

September 2024



Curious Minds

PACCC's Monthly Newsletter

Welcome back to Curious Minds, PACCC's monthly newsletter where you'll discover curated news on early childhood development, education and care, events and fundraising, and personal stories about our unique community!



PACCC is a community where children thrive, educators are valued, and families are supported. Providing exceptional, accessible education and care for Palo Alto's children since 1974!



**PACCC for Peace of Mind,
50 Years in the Making!**

Infant-Toddler and Preschool Enrollments NOW OPEN!

Financial assistance is available.

Palo Alto Community Child Care

Proudly serving Palo Alto's families since 1974!

Your Children:
Learning, playing, and growing together!

You: ✨
Exhaling, relaxing, and knowing that your child is receiving quality education and care!

If you picked up a copy of Palo Alto Weekly recently, you may have seen an ad where we put ourselves in the mind of the parent and posed the question: *How does it feel when you drop your child off at one of PACCC's 19 centers and then head off to work?* Well, we know it can't be easy, but we are committed that you feel a sense of peace and relief, knowing your child is receiving exceptional education and care. In fact, 50 years ago, a group of trusting mothers went before the City Council to advocate for that very thing. They were reentering the work force, and they wanted to ensure that their families would be supported while doing so. Learn more about these forward-thinking mothers [here](#).

And for those of you who joined in on the **50th Anniversary Celebration at Excite Ballpark** - **thank you!** What fun we had celebrating with all of you! We are here to support *all* of Palo Alto's families – as you grow, and as you need us, year after year.

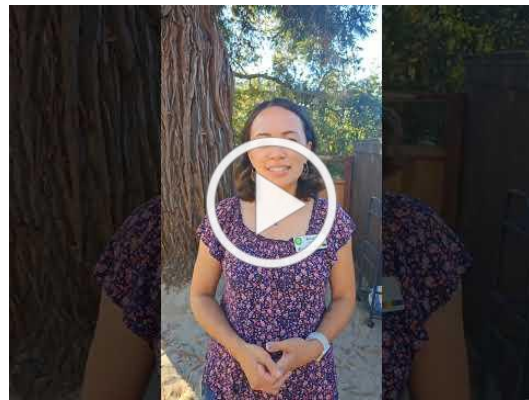




It's National Library Card Month!

In celebration of National Library Card Month, PACCC is partnering with Palo Alto Library and Youth Services Staff to bring you Family Story Time! The Librarian will visit PACCC preschools to read stories, provide an opportunity for family engagement, and bring free gifts for the children!

Family Story Time – Video



Get Your PACCC Halloween Tee!



All cheers and no Booooo's for this PACCC



**Order
Now!**

Halloween Tee! We are taking orders now through Sunday, September 22 for these adorable T-shirts, size Infant-Adults.

All orders must be picked up at the PACCC administration office or a PACCC Center. Sorry, shipments are not available at this time.

Cost: \$20 each.

Register for the Palo Alto Unified School District Board Candidate Forum



Palo Alto School Board Candidate Forum

Monday, September 23rd
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

This is a hybrid-style event.

Attendees view via Zoom,
candidates meet in-person.

**Register
Today!**

PACCC Board Spotlight



Board Member Highlight

KIM BAUSBACK

Ph.D. Licensed Clinical Psychologist
Schwab Learning Center at
Children's Health Council



Kimberly Bausback

Kim Bausback, Ph.D. has been a member of the PACCC Board since 2018. As a former teacher and current psychologist specializing in therapy and assessment of children, teens, and young adults, Kim was motivated to join the PACCC's Board because of PACCC's mission to provide and advocate for exceptional and accessible childhood care and education. She has served as a member of the Fundraising Committee, PACCC 2030 Committee, and Board Development Committee. Kim utilizes her background in education and child psychology to help PACCC continue its mission of providing education and care that supports all aspects of child development.

Parents Place of Palo Alto

Parents Place of Palo Alto is an organization that PACCC's Infant-Toddler and Preschool Programs often partner with to support our families and educators. Parents Place provides education opportunities for our families, professional development training for our staff, consults on behavioral needs, and supports the children in our programs.



This month, Parents Place is offering parent education focused on **Fostering Positive Sibling Relationships**. "Parents will gain a deeper understanding of sibling conflicts, tools to prevent them, and answers to those challenging questions about fairness, cooperation, compassion, intervention, ground rules, and what it takes to raise siblings who are also close friends."



Workshop | Fostering Positive Sibling Relationships

Sign Up
Today!

