



**Kerrville Independent School District
Early Childhood Programs
including Head Start**

February 2010

Program Report

Campus Happenings

The KISD Early Childhood Center began a partnership this month with Schreiner University. Students from Karen Taylor Backor's *Learning Environments for Young Children (EC-4)* and the *Nutrition, Health, & Safety for Young Children* classes receive the lecture portions of their classes at the Staff Development Center at the KISD Central Office. They then take the short walk to the ECC and spend the remainder of their time in the classrooms. These sophomore level classes are targeted to

those who are considering a career in EC-4 education.

The annual Head Start Risk Assessment Meeting was held via conference call with the Region 6 office in Dallas. Attending the meeting, along with the ECC management team, were Steve Schwarz, HS Executive Director; Rolinda Schmidt, Governing Board President; Julie Ewing, Policy Council Chairperson; Brenda Taylor, KISD Staff Accountant; and Teresa Blair, KISD Staff Accountant. The re-

gional office was very complimentary of the KISD HS program with the only area of concern being the number of completed dental exams during the previous school year. The lack of local dentists who accept pediatric Medicaid patients was cited as the primary reason. A plan of action was put into place at the beginning of this school year and the percentage is currently well within a level considered acceptable.

The Head Start Policy Council met on Monday, February 8,

ENROLLMENT	
Head Start	97
Dual (HS & PPCD)	3
Prekindergarten 3s	94
Prekindergarten 4s	62
PPCD AM	5
PPCD PM	6
TCDC Total	54
Staff/Teens	39/15

WAITING LISTS	
Head Start	12
TCDC:	
*Staff	11
*Expectant Teens	1

Component Area News

Education/Disabilities/ERSE

- Applications for the 2010-2011 school year are now available in the ECC office. Parents interested in enrolling a child who turns 3 or 4 by September 1 may stop by the office to pick up a packet and make an enrollment appointment.
- Thirty speech screenings have been conducted this year—20 in HS and 10 in PK.
- Students and staff participated in a parade on February 19th to mark the beginning of the Chinese New Year, the year of the Tiger.



Family & Community Involvement/Attendance/Transition/Volunteers

- The Parent Committee meeting was held on February 4th with 20% of parents attending. The first "Bingo for Books" event was held and received many positive responses and requests for an encore.
- Twenty-six families to date have had some level of CPS involvement. One family was assisted in locating furniture for their home.
- Volunteers helped prepare for the upcoming enrollment by copying, organizing forms and assembling materials.

Health/Mental Health/Campus Safety/Nutrition

- First aid was provided to 108 ECC and DAP students.
- Follow-up on required immunizations and Head Start physical and dental exams through phone calls, home visits, letters and teacher conferences.
- Yello Dyno lessons continued in all classrooms.
- A fire drill was conducted on February 22th.
- Traffic safety was monitored daily.
- Participated in a conference with LaVerne Boles, HS Nutrition Consultant, and the parent of a child with obesity.
- Continued monthly nutrition lessons with Rene Walls.

ATTENDANCE	
• 91% Campus wide	
• 92% Head Start	
• 91% PK A.M.	
• 92% PK P.M.	
• 87% PPCD A.M.	
• 91% PPCD P.M.	

USDA MEALS	
HS BREAKFASTS	1790
HS LUNCHES	1796