



# Huntington Beach

## City School District



June 1st, 2016

### Greetings!

*In this edition of the Early Childhood Newsletter, you will find information on our California State Preschool classroom that will open at Perry this September. You will also find our tentative dates for the Learning Link program in the 16/17 year and a few parenting classes that are provided at no cost to families this summer at Pretend City through Child Behavior Pathways. Keep reading to find our monthly reminder on the importance of reading aloud daily, and a Canadian parenting resource that focuses on positive discipline techniques through their website (including short video clips). And last, you will see a few tips that will help you to ensure that your child is safe in and around water this summer. Drowning is the third leading cause of injury-related death in young children between 1 and 4 years of age; we can never be too careful.*

*We hope that you have an amazing summer!*

Have a bath - bubbles optional! • Go for a walk • Make a fresh batch of playdough • Put on your favourite music and dance • Draw on my back and I'll guess what you're drawing • Draw with chalk on the pavement • Perform a puppet show • Cut out magazine pictures to make a funny collage • Make a cubby house from blankets • Play a board game • Create an obstacle course • Listen to an audio story • Get threading or try simple sewing • Make a paper chain as long as your house • Play hopscotch or skittles • Make mud pies • Create a magical land • Make a box car or boat, train or plane • Pull weeds or rake leaves • Wash your bike or dolls or the car • Go on a treasure hunt • Bake a cake • Dress up • Read a book • Go for a swim • Play a guessing game • Visit a new park • Make up a game with a blown up balloon • Have a running race or a wheelbarrow race or 3-legged race • Ride your bike or scooter • Make a milkshake or banana split! • Visit the library • Climb a tree • Play a card game or build a house of cards • Play hide and seek • Draw around your body and decorate it • Build a sandcastle • Blow bubbles • Have a picnic in the backyard • Create a crown or superhero mask • Kick a ball • Play shops or restaurants • Take an indoor toy outdoors • Take photos or a video • Do a jigsaw puzzle • [childhood101.com](http://childhood101.com)

## From the Director of Early Childhood Education

*It is with mixed feelings that I share with you that I will be stepping down from my position of Director of Early Childhood Education for the Huntington Beach City School District; my last day in this role will be August 4th, 2016. I have been offered a full time faculty position in the Child Development and Educational Studies department at Fullerton College, where I have been teaching in an adjunct capacity for many years. I will continue to work in a lesser capacity here in Huntington Beach as long as it is of benefit to the district.*

*I am confident that we will find a passionate, knowledgeable and dedicated Director who will bring fresh ideas to our early childhood community. I look forward to working alongside our new Director for a few weeks prior to my last day, and I will make sure to introduce you once the position has been filled.*

*I have been working here in the Huntington Beach City School District since October of 2013, and we as a community have been able to grow, streamline and foster our early learning programs for young children and their families. Our Preschool Academy program has grown in a multitude of ways and will now encompass a state preschool classroom starting in September. The Learning Link has expanded exponentially in these last few years, and families of young children have found*

*support, resources and a safe space developed for exploration and wonder.*

*Thank you for your passion for parenting and for your support of our early learning programs. It takes a village and a powerful community to develop this strong support for young children, and it has been a true honor for me to have worked alongside you.*

*Together, we have planted these seeds of growth and have been diligently watering them. I know that early childhood education programs in the Huntington Beach City School District will continue to thrive, and I look forward to watching them bloom!*

*Sincerely,*

*Jenn Kinkel*

## **State Preschool: Huntington Beach City School District**

Have you heard that our district will be offering a State Preschool program starting in September? If you would like to be added to our interest list, please contact us today at: [\*\*earlychildhood@hbcasd.us\*\*](mailto:earlychildhood@hbcasd.us). Please use the buttons at the bottom of this e-mail to forward this information on to others who might be interested!

**OPENING SEPTEMBER 2016**

# **HBCSD STATE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

## **NEW FOR 2016-17**

HBCSD Preschool Academy proudly welcomes an exciting addition to our high quality early childhood education programs.

