on to its class size reduction programs in grades K – 3, which

means just twenty seats are available in each classroom. "A flood of kids showing up at the last minute can really disrupt our planning process," Dr. Geoff Yantz, ESUSD Superintendent noted. "Conversely, if parents know for a fact they are moving out of the district, the sooner we're informed of that fact, the sooner we can make preparations to fill that seat."

Throwing another monkey wrench into the early registration push is that due to budget constraints the district office will not be open the entire summer as it has been in years past for registration. Those blackout dates have yet to be determined, so Mrs. Martin encourages parents to come in as soon as possible "so they don't find themselves in conflict with summer vacations and other family summer obligations that make the

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