Project Cornerstone: Parent's Involvement in School



In alignment with the **YMCA of Silicon Valley's Project Cornerstone**, we turn our attention to an important Developmental Asset: Parent Involvement in School. "Parent(s), caregivers, and teachers together create a consistent and supportive approach to fostering the child's successful growth."

We encourage and welcome PACCC parents to **volunteer** and see firsthand, the future of Palo Alto through our children as they learn, play and grow together!

Volunteer
Today!

COAT DRIVE! PACCC Partners with Ravenswood Family Health Network



The flyer is titled "COAT DRIVE" in large, bold, green letters, with "SEPT 16 - NOV 15" in red below it. It features logos for Ravenswood Family Health Network and MayView Community Health Center. The text encourages donations of winter clothes and lists drop-off locations. It also includes a note about gently worn coats and a disclaimer about the organization's status.

COAT DRIVE
SEPT 16 - NOV 15

Have extra winter clothes? Donate them! RFHN is hosting our annual coat drive to distribute warm clothing to local community organizations!

Holes Stains

Gently worn coats should be clean and wearable.

Donate coats, gloves, hats, scarves, new packages of socks or new packages of undergarments.

Drop Off Locations:

East Palo Alto	Palo Alto	Mountain View	Sunnyvale
Ravenswood Family Health Center	MayView Community Health Center	MayView Community Health Center	MayView Community Health Center
1885 Bay Rd	270 Grant Ave	900 Miramonte Ave	785 Morse Ave

Ravenswood is a non-profit federally qualified health center dedicated to providing primary and integrative care to all. We are collecting and donating coats to individuals and families in need of assistance this year in the Peninsula.

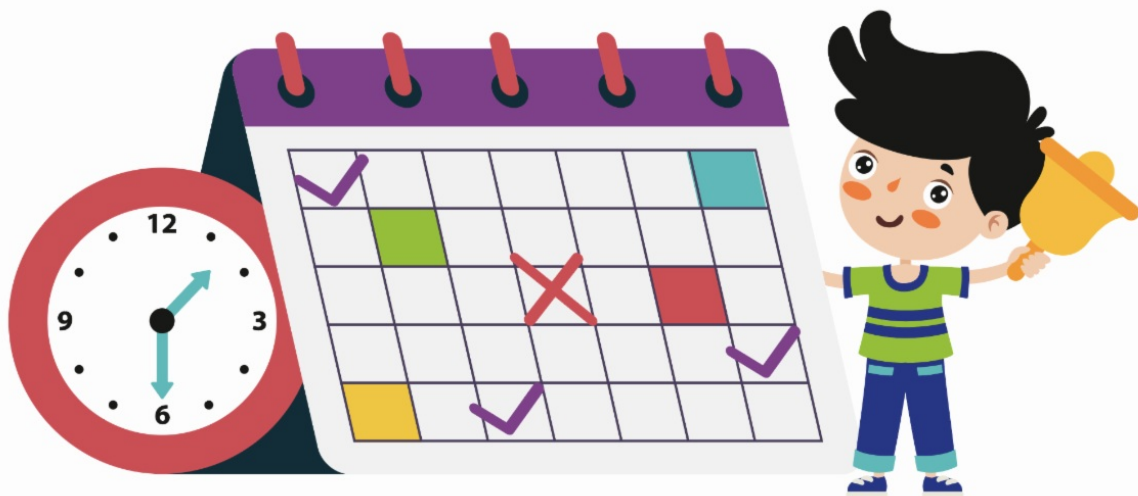
We are excited to announce that we will once again be joining the **Ravenswood Family Health Network** to collect coats for the upcoming Fall/Winter season! We will have a collection box at our administration office, as well as each center for donations.

We had a record-breaking number of donations last year; let's see if we can exceed last year's donations! Last year, we received a large amount of other clothing that were not listed on the flyer (pants, shirts, shoes, etc.) which had to be separated and donated separately.

We appreciate your generosity, but please refer to the flyer when making your donation so we can concentrate on getting the requested items to those in need.

PACCC's HAPPY'nings

Monthly Events and Activities!