The new **State Preschool** program is a free\* program for children. The program is designed to invite children into the world of learning using the *California Preschool Learning Foundations and Curriculum Frameworks* as a basis for all areas of development.

We believe children:

- have enormous potential and curiosity.
- benefit from intentional, age-appropriate instruction.
- deserve a challenging, enriched learning environment.

Your child will benefit from our highly trained instructors with education and experience specific to the early childhood years.

Our program provides indoor and outdoor activities that engage and support your child's development.



*"Every child deserves the opportunity for a strong start in life through high-quality preschool."*

Income Ceilings: Child Care and Development Programs

Family Size	Family Monthly Income	Family Yearly Income
1-2	\$3,283	\$39,396
3	\$3,518	\$42,216
4	\$3,908	\$46,896
5	\$4,534	\$54,408
6	\$5,159	\$61,908
7	\$5,276	\$63,312
8	\$5,394	\$64,728

\*Eligibility based on family size and gross monthly income guidelines.

**FOR CHILDREN  
3 - 5 YEARS**

Must be 3 yrs old by  
Sept 1, 2016

**9 - 12:30 PM**

Perry Elementary  
5 days/week  
Monday to Friday  
License #304370262



**ENROLLMENT  
OPENS JULY 2016**

Contact us *today* to be placed on our interest list

## **INFORMATION**

Huntington Beach City School District (HBCSD)  
19231 Harding Lane -  
School Readiness Office  
Huntington Beach, CA  
92646

earlychildhood@hbcasd.us  
(714) 962-3348, ext. 2335



## **Learning Link: Tentative 16/17 Calendar**

We are getting ready for a phenomenal 16/17 year with you and your family.

Below, please find our tentative Learning Link Calendar.

Please make sure to contact us in the fall at [earlychildhood@hbcasd.us](mailto:earlychildhood@hbcasd.us) or call us at (714) 962-3348, extension 2335 to confirm!



# HBCSD Learning Link!

*Are you looking for a community that will encourage and enhance your passion for parenting?*

**Come join us at the Huntington Beach City School District's Learning Link, an interactive facility designed especially for families with children ages 0-5.**

**We also offer:**

- \*Information and referrals to community resources
- \*Workshops designed to strengthen families and build relationships  
*(children are always welcome in the Learning Link during family workshops, there will be additional adults in the room to help facilitate activities while adults are participating)*
- \*Health and wellness screenings (by appointment)



**Joseph R. Perry School  
19231 Harding Lane  
Huntington Beach, CA 92646  
Portable 33**

*\*Families will sign in here at the Learning Link*

For additional information, please contact us at:  
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(714) 962-3348 extension 2335



Below, please find a tentative calendar for the 16/17 school year!  
Please contact us at the e-mail or phone number above to confirm.

OCTOBER 2016		
10/7	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session
10/14	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session
10/21	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session
10/28	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session
NOVEMBER 2016		
11/4	CLOSED	CLOSED
11/11	CLOSED	CLOSED
11/18	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session

Updated: 5/31/2016

11/25	CLOSED	CLOSED
<b>DECEMBER 2016</b>		
12/2	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session & Family Workshop
12/9	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session
12/16	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session
12/23	CLOSED	CLOSED
12/30	CLOSED	CLOSED
<b>JANUARY 2017</b>		
1/6	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session
1/13	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session
1/20	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session & Family Workshop
1/27	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session
<b>FEBRUARY 2017</b>		
2/3	CLOSED	CLOSED
2/10	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session
2/17	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session
2/24	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session
<b>MARCH 2017</b>		
3/3	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session & Family Workshop
3/10	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session
3/17	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session
3/24	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session
3/31	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session
<b>APRIL 2017</b>		
4/7	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session
4/14	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session
4/21	CLOSED	CLOSED
4/28	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session & Family Workshop
<b>MAY 2017</b>		
5/5	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session
5/12	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session
5/19	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session
5/26	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session & Family Workshop
<b>JUNE 2017</b>		
6/2	9:00-12:00	Interactive Session

*\*all dates are subject to change*

We hope you will join us!

