

October 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 Supports Childcare Access for All

We encourage you to attend the City Council meeting on October 21, vote, and be a part of building a stronger, safer community. Palo Alto City Council will be voting on a "Build The Future" resolution at their October 21, 5:30pm meeting. Wear your PACCC tee-shirts or order your free 50th anniversary shirt by emailing Liz at lvalencia@paccc.org while supplies last!

Build the Future "is a movement to build a brighter future for all Santa



Clara County residents by advocating for affordable, quality childcare for all. Providing affordable childcare not only helps working parents and kids but also helps our entire community by reducing poverty, improving

community safety and building a stronger economy.” Current data reflects that although 22% of PACCC’s Infant-Toddlers and 37% of PACCC’s Preschoolers receive financial subsidy, another 57 *children are still on PACCC’s financial assistance wait list.*

When we vote for issues that impact our children and families, we help create the future of our community. For a more comprehensive look at the issues currently impacting Palo Alto’s families, check out the Voter’s Guide at www.sccvoteforkids.org.



PACCC Partnership: Children's Health Council, Dyslexia Awareness Month

October is **Dyslexia Awareness Month** and in partnership with the **Children’s Health Council** (CHC), PACCC is focused on the impact of dyslexia on early learners (3 years to TK). Please have a look at **this informational video**, co-sponsored by CHC.

Signs of Dyslexia – Video





Bullying Prevention Month

We are committed to providing a welcoming, equitable, and nurturing environment at PACCC every single day. In fact, we consider it our 'norm.'

October is Bullying Prevention Month and serves as a good reminder of **PAUSD's policy on bullying prevention**.

"...Schools and communities that are physically and emotionally safe for all students promote and support academic achievement, citizenship, school attendance and engagement...PAUSD staff promote student learning in the areas of social-emotional development by providing students with safe and age-appropriate opportunities to resolve conflicts, develop strong decision-making skills and enhance empathy."



Is Halloween Too Scary for Your Child?

Developmental Asset: Family Communication



Fall brings many wonderful, new learning opportunities for our youngest learners with the changing colors of leaves, pumpkin patches, harvest festivals and cooler weather! At PACCC we celebrate the season with trips to the farm, pumpkin patches growing in our gardens, family parties at our centers, pumpkin carving contests, parades, and more!

Fall also brings Halloween which can cause unease and fear for children. If you're wondering how to manage this scary holiday with your child, we encourage you to read books about the holiday to your child to prepare them, have them play an active role in picking out their costume and be prepared to wrap up Halloween festivities early if it becomes too scary or overwhelming.

For more tips and tricks on prepping your little one for Halloween, check out healthychildren.org or the [Child Mind Institute](#).

Confidence - an Elixir for Success

Confidence has often been considered an elixir for success. Partnered with education, that confidence emboldens us to step forward and create solutions to problems experienced in our communities and the world at large, thus creating a stronger future for all. October 20 is **National Youth Confidence Day**. "Building a framework of positive role models is vital to developing responsible, confident young adults... National Youth Confidence Day encourages us to connect and inspire today's youth for tomorrow's success." How have you inspired and encouraged the young people in your life to be more confident and connected? We want to know. Reach out to us on IG at PACCCKids!



PACCC Board Spotlight



Georgiana Kuhlmann

Georgiana Kuhlmann, Senior Insights Director at Spherix Global Insights, joined the PACCC Board in 2022. Georgiana is a PACCC parent, with children attending both afterschool programs and summer camps, and has experienced first-hand the exceptional quality of PACCC programs. She is deeply committed to exceptional and accessible childcare for all and previously served for four years as co-chair of the Children's Pre-School Center (CPSC).

As Board Chair Elect, Georgiana is excited to support PACCC in advocating for and increasing access to affordable childcare across all ages and supporting the educators who create and deliver the PACCC programs where children thrive.