September 4, 2024

Family Story Time with the City of Palo Alto Library at College Terrace Children's Center (CTC)



September 9, 2024

Coffee and Pastries for Parents at Escondido Kids' Club (EKC)



September 9, 2024

Field Trip to Library at Hoover Kids' Club (HKC)



September 11, 2024

Family Story Time with the City of Palo Alto Library at Ellen Thacher Children's Center (ETCC)



September 17, 2024

Family Story Time with the City of Palo Alto Library at Barron Park Children's Center (BPCC)



September 20, 2024

Family Story Time with the City of Palo Alto Library at Downtown Children's Center (DCC)



September 24, 2024

Family Story Time with the City of Palo Alto Library at Sojourner Truth Child Development Center, Preschool (STCDC-PS)



September 25, 2024

Ice Cream Social and Parents vs Children Trivia Night at El Carmelo Kids' Club (ECKC)



September 26, 2024

Parent Orientation Night at Barron Park Children's Center (BPCC)



September 27, 2024

Family Evening Movie at College Terrace Children's Center (CTC)



October 07, 2024

Picture Day at College Terrace Children's Center (CTC)

We can't wait to see you there!



Happy Anniversary, PACCC Employees!
We couldn't do it without you!

Thank you for the education and care you provide for Palo Alto's children, and thus, our future!

5+
YEARS

Martha P. (STCDC-IT) :
Sat, Sep 07 -- **24 years**

Danny S. (ADMIN):
Sat, Sep 28 -- **15 years**

Jenna Y. (DKC):
Sun, Sep 08 -- **14 years**

Dicie H. (ADMIN) :
Sun, Sep 29 -- **9 years**

Sashi V. (BBKC):
Thu, Sep 12 -- **7 years**

Yang Z. (ITC):
Mon, Sep 16 -- **5 years**



2-4
YEARS

Elisa A. (BPCC):
Mon, Sep 09 -- **3 years**

Alan C. (JBKC):
Fri, Sep 06 -- **2 years**

Thomas B. (SUB):
Fri, Sep 06 -- **2 years**

Mikayla S. (AKC):
Thu, Sep 12 -- **2 years**

Aynura F. (AKC):
Thu, Sep 12 -- **2 years**

Julian C. (SUB):
Sun, Sep 22 -- **2 years**



1
YEAR

Gretchen H. (BBKC):
Thu, Sep 05 -- **1 year**

Mercedes S. (SUB):
Thu, Sep 05 -- **1 year**

Elizabeth P. (ECKC):
Fri, Sep 13 -- **1 year**

Moriah H. (PVKC):
Wed, Sep 18 -- **1 year**

Isabelle S. (ETCC):
Wed, Sep 25 -- **1 year**

Ellery C. (SUB):
Wed, Sep 25 -- **1 year**



PACCC Out in the Community

As a community leader in Palo Alto, and in keeping with our Strategic Plan and commitment to build and foster community, PACCC partners with families and regional agencies to provide and advocate for exceptional and accessible childhood care and education. You will find PACCC engaged in the following advocacy efforts and events this month:

Special PACCC Election 2024

- City of Palo Alto Council Candidate Forum
- Palo Alto School Board Candidate Forum
- Santa Clara County Forum
- California Congressional District 16 Forum

Upcoming Events

- Car Seat Event with Stanford Children's Health at PACCC
- Dad's for "Build the Future" Childcare

- Campaign
- Sonrisas Dental Health "Cooking for a Cause"
- Palo Alto Community Fund 9th Annual Poker Night
- Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce "Athena Awards" (Lee Pfab is the MC for the evening)




Child Passenger Safety Program AND CAR SEAT EVENT



Stanford Medicine Children's Health
Car Seat Safety Video

Stanford MEDICINE
Children's Health

Stanford Medicine Children's Health and PACCC partner for Child Passenger Safety Week

Through the Child Passenger Safety Program, Stanford Medicine Children's Health provides parents and caregivers the education they need to keep their children safe in the car. From the moment they're born, you want the best for your kids. Learn how to keep your child as safe as possible in a car seat.

Register Now



**September 18th, 2024
10:00am to 2:00pm**

Ventura Community Center,
3990 Ventura Court, Palo Alto

PACCC is a member of the following leadership groups: Palo Alto Advisory Committee on Early Care and Education Committee (PAACECE), Palo Alto Mother's Symposium Advisory Board, Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce, Palo Alto Rotary Club, Palo Alto Kiwanis Club, Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits, Santa Clara County Office of Education Local Early Education Planning Council, Santa Clara County Office of Education Title 5 Provider Group, Santa Clara County Office of Education Early Education Workforce Committee, Santa Clara County Office of Education Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) Workgroup, Mid-Peninsula Health Equity Coalition, Kids In Common Children's Agenda Network, Stanford Children's Health Community Benefits Council, State of California Early Childhood Rate and Quality Advisory Panel and more.

-Your Friends at PACCC



STAY CONNECTED!

Be with PACCC all day long.

JOIN THE FUN
#PACCCCKIDS



Walter Hays Kids Club's New Learning Environments



Subscribe to PACCC's YouTube channel!



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