Springtime Transitions: New Leadership

We are very happy to announce that the SHS Board of Directors has chosen the next Executive Director, Mr. Gordon Chatham, our current Operations Director!

This spring will be a time of transition as we move from one leader to another. Although Gordon will officially begin his new role in June 2019, the Board of Directors and the management team is working together now and in the coming months to ensure that the agency accomplishes this transition in as smooth a manner as possible, and that we provide stability and continue to be strong in both our agency’s mission and vision.

Gordon has worked in senior management in SHS for many years. His unique blend of leadership, management and technical skills make him a wise, creative and capable leader who can meet the inevitable challenges of an organization, while also ensuring that SHS has new and exciting opportunities to grow and prosper in the future. Congratulations Gordon Chatham!

Director’s Corner: Carla Clark’s Retirement Announcement

As some of you know, I have announced my retirement, effective June 28th, 2019.

It has been a privilege to work for Shasta Head Start for over 30 years, and I cannot imagine a more meaningful, interesting and satisfying career than working to enhance the lives of children and families in our community.

I have been stretched in so many ways — intellectually, emotionally, experientially and spiritually, and I know that I am a better person today because of the opportunity to be a part of and lead this organization.

This decision is bittersweet as there is much I will miss about Shasta Head Start and the outstanding work we do in this community.

Shasta Head Start is a strong and seasoned program with many capable leaders at all levels, with a foundational commitment to its mission, and I have no doubt it will continue to grow and prosper and be a point of light in this community.

It has been an honor to work with all of you. I look forward to visiting our centers this spring, hearing about our accomplishments, and most of all, seeing the beautiful faces of all the children of Shasta Head Start!

Sincerely,
Carla Clark, Executive Director

There are no limits to growth because there are no limits of human intelligence, imagination, and wonder.

-Ronald Reagan
Together-Time Activities: Outdoor Activities

Spring is almost here and it will be summer before we know it! Here are simple outdoor activities for kids to get them outside without breaking the bank. Outdoor activities don’t have to be hard to do, so choose your favorite activity and go play outside!

- Paint or draw with chalk
- Have a bug or leaf hunt
- Plant some seeds
- Have a race
- Wash your car
- Have a family meal outside
- Play catch with a ball (or water balloons!)
- Pick flowers and press them in a book
- Go for a walk and count the different sounds you hear
- Hide toys around the yard and go for a treasure hunt
- Read a book outside

Save the Date for the Parent Conference!

Shasta Head Start is putting on a FREE parenting conference called Parenting By Choice featuring dynamic speaker and parent, Mister Brown! We will be providing limited childcare and lunch! You must be registered to attend.

Date and Time: 9:30am-12:30pm
Saturday, March 16th, 2019
Location: Hillside Church
621 Twin View Blvd, Redding CA

Register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/shastahead-start-parent-conference-tickets-56942588816 or call Glori at 245-2850.

It’s Allergy Season

Spring and summer months bring nice weather, beautiful flowers, and seasonal allergies

Usually children develop seasonal allergies after age 5. Allergies tend to run in families— if parents have allergies, their children are likely to get allergies.

Types of allergy causing pollen:
- Tree pollens (April-June)
- Grass (June-July)
- Ragweed (mid-August-October)

You can take steps to make your home more allergy-free:
- Keep all doors and windows closed as much as possible during the pollen season will keep the pollen from entering your home
- Run your air conditioner— they can filter out pollen in the air in your home’

Library Story Times

Redding: Read and Sing Storytime, every Tuesday at 10:30 and Wednesday at 3:30
Anderson: Storytime every Thursday at 3:30
Cottonwood: Storytime every Wednesday at 11:30
Mt. Shasta: Songs and Stories every Wednesday at 10:30
Burney: Preschool Storytime every Wednesday at 11:00
Weaverville: Storytime every Thursday at 10:30

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