Updated: 5/31/2016

## Free Summer Parenting Classes

Register for Prepping for Summer: [Prepping for Summer](#)

Register for Stress Management for Parents: [Stress Management](#)

Register for Getting Ready for the New School Year: [Getting Ready](#)



# School's Out!

Is Your Summer Parenting Toolbox Ready?  
Join Us In Our New **FREE** Summer Parenting Series!



### "Prepping for Summer"

The importance of maintaining a routine

Establishing rules for summer

Ideas for planning fun family summer activities

Where: Pretend City Children's Museum in Irvine  
When: Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> Time: 5:30- 7:30pm

### "Stress Management for Parents"

Discussing the meaning of stress

The effects of stress in family and children

Learning the importance of relaxation

Where: Pretend City Children's Museum in Irvine  
When: Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> Time: 5:30 - 7:30pm

### "Getting Ready for the New School Year"

Preparing your child for school

Sticking with morning and bedtime routines

Separation Anxiety; Saying goodbye

Where: Pretend City Children's Museum in Irvine  
When: Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> Time: 5:30 - 7:30pm



For more information and registration contact us at: 949-267-0227  
To register online visit our page on Eventbrite.com  
This is a parent only class - childcare will not be provided.  
[www.childbehaviorpathways.com](http://www.childbehaviorpathways.com)

Supported by the Children & Families Commission of Orange County

Read Aloud



# SEIZE THE SUMMER!

PARENTS, YOU ARE YOUR CHILD'S FIRST  
AND MOST IMPORTANT TEACHER:



- DON'T LET SUMMER ERASE GAINS MADE IN SCHOOL
- MAKE **15 MINUTES** OF DAILY READING ALOUD A HABIT
- EMBRACE TEACHABLE MOMENTS IN EVERYDAY LIFE

VISIT US AT [READALOUD.ORG](http://READALOUD.ORG)



Every child. Every parent. Every day.



## Resource of the Month!



Children See  
Children Learn

Children See, Children Learn is a Canadian parenting web resource that hosts embedded video clips from parents of children between the ages of 1-5, and that includes tips from experts on those age ranges. This resource focuses on positive

discipline techniques and has a variety of links to other sites that you might find helpful in your parenting journey.

Find out more here:

## [Children See, Children Learn](#)

### Water Safety at Home



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Everything you need to know to keep your kids safe in and around water at home.

Whether you're bathing your baby in the sink or splashing around with your toddler in the bathtub, water is great fun for kids. But it's also a place where safety must come first, so here are a few tips for kids who love to get wet.

### Don't Leave Kids Alone in or Around Water

- Never leave your child unattended around water. We know it sounds strict, but there is no room for compromise on this one. Babies can drown in as little as one inch of water.
- Put the cell phone away, forget about all the other things you have to do and give young children 100 percent of your attention when they are near or around water.
- When using inflatable or portable pools, remember to empty them immediately after use. Store them upside down and out of children's reach. These types of pools can pose a drowning risk.



### Close Lids and Doors

- Keep toilet lids closed and use toilet seat locks to prevent drowning.
- Keep doors to bathrooms and laundry rooms closed.



### Learn CPR

- Parents have a million things to do, but learning CPR should be on the top of the list. It will give you tremendous peace of mind – and the more peace of mind you have as a parent, the better.

### Remove Water From Tubs and Buckets After Use

- Once bath time is over, immediately drain the tub.
- Empty all tubs, buckets, containers and wading pools immediately after use. Store them upside down and out of children's reach.



*Drowning is the leading cause of injury-related death among children between 1 and 4 years old. And it's the third leading cause of death among children.*



For more information visit [safe4kids.org](http://safe4kids.org)

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Sincerely,

***Jenn Kinkel***

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