

Long Beach Day Nursery News

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Program Director Maintains High Quality Standards

Amy Bigelow, LBDN Program Director, has a very big job. Amy has worn many “hats” in her 17 years at the Nursery, and as Program Director for the past four, she is directly responsible for the oversight and implementation of all of LBDN’s programs – from staff, curriculum, the food program, early intervention, Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP), professional development and staff in-service training to hiring staff and supervising the Center Directors.

“One of the newest programs offered to our teachers is the preschool math training program,” Amy said. “This program came about as part of my master’s degree program

and offers 12 weeks of training on how to teach the appropriate math at the preschool level. I currently have 13 teachers involved, which includes our two Center Directors.”

Additionally, Amy fine tunes her skills and LBDN’s programs through her involvement in a variety of organizations and committees, including the Long Beach City College Early Childhood Education Advisory committee, Long Beach ROP, and making site visits for programs wanting or continuing to participate in the LAUP program. She is also beginning work on renewing LBDN’s accreditation. “There are a lot of guideline changes in preparation for our West Branch review in spring 2007,” she said.



LBDN Program Director, Amy Bigelow

Questions or Concerns about our Programs?

Please contact the Center Directors first – Linda Blackshire at the West Branch, 562.591.0509, Ext. 106 or Robin Buchanan at the East Branch, 562.421.1488, Ext. 103. Amy can be reached at 562.421.1488, Ext 104.



Evan Schwieger with East Branch Associate Center Director, Martha Garcia-Houghton.

Eagle Scout Project at East

This past spring, Evan Schwieger from Boy Scout Troop 1999 in Orange County completed his Eagle Scout project at the East Branch. As part of his project, Evan and his crew designed and built two sheds to house the children’s tricycles and planter boxes for the playground area.

Evan obtained the proper permits from the City of Long Beach, as well as raised the funds for all of the supplies, including lunch for his workers.

Thank you to Evan and his crew for a job well done!

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Executive Director's Message

Dear Friends:
If you were presented with an investment strategy with a guaranteed return of up to 16 percent, what would you do?

Recent analyses by no less than the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (the Bank) and other economists have demonstrated that there are extraordinary economic and societal returns on investments made in high quality child development programs – with estimated returns ranging from seven to sixteen percent! As the Bank has stated, “when it comes to early childhood education, we’re confident that this is one policy with a high public return.”

The high return is based on the fundamentals of human development. We know that a child’s healthy social, emotional, physical and cognitive development forms early in life during critical developmental windows beginning at birth. With the proper developmentally appropriate stimuli during the first five years of life, brain development is maximized and leads to an individual’s later success in school, life and society. Investments in high quality early education programs ensure that our children become solid, contributing citizens. To quote the Bank once again, “Investing in the education of children in their earliest years makes

sense as an economic development strategy precisely because the returns are large, reliable and reaped by both the individuals involved and the general public.”

For nearly 100 years, the Long Beach Day Nursery has cared for and educated the children of working families, preparing them for success in school and in society. We invest in our community’s children, our most valuable natural resource, by offering the best quality early education available. We encourage children to explore, discover and create, building their confidence and teaching them to enjoy learning. Our relationship-based care, low teacher/child ratios, services for children with special needs, and systems that allow for continuity and stability for our children result in the highest quality care and education found in Long Beach. We think our children are worth the investment.



Sincerely,

Patrice Wong
Executive Director

Message from the Chair

Dear Friends of Long Beach Day Nursery:

When you look under the title of this newsletter, you see a subheading that reads “since 1912.” This is 2006!!! The Long Beach Day Nursery is in its 94th year and is still serving children of working parents. Back in the early 1900s, many women found it necessary to work to provide for their families and there was an increased need for child care. Recognizing that need, the Long Beach Day Nursery was founded. Florence Bixby and Avis Bixby were the first president and vice-president. Since then, both Betty Bixby and Jean Bixby Smith have served as president. I am very proud to continue the Bixby family’s long association with the Nursery.

