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Tiny Tot Preschool & Kindergarten Newsletter

Blood Drive

Simi Valley, CA, July 6, 2009 / **Press Release** / - Tiny Tot Preschool and Kindergarten at Simi Valley, a Preschool and Kindergarten for children ages 18 months to 6 year olds, is partnering up with the American Red Cross to host its first blood drive. The event will be held on July 21st from 12:30pm-6:30pm at Tiny Tot Preschool and Kindergarten, located at 1680 Patricia Ave. in Simi Valley.

Tiny Tot Preschool and Kindergarten (TTPK) is privately owned and managed by Nare Corporation, a provider of childcare in Simi Valley since 1965. TTPK worked with Mike McAdam, American Red Cross Account Manager Donor Resource Development, to sponsor the event, which attracted 50 potential donors (many first-time donors).

According to the American Red Cross, more than 38,000 blood donations are needed every day, with the most requested blood type being type O. Because type O negative blood is the "Universal Blood Type," meaning that it is the only type that can safely be transfused to a patient with any blood type, keeping an adequate supply of it is essential. Because type O Blood is so critical to the American Red Cross' mission of saving lives, the organization places a special focus on recruiting and retaining type O donors. Mike says that he enjoyed partnering with TTPK on its blood drive and says that reaching community donors is especially important.

TTPK Director, Cindi Whitcomb, says that she is proud of the efforts made by so many TTPK teachers and administrators and hopes that the success of center's blood drive will help motivate other businesses to partner with the American Red Cross in order to provide these life-saving events.

"Giving blood is one of the easiest things that we can do in order to make an immediate and positive impact in our community," says Cindi. "I can't say enough about the volunteer efforts made by our teachers in order to make this event happen, and I'm equally grateful for the administration and all of the parents who have signed up to give so generously and selflessly. To be able to save the lives of needy patients is extremely rewarding, and we look forward to partnering with the American Red Cross in the future."

No Price Change in the Tuition

Dear Parents,

There are no secrets about this year's economy, it has been very difficult for all Americans across the Nation. The fact is that all expenses have been steadily moving higher and higher, yet our take home income has been shrinking. Here at Tiny Tot Preschool and Kindergarten, we have been looking very carefully at our bottom line by cutting back on unnecessary expenditures while providing quality child care. The administration has worked very hard to come up with a solution that will benefit our parents and our students. Tiny Tot Preschool and Kindergarten is making the following commitment to our parents:

"Due to the harsh economic times we are all facing, the administration at Tiny Tot Preschool and Kindergarten, have come to a final decision that there will be no increase in the tuition for the upcoming year."

Because of the economic difficulties being faced by Tiny Tot Preschool and Kindergarten, in return we would like to ask our parents to please pay all tuition on the date due. All tuition is due no later than the second day of the week. Parents who pay monthly, the tuition is due at the beginning of every month. On both situations the tuition is due before the child care service is rendered and not after.

Parents who have children on subsidies programs must have all time sheets signed and dated no later than the last day of the month.

We wish all of you the best of luck and do not let go of your dreams. All of us will come out of this much stronger and wiser.

Sincerely,

Tiny Tot Preschool and Kindergarten

Cont. Blood Drive

Individuals, who are interested in donating blood in the TTPK blood drive, please visit www.tinytotpreschool.com to e-mail preferred time of donation or call Cindi Whitcomb at (805) 526 1959 to schedule a time of donation.

Recipes - Flag Cake

Ingredients

- Margarine
- Flour
- 1 package (2-layer size) white cake mix (plus ingredients to make cake-listed on box)
- 1 package (4-serving size) JELL-O brand gelatin, any red flavor
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 3 1/2 cups (8-ounce container) Cool Whip brand whipped topping, thawed
- 1 pint strawberries, washed and sliced
- 1 cup blueberries, washed
- 1 cup Kraft miniature marshmallows

Tools

- 13 x 9 baking pan
- Large fork (two-pronged type)
- Medium mixing bowls
- Mixer
- Measuring cup
- Rubber scraper or large spoon
- Large tray or cutting board (must be larger than 13 x 9 pan)
- Table knife
- Aluminum foil

Directions

- Grease 13 x 9 pan with margarine and dust lightly with flour.
- Prepare, mix and bake cake mix according to package directions. Cool cake for 15 minutes.
- With large fork, make holes in cake about every 1/2 inch.
- Pour gelatin into mixing bowl. Add cup of boiling water and use scraper to mix thoroughly until gelatin is completely dissolved. Use measuring cup to pour gelatin over cake. (It will run down into holes, making sliced cake have red stripes.)
- Chill cake in refrigerator 3 to 4 hours.
- Cover tray with aluminum foil.
- Put about one inch of warm water in kitchen sink. Take pan out of refrigerator and dip bottom (don't let water come up over sides) into water for about 10 seconds. Put large tray on top of cake, and invert.
- Frost sides and top with whipped topping. Arrange strawberries and marshmallows in alternating rows for stripes, leaving upper left for field of blueberries. Chill again until time to serve.

This Month's Highlights

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Independence Day

Independence Day in the U.S., is an annual holiday commemorating the formal adoption by the Continental Congress of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia. Although the signing of the Declaration was not completed until August, the Fourth of July holiday has been accepted as the official anniversary of U.S. independence and is celebrated in all states and territories of the U.S.

The holiday was first observed in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776, at which time the Declaration of Independence was read aloud, city bells rang, and bands played. It was not declared a legal holiday, however, until 1941. The Fourth is traditionally celebrated publicly with parades and pageants, patriotic speeches, and organized firing of guns and cannons and displays of fireworks; early in the 20th century public concern for a "safe and sane" holiday resulted in restrictions on general use of fireworks. Family picnics and outings are a feature of private Fourth of July celebrations.

Reading Recommendations

Where the Giant Sleeps, by Mem Fox, Vladimir Radunsky

ISBN: 0152057854, 9780152057855

Happy 4th of July, Jenny Sweeney

ISBN: 0807531529

America the Beautiful

ISBN: 0399238859

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Monthly lunch menus are posted on the web page.

School closures are posted on our web page.

For questions and inquiries, please contact us at (805) 526 1959.