



# Preschool News

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RBCPC Early Childhood Education Programs \* Patti Hunter, Director - [phunter@rbpc.org](mailto:phunter@rbpc.org) \* website: [www.rbpcpreschool.com](http://www.rbpcpreschool.com)

"When inclusion is fully embraced, we abandon the idea that children have to become "normal" in order to contribute to the world. Instead we search for and nourish the gifts that are inherent in all people. We begin to look beyond typical ways of becoming valued members of the community, and in doing so, begin to realize the achievable goal of providing all children with an authentic sense of belonging" -Norman Kunc

## Director's Message

Our Preschool shares that we are "committed to inclusion" ....what does that really mean? To us, a commitment to inclusion means that we serve children of all abilities, striving to meet each child on their own, unique developmental path. We use a "strength based" model, meaning we build on each child's strengths and interests to foster their development of knowledge and skills. We build our curriculum based on the needs of the individual children in a class, the collective group, research findings of developmentally appropriate practices, and California's Preschool Learning Foundations. We believe all children are valued contributors to our community and we fully recognize we all learn from one another.

Fred Rogers may have said it best;

"Each person in the world is a unique being, and each has unique human potential. One of the important tasks of growing is the discovery of this uniqueness; the discovery of "who I am" in each of us and the understanding of "who I am" in relation to all those I meet."

Kid's Included Together is a non-profit organization established in 1997 to provide training and support to programs embracing inclusive practices. Our program shares KIT's core belief that *all persons have the right to belong and should be recognized and valued; regardless of differences of ability*. We are a recipient of a KIT grant which provides additional funding for our program and training opportunities for our staff.

We truly appreciate the support we receive from each family we serve and our community partners!  
Patti

## Mark Your Calendars

**Thursday, March 19 - Friday, March 27** we have our Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences . Your teacher will post the date for your class and you will be able to sign up for a time.

**Monday, March 23 or Wednesday, March 25** you are invited to enjoy an evening at the World Bistro & Gardens (Stone Brewing Co) and help to raise funds for the Preschool! The family of the co-founder and brew master of Stone Brewing Co are members of RBCPC and past preschool parents. They are offering this opportunity as a way of giving back to the preschool. A generous donation of 25 % of all proceeds will be donated to the Preschool. Reservations are required @ 471-4999. Additional flyers are available in the Preschool Office.

**Monday, March 30 and Tuesday, March 31** are our Chapel dates for this month. Join your child either at 11:00 (morning classes) or 12:30 (afternoon classes).

**Monday, March 30** Lunch Bunch Sign Up for April and May

As we move into April, we want to give you a heads up for a couple of dates.

**April 3 - May 8** The Preschool's Children's Art Celebration will be on display in the Church Gallery.

**April 6 - 10** Preschool is closed for Spring Break

**April 11** The traditional RBCPC Community Easter Egg Hunt

**April 20** Dad's Nights for M/W/F and M-Th morning classes

**April 21** Dad's Nights for Tuesday/Thursday morning classes

**April 27** Dad's Nights for M/W/F and M-Th afternoon classes

**April 28** Dad's Nights for Tuesday/Thursday afternoon classes

Please visit our website: [www.rbpcpreschool.com](http://www.rbpcpreschool.com) for an informative article:

**The Changing Nature of Play**

This article can be found under: Communication/Education: Articles on Specific Topics.

## Do you have a child with a summer or fall birthday?

### Poway Extended Primary Program (PEPP)

[www.powayusd.com/Depts/LSS/PEPP](http://www.powayusd.com/Depts/LSS/PEPP)

Are you thinking about the PEPP program?

Join us for a PEPP information night!

When: Thursday, March 19th 6:30—7:30

Where: Painted Rock Elementary School

16711 Martincoit Road

Multi-Purpose Room

If your child will be 5 years old between June 1st and December 2nd, the PEPP program may be the place for you. The PEPP program is a developmentally appropriate kindergarten program designed for our youngest students. Through this program, students get the chance to develop important skills essential for school success in kindergarten and beyond.

Sound interesting?

Want to learn more?

Come join us Thursday, March 19th for an information night. There will be a brief overview of the program and why it might be appropriate for your child. PEPP teachers will be available to answer questions and show a PEPP classroom.

Go to <http://www.powayusd.com/teaching/sss/pepp.asp> for more information.

If you are ready to sign up for PEPP now, contact Nancy Dannhauser - [ndannauser@powayusd.com](mailto:ndannauser@powayusd.com) or (858) 668-4156 to sign up.

**What:** Dinner out with Family and Friends

**Where:** Stone Brewing World Garden & Bistro

**When:** Monday 3/23 or Wednesday 3/25

**Why:** To enjoy an evening with those you love and to help raise funds for RBCPC Preschool.

**The Details:** The family of the co founder and brewmaster of Stone Brewing Co. are RBCPC members and past preschool parents. He is offering this opportunity as a way of giving back to the preschool. A generous 25% of all proceeds will be donated to the RBCPC Preschool.

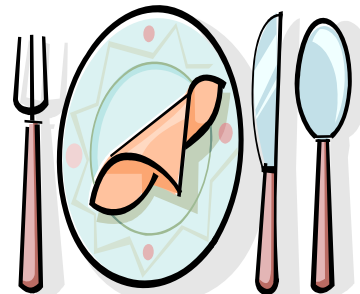
Reservations are required. Please call 760 - 471- 4999 to place your reservations.

Remember—you must take this flyer with you and present it to your server at the time of ordering.

*World Bistro & Gardens*  
*Stone Brewing Co.*  
1999 Citracado Parkway  
Escondido, CA 92029  
[www.stonebrew.com](http://www.stonebrew.com)

*Thank you for all your support*

*Stone Brewing*  
*World Bistro & Gardens*



### **Event Planner Wanted - End of the Year Celebration**

We are looking for a parent or two who enjoy planning and organizing events and who are willing to give of their time and talent. As the school year moves along it won't be long before we are celebrating the end of another year. The preschool holds an annual 'End of the Year Celebration'. If you are interested in helping to plan and organize this fun family event please contact Kathie Moehlig at [kmoehlig@rbpc.org](mailto:kmoehlig@rbpc.org).

### **Spring Mission Program - Birthday Box Program**

Our spring missions program provides families the chance to help other children in need. Families can take a box, fill it with items for a boy or girl from a suggested list then return it to the preschool. The boxes will be distributed to foster children attending the Royal Family Kid's Camp here in San Diego. Many of these children have endured extreme hardship and your gift will touch them profoundly. This is a great family activity that can help to teach our kids to give back.

**We are currently seeking a parent that would like to handle the 'administration' aspect of this Mission Project. If you have a few hours to help out please contact Kathie Moehlig at [kmoehlig@rbpc.org](mailto:kmoehlig@rbpc.org).**



**DID YOU KNOW.....**that your child may be a carpenter during their outside time? Of course, supervision and safety are our utmost concerns, so we make sure that a staff member is always present and that the children wear goggles while hammering. The children may hammer nails into logs, use a hand-drill, or nail two small pieces of wood together. All of these activities allow children to explore, create, and experiment; all while building gross and fine motor skills!