The mission of LBDN, “..... to provide quality early care and education for young children of working parents” is just as relevant today as it was in 1912. The Nursery constantly strives to provide the best quality care for its children in a number of ways. We achieve our high standards by applying a set of core principles, or best practices, to our programs:

- Low teacher/child ratios and small class sizes
- Continuity of Care

- Consistent, calm, and inviting classroom environments
- Special Needs/Early Intervention
- Parental involvement and partnership

Additionally, our highly qualified administrators and teachers are constantly working to improve their skills through ongoing training as well as a formal professional development program.

You are welcome to come by either of our branches and visit a classroom. Were she to walk into one of the Nursery’s classrooms today, I believe Florence Bixby would be very pleased to see the children in such a happy, healthy, learning environment.



Sincerely,

Barbara Bixby Blackwell
Chair, Board of Directors

Welcome New Board Members!

Four new board members have recently joined LBDN's board of directors:



John Dupuy is vice president, branch manager, for Union Bank of California in downtown Long Beach. He has 30 years of experience in finance and banking, as well as an equally long history in community work and volunteerism.



Jonathan Gotz is president of Gotz Insurance Agency, which he founded in 1982. He is a current member of the board of directors for the Long Beach Chapter of the American Red Cross, and serves as program committee chair of the Long Beach Housing Development Company.



Shannan Gardner is a senior manager at Deloitte & Touche, managing all aspects of tax compliance and consulting engagements for closely held corporations, S-corporations, LLCs and high net worth individuals.



Jannell Hanstein is senior director/operations, research and development and interim CEO of PeacePartners, Inc. Jannell has extensive experience in the early childhood education field, having worked at the Children's Home Society and Lakeshore Learning Materials. 


Annual Meeting at Virginia Country Club



From L to R: Greg Haeseler, Barbara Bixby Blackwell, Gayle Clock, Julie Taboada (for Linda Silver), Melanie Werts (for Carolyn Bixby), Elaine Thompson and Daphne Ching-Jackson.

LBDN officers were installed at the annual meeting held at Virginia Country Club this past June.

Jean Bixby Smith, honorary board member and a past president, installed the new officers in a light-hearted ceremony. Using toys to symbolize the various board positions, Jean kept board members and guests entertained with her wit and humor, culminating in the presentation of a tiara to her sister Barbara Bixby Blackwell in recognition of her election to Chair of the Board of Directors.

Also recognized were: Jan Faris, Donita Van Horik, and Meg Westlund, all of whom attained Honorary Board Member status this year; Carolyn Bixby for being elected to a third term; Melanie Werts and Linda Silver for being elected to a second term; Minnie Douglas for her completion of one term and becoming a community advisor for LBDN's community relations committee; and Pat Weber for receiving the Helen Newcomb Award from the Junior League. 

New LBDN Staff -

• **Esther Garibay**, Inter-Branch Floating Teacher • **Rashay Ealy**, Substitute Teacher • **Marie C. Davison**, Inter-Branch Floating Teacher • **Camesha Taylor**, Substitute Teacher • **Alice Wallace**, Substitute Teacher • **Connie Ourn**, Office Administrator • **Cathleen Corbin**, Substitute Teacher. • **Eileen Factor**, Development and Communications Director. • LBDN also welcomes **Mayra Rangel**, CAMEO Intern for Summer 2006.

Congratulations to...

• **Editha Villaverde Reapor**, promoted to Head Toddler Teacher, East Branch • **Reyna Gutierrez**, promoted to Head Preschool Teacher for Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP), West Branch • **Dianna Pyland**, transferred to Head Preschool Teacher for LAUP, East Branch • **Akeika Dawson**, promoted to Inter-Branch Floating Teacher.

Long Beach Day Nursery - Gallery of Donors

Thank You to All of Our Wonderful Supporters!

Reflects gifts received July 1, 2006 to August 17, 2006.

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A special thank you to
CAMEO, the Professional
Women's Auxiliary of the
Assistance League of Long
Beach, for support through
their summer intern program.

