

## *From the Director*

It is hard to believe we are entering the ninth month of the 2011-2012 school year. Time goes by so quickly and children grow so fast that you hardly have the opportunity to enjoy each minute. The ninth month of the school year is May and is remembered for two significant holidays.

The first is Mother's Day and I would like to present a quote in honor of "Mothers":

**Oh, the comfort, the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person, having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words, but pour them all out just as they are, chaff and grain together, knowing that a faithful hand will take and sift them, keep what is worth keeping and with the breath of kindness blow the rest away. This is mother.**  
(Unknown)

The second significant holiday is Memorial Day. With the present conditions in the Middle East, specifically Iraq and Afghanistan, I would like to offer the following in honor of our service men:

**As I watched, the twenty-one gun salute was fired. A young soldier stood at his best friend's coffin with the honor guard, saluting. In his dress uniform, with the stripes, the medals, and the pins, and the terrible loss in his eyes, it became painfully clear what our men and women sacrifice for our country. Never again would Memorial Day be just a three day weekend when I barbecue and cut the grass. Memorial Day is our day as a nation to honor those who have sacrificed so much and make our way of life possible and stand ever ready to defend it.**

**I think of those who have lost a loved one to war. What can I say to them? "Take care of your family, treasure everyone and everything you have, do what you can for other people and honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice"**

## *Teachers' Corner*

The teachers would like to remind you of a few helpful and important requests.

- **GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** – The preschool is continuing to collect General Mills Box Tips. These box tops go for educational programs and materials for the classrooms. All you need to do is clip the box top logo from the participating General Mills products and put them in the designated box in your child's class. The preschool gets 10 cents for each box top.
- **CHANGE OF CLOTHING FOR CHILDREN** – Each child needs to have a complete change of clothing in his/her cubbie. Please be sure to label the clothing with your child's name and put them in a large zip-lock bag. This extra set of clothes is in case of a potty accident or maybe spilling milk or water on clothes.

- **IDENTIFYING YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING** – It is recommended that you mark your child's clothing with a marker to identify the article of clothing if it becomes lost. Children sometimes have the same type and color of clothing and when the jacket or sweater is taken off it can sometimes be laid with another that is a match. With a child's name or even initials on the clothing tag it makes identification much easier for teachers and parents alike. The same should be done with change of clothing articles in the child's zip-lock bag.
- **LOST AND FOUND** – In the preschool hallway between rooms #107 and #108 is our Lost and Found. The clothes, toys, bottles, and other assorted items have overloaded the containers and the area needs to be cleaned-up. On Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> any items remaining in the boxes will be donated to Three-Way Thrift here in Chino. If you have lost something; if you feel you may have lost something; or if you think you might lose something, please check the Lost and Found and retrieve those special items before Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

## *Office Reminders*

- **IMPORTANT INFORMATION IS DISPLAYED ON THE FLAT SCREEN TV MONITOR IN THE SCHOOL LOBBY** – If you have not already noticed the preschool now has a flat screen TV monitor in the lobby. This is not for staff to be able to watch Soap Operas on their breaks, even though that question was asked. The flat screen was installed to keep parents better informed about CPCC happenings and coming events. Coupled with your emails the flat screen will keep you up-to-date on what is taking place at CrossPoint.
- **CHECKING CHILDREN IN AND OUT** – Please be sure that you are checking your child in and out each day. If you do not complete the process we are not sure your child attended that particular day or if and when they were picked up.
- **PRESCHOOL OFFICE HOURS** – CrossPoint's office hours are 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. Office and administrative staff is usually available before and after normal office hours. The front doors will be open during normal school hours, 6:00 am to 6:30 pm.
- **CHECKING YOUR EMAIL** – The most efficient way the preschool communicates with its parents is via email. If you provided the office with your email address you will receive weekly news from your child's teachers and the school office. This is an excellent way to keep informed about what's happening and events at CrossPoint Children's Center.

## *School Calendar of Events*

<b>April</b>	<b>16-18</b>	Graduation Pictures – 4 & 5 year old classrooms
	<b>16-27</b>	Scholastic Book Fairs
	<b>19</b>	Open House – 7:00 and 7:30 pm
<b>May</b>	<b>1</b>	Registration and reservation for Summer Session 2012 opens
	<b>7-11</b>	Teacher Appreciation Week
	<b>24</b>	Spring Program – 7:00 pm
	<b>28</b>	Memorial Day – <b>School Closed</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>15</b>	Preschool Graduation Ceremonies – 4 and 5 year old classes
	<b>15</b>	Preschool Promotions – 2 ½ ,3 year old classes and Kindergarten
	<b>18</b>	Summer Session begins