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

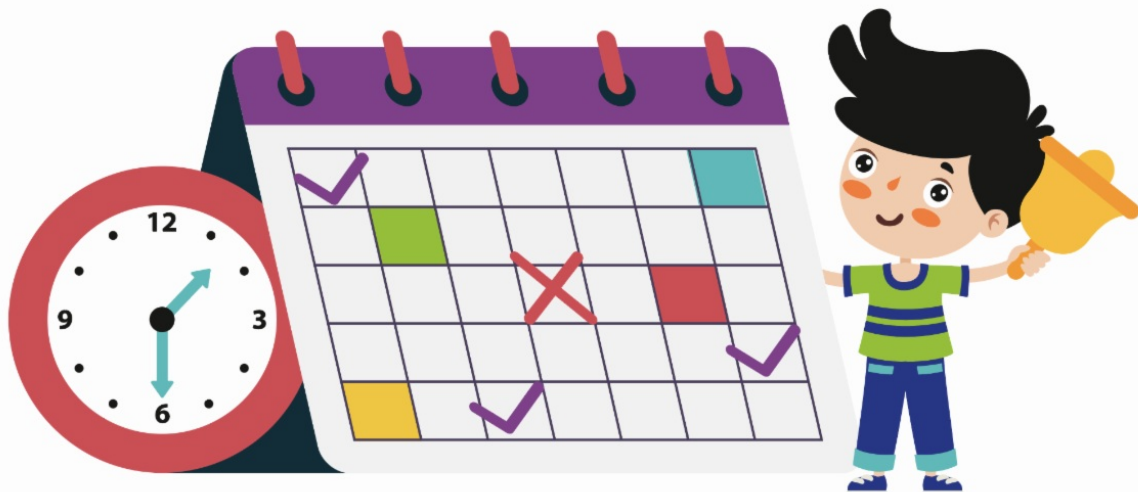
- City of Palo Alto Council Candidate Forum
- Palo Alto School Board Candidate Forum
- Santa Clara County Education Board Forum
- California Congressional District 16 Forum



- [Creating a Safer Community – Understanding and Defining Hate Crimes](#) - October 15, 7 p.m.
 - [Palo Alto School Board Candidate Forum](#) - October 16, 7 p.m. Palo Alto Arts Center, Auditorium
1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303
 - [City Council “Build the Future” Resolution Adoption](#) – October 21
 - [Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits “Be Our Guest”](#) – October 24
 - Election Day Polling Support through Kiwanis
 - Guest of Stanford Leadership at **Nov 16** Football Game
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PACCC's HAPPY'nings

Monthly Events and Activities!

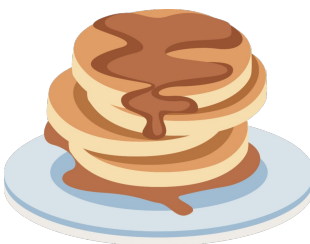


It's sweater weather – whether we like it or not! Get ready to FALL into some family fun favorites this season with pumpkin carvings, Autumn festivals, and more!



October 8, 2024

Pumpkin Carving Night at
Ohlone Kids' Club (OKC)



October 18, 2024

Fall Pancake Breakfast at
Sojourner Truth Child
Development Center, Infant-
Toddler (STCDC-IT)



October 23, 2024

Pumpkin Carving at Escondido
Kids' Club (EKC)



October 24, 2024

Annual Fall Festival at Barron Park Children's Center (BPCC)



October 28, 2024

Pumpkin Extravaganza at College Terrace Children's Center (CTC)



October 28, 2024

Pumpkin Carving Night at Duveneck Kids' Club (DKC)



October 30, 2024

Pumpkin Art Day at College Terrace Children's Center (CTC)



October 31, 2024

Autumn Family Party (*Glow in the Dark Dance Party/Potluck*) at College Terrace Children's Center (CTC)



October 31, 2024

Halloween Parade at Ellen Thacher Children's Center (ETCC)



October 31 - November 1, 2024

Haunted House at Ohlone Kids' Club (OKC)



November 04, 2024

Vision Screening 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

Dave C. (ADMIN):
Tue, Oct 01 -- **35 years**

Kandice M. (ADMIN):
Fri, Oct 25 -- **19 years**

Erin F. (ADMIN):
Sun, Oct 20 -- **16 years**

Melissa R. (ADMIN):
Sun, Oct 20 -- **16 years**

Kristina W. (ADMIN):
Wed, Oct 16 -- **11 years**

Clive C. (DKC):
Mon, Oct 21 -- **11 years**

Gloria C. (CTC):
Sat, Oct 26 -- **9 years**

Zintia J. (ITC):
Sat, Oct 12 -- **7 years**

Mary N. (STCDC-IT):
Tue, Oct 22 -- **6 years**

Glenda D. (CTC):
Mon, Oct 14 -- **5 years**



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YEARS

Shantala J. (ADMIN):
Fri, Oct 18 -- **3 years**

Leslie A. (SUB):
Fri, Oct 11 -- **2 years**

Ben C. (ECKC):
Thu, Oct 24 -- **2 years**





Palo Alto Community Child Care
LEARNING, PLAYING, GROWING TOGETHER

STAY CONNECTED!

Be with PACCC all day long.

JOIN THE FUN
#PACCCCKIDS



Golden Acorn Music at PACCC



Subscribe to PACCC's YouTube channel!



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