Congratulations and thank
you to the Parent Advisory
Committee of LBDN's East
Branch for their successful
fund-raising effort at
Fuddrucker's Restaurant
in Lakewood.

Contributions received after
print deadline are gratefully
acknowledged and will
appear in the next issue.

Donations and gifts received
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June 30, 2006 will be
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Make your donation online
by visiting us at
www.lbdn.org. Click on
"Support LBDN" and then on
"Donate Now!"



Stepping Stones Raises \$100K for Scholarships

This past year's Stepping Stones to Success Scholarship campaign raised \$100,000. Led by Honorary Chairs Sandy and John Wells, Stepping Stones offers scholarships for families who do not qualify for public subsidies, but find it a financial hardship to pay full fees.



Nadia Slade with her son, Jacob.

A former Stepping Stones family, Nadia Slade and her son Jacob, were grateful for the support. "Jacob was on the waiting list to attend West Branch for six months. He has been enrolled for more than a year now and comes home every day with something new he has learned," says Nadia. "LBDN provides a school environment where he is able to learn. It makes me feel good about leaving him each day when I drop him off."

The following individuals deserve a very big "Thank You!" for their pro bono contributions to the Stepping Stones campaign – Alyssa and Sven Igawa and Igawa Design for the concept, design and photography for the new Stepping Stones brochure; Gary Ward for color correction; and Erik Phillips and Meridian Graphics for the donation of paper and printing. 📄

Our Wish List

Cleaning out your garage, closet and cupboards? We can use the following items:

Art & Craft Supplies:

- Markers, Paint Brushes and Paint Rollers
- Beads
- Corrugated Paper
- Foam Pieces
- Card Stock, Colored Paper and Gift Wrap
- Magazines
- Berry Baskets
- Braid, Ribbon, and Rick Rack
- Photo Albums and Picture Frames
- Fabric and Felt
- Plastic Squeeze Bottles and Spray Bottles
- Wooden Dowels
- Egg Cartons
- Vinyl Tablecloths
- Zippers

Writing Center and Language Instructional Supplies:

- Pens and Pencils
- Post-It Notes
- Envelopes
- Paper
- Alphabet Macaroni

Outdoor and Garden Supplies:

- Wind Chimes
- Bird Food/Bird Seed
- Flower or Vegetable Seeds or Seedlings

Science Instructional Supplies:

- Aquarium Gravel
- Corks
- Salt and Pepper Shakers
- Sandpaper
- Muffin Tins (and Baking Cups), Pie Tins, Loaf Pans, Cake Pans, Cookie Cutters, Funnels, Ice Cube Trays
- Bowls of All Sizes
- Pots and Pans
- Spatulas, Wooden Spoons, Scoops, Rolling Pins, Egg Beaters, Measuring Cups and Other Kitchen Utencils

Dramatic Play Supplies:

- Men's and Women's Clothing and Accessories (hats, ties, shoes, gloves, jewelry, scarves, wigs, hair pieces, etc.)
- Old Telephones and Radios (do not have to be in working order)
- Glasses Frames

- Old Hair Dryers and Curling Irons (please cut cords off)
- Hair Rollers
- Plastic Vases
- Infant Clothing

Miscellaneous

- Bags
- Checkers and Other Game Pieces
- Clothes Pins
- Golf Tees
- Large Pillows
- Hangers
- Wicker Baskets
- Plastic Soda Bottle Tops
- Plastic Scoops from Detergent Boxes

Labels for Education:

- Save labels or lids with UPC codes from Campbell's, Franco American, Pepperidge Farm, Swan Broths, Pace Salsa, Prego Pasta Sauces and V8 Juices.

Please drop off items at either of our branches. You will receive a receipt for your donation. Thank you!

New Grads and Scholarship Winners!

Congratulations to the following staff and teachers who recently received degrees...

- **Amy Bigelow**, program director – MA, University of La Verne
- **Enrique Hernandez**, human resources director – MBA, Pepperdine University
- **Xochitl Ramirez**, head infant teacher at East Branch – AA from Cerritos College
- **Edith Suarez**, preschool teacher at West Branch – AA degree from Long Beach Community College. Edith received the first LBDN scholarship from LBCC that was funded by a generous donation from Donita Van Horik and John Fielder!



