2009 Dates to Remember

Jan. 20  PUC ECEC Liaison Updates
        (On-Line Meeting)
Mar. 9-12 North American Div. ECEC Advisory
        (Dallas, TX)
Mar. 20  CCC Teacher’s In-service
        (TBA)
Mar. 31  SCC Director’s Meeting
        (Glendale, CA)
Apr. 6   PUC ECEC Advisory
        (Santa Ana, CA)
Apr. 10  NCC Teacher’s In-service
        (Antioch, CA)
Apr. 19-25  Week of the Young Child
Apr. 19-25  National Playground Safety Week
Apr. 25   Education Sabbath
Apr. 27-30 North American Div. ECEC Advisory
        (TBA)
May 8    ECEC Teacher Appreciation Day
July 6   Annual MSD Sheet Updates
July 15  Closing Reports Due
Sep. 30  Opening Reports Due
Oct. 11 & 12  PUC Union-Wide
              ECEC Director’s Workshop
              (Westlake Village, CA)
Oct. 15  PUC ECEC Board
        (Westlake Village, CA)
Nov. 9   SECC ECEC Workshop
        (Riverside, CA)
Nov. 18-21 NAEYC/ACCN Annual Conference
        (Washington, D.C.)

Employment Opportunities

Directors are needed in at least three centers within the Pacific Union. There are other teaching positions available as well. Please contact the Union Office at christine@puconline.org or (805) 413-7342. You may also contact the local conference office ECEC Liaison for more information pertaining to job openings in their respective regions.

Central California Conference: Robin Aaron at (650) 967-2783 or email: robinaaron22@comcast.net.

Northern California: Coreen Hicks at (925) 685-4300 or email: chicks@ncc.adventist.org

Southern California Conference: Dr. Mario Negrete at (818) 546-8452 or email: mnegrete@sccsda.org

Employee Opportunities

Mia Swenson graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education from Pacific Union College in December 2008. She is looking for full-time employment.

In February, Pacific Union College will be hosting their annual Education Days. There will be early childhood majors to meet, some graduating this year who will be looking for employment. If there are employment opportunities forthcoming, please contact both the Union Office and Dr. Margo Haskins at (707) 965-9923.
In October of 2007, the Pacific Union Conference Office of Education hosted the first-ever, union-wide meeting for early childhood center directors. It was planned, and paid for, by the Union and local conference offices of education.

The meetings were so well received we have been advertising another Director’s Workshop for October, 2009. The planning has been taking place, but soon it will be time for making travel arrangements.

**Date:** October 11 & 12, 2009  
**Time:** Noon on Sunday, October 11 until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 12  
**Place:** Pacific Union Office, West Building  
2686 Townsgate Road  
Westlake Village, CA 91320  
**Costs:** NONE to the local site director. The Union Office and local conference offices will be paying for travel, hotel, meals, and misc. expenses - including a substitute teacher if one is required for the director’s attendance!

In a couple of months, each center director will be mailed an invitation and R.S.V.P. card. Please be watching for it!

In case you are wondering what we will be doing during the workshop, there is an agenda which will guide us through the day and a half. Naturally, networking and sharing will be an important part of our time together. The training sessions will focus on the business side of early childhood programs: maximizing staff/child ratios, census building, budgeting, tuition rate setting and working with a board. In the coming months, more will be added to the agenda!

In addition, the focus will be on the future of private, sectarian early childhood education programs and the future of Adventist preschools in particular. You will have the opportunity to answer questions such as:

- Where are we currently?  
- Where should we go from here?

Guaranteed: your input on these issues will be used for future discussions and organizational policy development.

**“But wait… there’s more…”**

We will even have a vendor or two for your shopping enjoyment!

Please take advantage of this opportunity to meet other Adventist program directors and local conference personnel, network, share, learn and grow. We have planned this workshop especially for you.

Until we meet in October, blessings and happy New Year!

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*Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises.*  
- Demosthenes