

La Cristianita Preschool
March 2019 News
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From the director...

As I write this, it is the last day of February and it has been quite a week here at La Cristianita Preschool! This week was one of the hardest weeks yet for our LCP family! Those of you who know me well, know that my life is an open book and I wear my heart on my sleeve. Whether you are a parent of a current or former student, an employee, or a church member—La Cristianita is one big family; we love and respect each other just as family would! In January 1989 I began my career in Early Childhood Education teaching infants at a Kinder Care in Laguna Niguel. Barely 20 years old and thinking it sounded “fun” to do, I took a few classes, moved up to toddlers, then to 2’s, then within about a year and a half I moved into an assistant director position. I have run corporate schools, school aged programs, faith based programs, private programs and then I ended up here, at LCP in September of 2002. At the time, the logistics of the job were crazy. My home was in Foothill Ranch, Mackenzie was starting kindergarten in Huntington Beach, and I took a job in San Clemente. It was about 3 1/2 hours a day in the car, but something about this place felt “right”...it felt like a place I belonged.

Little did I know then what this place would be to me. This school supported me through the birth of Josh (now 14), a crazy divorce, custody process, traumatic brain injury, and the craziness life has brought. Every step of the way, I was loved and supported by everyone. Every day I come to work and am loved and embraced by my staff, all of our parents, and the daily hugs from little people that fill my soul and keep my faith strong! As a staff we have celebrated the birth of babies, watched our staff kids grow and develop right here at school with us! We have watched them graduate and go onto big school and we have watched our kids go off to college and come home! We mourned together when we lost Grandma Linda and we celebrated her right here with her biological family when she was gone. We celebrate and support each other every step of the way—that’s what family does!

This last week has been a bitter sweet week for all of us—and maybe the hardest one of my career. Monday came, and we anticipated the news of Miss Veronica’s babies coming and we couldn’t wait to meet them. We were all devastated when the news came that she had one strong, healthy baby and one that went to live in the arms of Jesus (and we know Grandma Linda’s arms) that were there waiting to wrap around baby Ivan. While we will all get to share watching Hector grow up here at LCP, I was blessed to get to meet both Hector and Ivan. While I was able to hold Hector and lay him back in Veronica’s arms at the hospital, I was also able to rest my hand on Baby Ivan’s chest, touch the blue beanie on his head and say my own silent prayer.

At 9:44am this morning (2/28/19) Miss Abby welcomed Mia Esmeralda Romero to the world—mom and baby are doing great! Family isn’t always easy! Relationships, parenting, loving and supporting can be challenging...embrace the challenges! Stay strong thru them because celebrating the rewards is worth every second of it! I am grateful every day to be a part of the LCP family!

With much Love, Leigh Ann Downie-Economy

Director



Dates To Remember...

- March 1 - New family registration begins at 8:00am
- March 12 - Family First @ Chipotle
- March 26 & 27 - Spring Pictures with live bunnies!
- March 28 - Trike-A-Thon
- March 29 - Pajama and Movie Day
- April 1-5 - Spring Break!! Day Care will be available for FULL DAY students only & only on their regularly scheduled school day. You must sign up to attend!



Chapel Time...

Please join us at 11:15am in the sanctuary.

March 6, 12, and 20



In Our Classroom...

March is going to be a busy month! We will be learning all about the weather and realizing that there are many other types of weather other than sun and rain like we see in California! We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day and we better be careful because those Leprechauns can be pretty sneaky! Come be and visit - it's going to be busy!!



The Trike-A-Thon is coming!!

Our annual trike-a-thon will take place Thursday, March 28 in the morning! Watch for more details to come home soon! This is a fabulous fundraiser for our school so plan to spend the morning with us cheering the kids on! It is so much fun!!!

Plan your "Catch a Wave" decorations now—but note have no razors or scooters please!

Don't Forget

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 2018 AND/OR

2019/20 SCHOOL YEAR...

MANY CLASSES ARE ALREADY FULL!!! IF YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO WILL BE READY FOR PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS, OR A CHILD WHO ALREADY ATTENDS LCP AND NEEDS TO BE RE-REGISTERED FOR THE SUMMER AND FALL SESSION, SEE LEIGH ANN TODAY! OPEN REGISTRATION FOR NEW FAMILIES BEGINS MARCH 1.