



# Hilltop Preschool



Learning With Love

## Newsletter

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### December Scenes



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- 1-19 General Meeting-2nd Mandatory Meeting 7-9 p.m.
- 1-29 Clean-up Day 9 a.m. -1 p.m.
- 2-6 Surf City 1/2 Marathon Fund-raiser
- 2-16 General Meeting & Priority Registration
- 2-18 Hilltop Closed-Lincoln's B-day
- 2-19 Fountain Valley Fun Run 5K fundraiser
- 2-21 Hilltop Closed-President's Day
- 2-26 Clean-up Day 9 a.m. -1 p.m.

### Message from the President Happy New Year to All!

I hope everyone was able to enjoy the joy, warmth and exuberance brought each year by holidays spent with family and friends. Now that the hustle is done, we face a new and exciting 2011. May it hold an abundance of health and happiness for everyone.

This new year holds many exciting events for Hilltop that your children (and you!) won't want to miss, including Safari Night, an Amtrak trip to San Juan Capistrano's Zoomars Petting Zoo, a trip to LegoLand and the always-popular, much anticipated Spring Festival & Trike-A-Thon, complete with a trike race, games, crafts and food.

**I wish all of you the very best this year and look forward to seeing everyone at the mandatory meeting on the 19th!**

Learning with love,  
Shona

#### FRESH & EASY RECEIPTS

**Do you have any Fresh & Easy Receipts from 2010? Don't forget to turn them into the green Fresh & Easy box located on top of the black sign in cart! We receive \$1 for each \$20 you spent thru December 31st, 2010!**

#### Reminder about Parking & Plavan

Please remember we **cannot** park in the PLAVAN parking lot OR walk across the Plavan Campus. Also, **please** do not park in the cul-de-sacs located next to the blue & orange park! Hilltop parking is available in the West Lot or Warner Ave. If you have questions, ask a teacher or Board member! Thanks!

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## Musical Notes

Hello, Everybody and Happy New Year!



I hope everyone had a lovely winter break. Did you find a way to include music? What kinds of musical behaviors have you observed in your children? Have you noticed a change in your own musicality?

One of the things I really love about teaching Music Together is hearing the ways the program enriches the lives of the families. In my Parent-Child classes, the adult caregivers have the opportunity to share their observations and experiences at the start of each class. In order to provide a similar opportunity to the Hilltop community, I've posted a butcher block sheet at the entrance to the Blooms and Blossoms room. Please take a moment to share something about how the Music Together program has affected your family.



This month we resume our Music Together program with the Blooms and Blossoms on Thursday mornings. This year we have been meeting on the patio, lifting our voices in song in the great outdoors! Spend a few extra minutes at drop off and join us in the musical fun!



~Ms. Kindel

## RUN FOREST RUN!!!!!!

**The Fountain Valley 5k run/walk is February 19th, 2011!** The entry fee is ONLY \$20 until February 15th. 100% of this fee goes back to Hilltop. THEN.....a generous Hilltop family will MATCH that amount. So that's \$40 for Hilltop for each family member that signs up!

What a WIN/WIN! You get exercise (in fact why not invite your whole family to participate). Then, Hilltop gets funds to help keep fees down and the TLC up for our kids! Even if you have not exercised for months.....**YOU CAN WALK 3.1 MILES.....YOU CAN DO IT!** Take your strollers, your pets (it's actually also a pet expo), make it a fun morning for all!

The run/walk begins at 8 a.m. There is also a kid's obstacle course at 8:45. Kids 12 and under are FREE! Then at 9 a.m. there is a Pet Prance where owners show off their pet in costume. Prizes go to the most unusual pet, best pet/owner costume and funniest costume. Should be fun for the kids to see!

Just go to the website to register. PLEASE be sure you check Hilltop Preschool as the non-profit group (it's at the very bottom of the list). Here's the web address: <http://www.fvpoker.com/id28.html> Yes the site is correct...just sounds a bit funny, but it's from the Fountain Valley Community Foundation's website.

**WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!**



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## MEET ALISSA BALTODANO

Next time you see her, be sure to say "Hello!" and introduce yourself. Alissa is another addition to our teacher staff this year and will act as a support teacher to all classrooms. Alissa has been with Hilltop since 2003. She lives with her husband and 2 children within our local community. She is returning to us after a short hiatus. We are SO fortunate to have her back! Our kids are even luckier!



## Music together program for Seeds & Sprouts

More sounds of music will soon be heard at Hilltop as Ms. Kindel and her popular Music Together program will be coming to the SEEDS AND SPROUTS classes in February. The Music Together class will be held every Tuesday and Wednesday starting at 12:30 (Blooms & Blossoms will continue to have music on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.)

Music Together's preschool music program uniquely integrates music experiences at home with those in school to create a music-making community which supports a child's language, cognitive, emotional, social, and physical development.

Hilltop would **HIGHLY ENCOURAGE** parents to come early to school and **be part of this amazing experience**. The teachers AND your children would truly love to have you there to participate and watch the magic of music for your children!



## Working Parents Please Read! Trades, Trades, Trades!

So you have an unexpected appointment & need to get your workday or alternate shift covered! What is the best way to do this? Here are some tips!

1. Consult the month's calendar of working parents and determine who typically works the day you need covered.
2. Look up the parent's name or email address on the working parent's roster. This is located in Yahoo Groups under **FILES** & then Working Parent's in Co-op.
3. The ALTERNATE listed for the day you need traded is NOT eligible to trade. We need that person available in case another parent calls in sick.
4. Contact parent and ask for a trade.
5. Once you have successfully set up a trade, PLEASE email Shannon at [sphendriks@yahoo.com](mailto:sphendriks@yahoo.com). She needs to know of **ALL** schedule changes.

If you have issues the NIGHT BEFORE or MORNING OF, call Shannon at 714-402-4790. DO NOT call the Alternate yourself! Please call Shannon!

**Thank you EVERYONE!**

