



THE WEEKLY MEMO

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Mission Statement

Southern Oregon Head Start prepares all children and their families for success in school and throughout life.

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Meetings and Trainings

December 12 —Monday

- 8:00-5:00 NEO, Blue Building Conf. Rm.

December 13 —Tuesday

- 8:00-5:00 NEO, Blue Building Conf. Rm.
- 1:30-3:30 PC Meeting, TEAMS

December 14 —Wednesday

- 8:00-5:00 NEO, Blue Building Conf. Rm.
- 9:00-10:30 Department Directors Meeting, Red Building Library

December 15 —Thursday

- 8:30-9:30 Health Dept. Meeting, Red Building Library
- 2:00-2:30 Shared Family Staffings Due
- 5:45-7:45 Board of Directors, TEAMS

December 16 —Friday

- Wellness Day

Weekly Memo Submission

Please send your PDF's, jpegs, and text to

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By Thursday @ 12 p.m.

Family Day at West Medford

We had a short parent presentation of Conscious Discipline, a snack, then the Jackson County Library came in to do a story time and a presentation about library services for toddlers. Then we ended the day with applesauce cinnamon playdough made into handprints and a demonstration of our circle time.

Submitted by: Cindy J. Hall



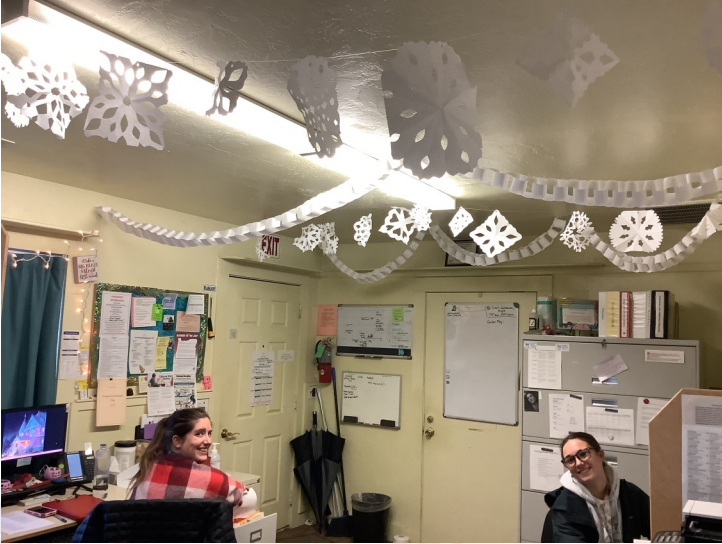
Family Day at West Medford



Getting Creative at West Medford!

"These are the beautiful office decorations we worked on while watching safe schools."

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Central Point's Family Day



Safe Toys & Gifts Month

It's the holiday season, and that means toy-sharing and gift-giving are in full swing. But before you give that special child a new toy, it's important to stop and consider: Is this toy safe and age-appropriate?

Unfortunately, thousands of children are hurt or even killed each year due to an interaction with an unsafe or developmentally inappropriate toy. December is known as Safe Toys and Gifts Month in order to create a happy, healthy, and safe gift-giving experience for all involved.

WHY SAFE TOYS AND GIFTS MONTH IS IMPORTANT

A. It alerts us to choking hazards

Choking is a major risk for children when playing with toys — specifically when they're under 3 years old. Let's thoroughly inspect the level of choking risk for each toy we give.

B. It emphasizes child supervision

Toy manufacturers have come a long way in making their products safe for kids to enjoy. However, the best way to manage and reduce risk is to have an attentive adult watching.

C. We're more likely to pay attention

Buyers will want to make sure the toys have an American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) label. This means that the toy has met the national safety standards.

Get to meet the
wonderful
Listo Team!!

Take a look at the
amazing staff
that make up the
Listo Team and all
the great work
they do!



Happy Holidays from the Listo Family Literacy Program! Team members in this picture include (from left to right – standing): Ailym Piñero Requena, Sergio Torres, Suzanne Ray, Court Andersen, Rosa Torres-Paz, and Norma Montaña. Left to right – seated: Marisol Rodriguez, Rachelle Schaaf, and Patty Gutiérrez.

The Listo Family Literacy Team has been providing family literacy services to Spanish speaking families in Jackson County since 1984. Our services are grounded in the four pillars of the Family Literacy Model that was begun in the 1980s as an approach to close the educational/ economic achievement gap impoverished families experience.

The 4 Pillars Include:

- Adult Education
- Child Education
- Parent Education & Leadership Development
- Parent and Child Time Together



Patty Gutiérrez, Listo's Program Director, is a 28-year veteran of Head Start. Patty guides Listo's programming and cultivates partnerships in the community to support Spanish speaking families. Patty is the go-to person for matters related to programming, resources for families.

Rachelle Schaaf is the Development Director for Listo. Her role is to secure and manage funding and generate partnerships in the community to fuel Listo's work. Rachelle is the go-to person for funding management and resource/partnership opportunities.

Eunices Ayala Velasco is Listo's Parent Coordinator. Originally a teacher from Ecuador, she leads our Parent Education & Leadership Development efforts. She is one of our trained facilitators for Abriendo Puertas parent education classes. Eunices is the master of connecting with Listo's families.

Norma Montaña is Listo's Trabajadora Familiar (Family Advocate). She is an experienced human services professional in our community. She offers families emotional support and connects them with services they need to support a stable and happy life. Norma is a great person to share support programs with.



You may refer families to Listo through Patty, Eunices, or Norma.

Team ESL - Listo has 5 great English as a Second Language teachers serving 91 students in November: **Lisa Wagner**, **Ansley White**, **Court Andersen**, **Orianna Alter**, and **Suzanne Kay**. They assess adults for placement in classes and support student learning through their online lessons and with office hours.

Team Adult Education (INEA) - **Ailym Piñero Requena** and **Sergio Torres** are Listo's Adult Education in Spanish teachers. With skill and compassion, they support 10 adults who, for whatever reason, never completed their primary or secondary school education in their home countries. Our teachers worked with 10 students in November, some of these students are just learning to read, write, and calculate, others have goals to obtain their GED in Spanish.



Team Multi Nivel (school age children) - Professional K-12 educators **Kayla Cunningham** and **Gloria Hoggarth Ramirez** work with 70 Listo youth grades 1-8. They provide online homework assistance and offer academic enrichment activities to our youth. Our new **Youth Development Coordinator, Marisol Rodriguez**, provides additional social/emotional supports for Listo kids.

Team Early Learning (serving 89 little ones birth through Kinder) - **Maestra Fabiola Reyes** and **Asistente de Maestra Rosa Torres-Paz** have found the key to making online learning fun and engaging for little ones and their parents. They create thoughtful lessons supported by semi-weekly learning kits, which are designed to position parents as their first and most important teacher. **Maestra Claudia Cervantes López** a local dual-language educator and early childhood development professional helps parents understand ages and stages and how they can best support their children's development.

Bryan Gonzalez is Listo's Tech Coordinator. He helps parents with their loaner iPads and laptops.



With Listo, we say "*aprende hoy para un mañana mejor,*" learn today for a better tomorrow. Our families agree that Listo activities are time well spent together as a family. Send Spanish speaking Jackson County families who would benefit from Listo our way (especially with those with kids 5 and under), we'd love to meet them!

Don't know exactly who to contact with Listo via email? You can send a message to ListoManagement@socfc.org and we'll get back to you!

¡Felices fiestas y feliz año nuevo!