



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2006

- Wednesday, May 3
County-Wide Policy Council Executive Board Meeting
- Thursday, May 4
EOC Pension Committee Meeting
- Monday, May 8
EOC New Hire Orientation
- Tuesday, May 16
EOC Wellness Education Fair
TD/CD Meeting
- Wednesday, May 17
EOC Poker Walk
County-Wide Policy Council Meeting
- Thursday, May 18
Management Training Session
HS Volunteer Luncheon
- Friday, May 19
Home Base Last Day Of Class
- Monday, May 22
EOC New Hire Orientation
- Tuesday, May 23
Center Based Last Day of Class
- Monday, May 29
EOC Holiday Memorial Day

*"Spring—An experience
In immortality."*

Henry D. Thoreau



Job Fair Success



L-Barbara Toledo, ECE Specialist discussing an application with an eager applicant. R-Early Head Start staff reviewing applications.

Hundreds of Applicants Show For HS/EHS/SACC Job Fair

Working at Fresno County EOC may not be one of the best kept secrets in Fresno any longer. The reason why? Nearly 400 people came out to our Job Fair on Tuesday, April 25 at Franklin Preschool Center wanting to become part of our team. Here are a few quotes from the people involved that made it such a success:

"We had a steady stream of people coming in all day long. It was fun and productive."

Michelle Morse, HR Analyst/Recruiter

"We got lots of good applicants, the Job Fair was a real success."

Olivia Rodriguez, Child Care Coordinator, SACC

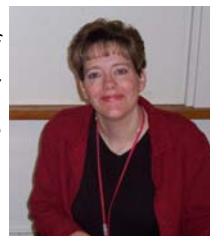


"It was very much worth my time to get these good, qualified applicants. Thanks."

Alita Taylor, Nutrition Services Director

"I had a chance to sit and talk with many of the applicants to get a good feel for their background. Overall the Job Fair was great."

Stacey Cunningham, RN Coordinator



"I was pleasantly surprised by the amount and the quality of the applicants we received at the Job Fair. Lots of well educated people attended. It was great."

Helen Uyeda, Home Base Services Director



EOC Recognizes The Fresno Area Express

On Tuesday, May 2 **Roger Palomino, Executive Director** and **Joe Martinez, Safe Place Outreach Coordinator** co-presented a recognition award to the City of Fresno-Fresno Area Express for their significant contribution to the EOC Sanctuary. Pictured with Mr. Palomino and Mr. Martinez are EOC Sanctuary TLC Resident Andrew Lee and Teresa Knowles. Also pictured is Dean Huff, Fax Operations Manager and Butch Helton.



Additionally, Roger Palomino was presented with the **Floyd Poore Memorial Award** for being *"One of our community's most respected leaders and staunch advocate of low-income children and families."* Joe Martinez was presented with the **Child Advocacy Award** for his *"devotion to improving the health, welfare and development of at-risk children and youth in Fresno County."*

Jumpstart Students Excel At Dakota Circle

"We had an awesome time on April 6, 2006" said **Mrs. Eva Zinzun, Teacher** at Dakota Circle Head Start Center. The JumpStart team was here and consisted of **Team Leader Carlos Cardenas, Co-Leader Shanna Aldridge, Amanda Lilly, Cindy Orozco, Megan Allen, Jessica Rice, Karina Baca and Rebecca Hill.** They did an excellent job putting together JumpStart For A Day.



It was a fun filled morning with many activities provided for the children, parents, staff and student volunteers to engage in. The mouse character from the famous book, *If You Give A Mouse A Cookie?* came out, a book was read and a picture was taken with each child. JumpStart and **Leslie Sparks, Literacy/Transition Coordinator,**



collaborated together to help make it possible that every child have their own copy of the mouse book. The children will never forget this experience. We had about 15-20 parents participate in this event and they really enjoyed it. A parent who volunteered told another, "Perdiste lo mejor!" (You missed the best!). I hope to participate in this event in the future. Good job JumpStart and Dakota Circle staff!

Welcome New Employees

Guadalupe Gonzalez-Lopez—Disabilities Assistant—Head Start
Gloria A. Perez-Aguilar, Teacher Assistant I—Head Start
Lori E. Gonzalez—Teacher Assistant I—Head Start

Please take a moment from your busy schedules and welcome our new employees to the Head Start Team.



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