Edith Suarez and family celebrate her graduation from LBCC.



Top to Bottom: Q the Storyteller entertains the children and one of the smallest guests stays close to mom.

5th Annual Family Summer Picnic

Lots of smiling faces and great summer weather made the 5th Annual Family Picnic at Heartwell Park this past August the place to be! Face painting by the Girl Scouts, balloons and magic by Geebo the Clown, and stories by Q the Storyteller entertained the children while “Spike,” the Long Beach Ice Dog’s furry mascot, added laughter to the festivities. And, on hand again this year to feed the hungry crowd with delicious grilled hot dogs was the Long Beach Fire Department. Guests also quenched their thirst with nutritious and delicious fruit smoothies from Safari Smoothies and Teas. A special raffle of books from the Long Beach Public Library Foundation and duffle bags from the YMCA of Greater Long Beach ended the day.

Thank you to all who made this day possible...our picnic co-chairs Brian Russell and Elaine Thompson and the other board members on the picnic committee, the Long Beach Fire Department, Long Beach Ice Dogs, Safari Smoothies and Teas, Trader Joe’s Los Altos, Munro’s Furniture, City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services, Girl Scout Council of Greater Long Beach, YMCA of Greater Long Beach, and the Long Beach Public Library Foundation. 🐶



Volunteers from UPS Supply Chain Solutions/Carson spruce up the playgrounds and gardens at the West Branch.



Building Blocks: Leaving A Legacy to LBDN

Long Beach Day Nursery has received bequests from faithful supporters throughout its long history with each gift contributing to the Nursery's ongoing viability.

Recently, Honorary Board Member Carrie Brookshire and her husband Bruce established the *Carrie M. Brookshire Scholarship Fund*. Earnings from this generous donation go toward our Infant Care Program to help bridge the gap between what families can afford and the actual cost of care.

Carrie served nine years on the board and two as its president. Bruce Brookshire is Chairman of the Board of the Brookshire Grocery Company, well known for its community involvement and philosophy of "we sell groceries, but people are our business."

Here are the ABCs to become a Building Block:


- A:** Determine if you would like to leave a lasting gift by making a donation to the Long Beach Day Nursery Endowment Fund via a planned gift;
- B:** Name LBDN as a beneficiary in your will, living trust, life insurance policy, retirement account, trust or annuity;
- C:** Join us in our goal to reach 100 planned gifts by our 100th anniversary. We are already one-third of the way there!

The following are Building Blocks for LBDN's Future:

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Your gift will live on, improving children's lives for years to come. For questions regarding making a planned gift, please contact LBDN Executive Director Patrice Wong at 562.591.0509. 


'Tea Time Treasures' A Resounding Success!

The annual 'Tea Time Treasures' Fashion Show & Tea raised more than \$50,000 this year for the Nursery. Upwards of 250 people attended the May 6 event at the Long Beach Airport Marriott Hotel. This year's event honored former Long Beach Mayor Beverly O'Neill who is an alumna of LBDN and a well-known advocate for children and early childhood education.

A delicious luncheon of Asian salad and chocolate and lemon truffles was served. Following the luncheon was a spring/summer fashion show featuring friends and family members of the Nursery. A silent auction and opportunity drawing also were highlights of the event.

LBDN Board Members Melanie Werts and Julie Taboada took on the event's co-chair duties. The fashion show was

coordinated by Jan Faris and new Board Chair Barbara Bixby Blackwell. Other board members on the committee included Gail Schwandner, Georgia Jones, Donita Van Horik, Pat Sandt, Linda Silver and former Board Member Kathy Wade.

The grand prize winner was Marie Roser who won a five-day stay at Casa Estrella in Guanajuato, Mexico, including \$800 toward airfare. Fashions were provided by *Sunshine on 2nd*, *Hiatt and Peek*, and *Greater LA Woman*. 



LBDN models show off spring and summer fashions.



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