



Friends of the ECEC Newsletter

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The mission of the ISU Early Childhood Education Center is to provide opportunities for teacher training, research, and service to persons within the university setting as well as the community at large. The ISU ECEC demonstrates quality early childhood programs for young children and their families with a commitment to cultural diversity.

Recycling Project



We learned of a great recycling project and started participating in November 2003. Thanks to the support of the ISU

community, we have earned nearly \$400.00! We currently have collection boxes in University Hall, the School of Education Lobby and 11th Floor, School of Business Lobby, Parson's Hall and hope to expand to other locations on campus.

If you, your university department, or business connection would like to participate, please call us at x2547 for details! The company provides the shipping boxes, and UPS picks up for free!



Our Visit with Dr. Thomas Moore

This fall, our child care center groups had the opportunity to benefit from a music experience with Dr. Thomas Moore, who was honored at Homecoming as this year's Distinguished Alums. Dr. Moore received his PhD from the ISU School of Education and has earned an international reputation as a music educator and children's music recording artist.



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Dr Thomas Moore

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We would like to offer special thanks to all of you who graciously donated between July 1, 2003—June 1, 2004 to help benefit our program.

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Fun Fundraiser

Several School of Education Faculty recently got together to celebrate their 40th birthdays, and asked that friends forgo cards or gifts, but instead make donations to the Early Childhood Education Center. We are so appreciative of this generous gesture!

Staff Training

Our teachers are learners, too. ECEC staff have attended the following workshops and trainings this winter:

4-C sponsored Better Baby Care Class – excellent opportunity for our Infant classroom teacher Lori Mackey to stay current in research and practices in this area.

All of our Head Teachers joined approximately 20,000 other early childhood professionals in Chicago this fall at the annual National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) National Conference.

Director Gail Gottschling received training to become an NAEYC Accreditation Validator. This will be a way for us to support our national organization and join the process of encouraging centers to raise their standards and create the best possible learning environments for young children.

Eight staff members attended the Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children state conference this spring.

Director Gail Gottschling, Early Childhood Specialist Cheryl Akers, and Head Teacher Andrea Henderson consulted with Dara Feldman, Early Childhood Technology Consultant, re: best practices in using technology with pre-schoolers. We learned some great ways to use digital photography to document children's learning, as well as ways to critique educational software.

ISU Students

ISU Student Participants spend time in our center each semester to gain important practical experience to complement their professional course work. This semester alone, we have enrolled 90 students! Early Childhood Education and Child Development students have observed our teachers, tried our learning activities and participated in parent conferences and meetings. Educational and School Psychology undergraduates have observed children's learning and development, while the graduate students practiced administering intelligence scales. P.E. students have explored physical education activities with the pre-schoolers and Music and Dance students have added to our repertoire of music and movement offerings. Dietetics students visit each week to learn about child care food service and nutrition, and research topics of interest for the staff and director.

Our ISU students enrich our program (the children love the "ISU friends") and allow our staff to share their expertise with these enthusiastic learners.



Parent/Teacher Connections

Our staff have presented a number of informative workshops and meetings for parents this semester, including,

- "Toilet Training made Easier"
- Transitioning your child from one classroom to another"
- "Nutrition for Pre-schoolers, helping picky eaters and over eaters."
- Kindergarten – How to choose, readiness, examining your feelings about this important milestone."



A fall hayride, several pot-luck dinners and open houses also provided ways for families and staff to get to know each other! We also offer home visits to any families who would like a special visit from their child's teacher.



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