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THRIVE IV

NEWSLETTER



Thank You!

"We must remember that one determined person can make a significant difference, and that a small group of determined people can change the course of history."

- Sonia Johnson
American feminist, activist, and writer

Thank you to all the staff members, volunteers, and parents who made the Summer Pre-K Camp a success! We couldn't have done it without you!

Special thanks to United Way that not only provided funding for the program, but also provided volunteers and an exponential amount of support. Thank you!

IVYP & UNITED WAY SUMMER PRE-K CAMP COMES TO AN END

After four fun-filled weeks, Pre-K Camp came to an end. Twenty children participated in Pre-K Camp where the teachers led fun, educational and exciting activities. Classroom activities included reading books, writing their names, juicing, making *quesadillas*, cooking alphabet soup, making 4th of July hats, and more!

The children *danced* their way to the end showing a significant increase in their Kindergarten Student Entrance Profile (KSEP) scores in only four weeks! Pre- and post-KSEPs showed a 9% increase in children who were "ready-to-go" or who had "almost-mastered" Kindergarten readiness skills.



**United Way Representative,
Wendy, hands out Home Play
Kits to our children.**



HAPPY NEW FISCAL YEAR!!!

This fiscal year (July 2013 – June 2014) brings many changes including...

Expansion of our Playground

We are currently working hard to provide our new preschoolers with an improved playground at the IVYP State Preschool. A UCSB specialist in outdoor spaces for children is working alongside IVYP SPS teachers and staff to develop the new playground plan

The expansion and renovation will take place during the month of August, thanks to funding from the Women's Fund of Santa Barbara.

The new playground will include a bicycle rack for the children, along with fruit trees and adequate storage for new toys. Future plans will add raised flower boxes, a sand box, and a tire swing.



Budget Update 2013-2014

Funding for THRIVE Isla Vista includes:

\$200,000 First 5 Santa Barbara County

\$ 50,000 Santa Barbara Foundation

Many of our community partners also provide funding for Isla Vista children's programs: Orfalea Family Children's Center; Isla Vista Recreation & Parks District; Isla Vista Youth Projects & Children's Center; Goleta Union School District State Preschool; and, After School Education & Safety (ASES) after school program; Isla Vista Teen Center; Steps to Learning Preschool; Community Action Commission summer food program; and First 5 Strengthening Families Initiative – just to name a few... THRIVE Isla Vista is one of five community collaboratives in our county under the umbrella of THRIVE Santa Barbara County.



THRIVE Isla Vista would like to thank our supporting partners for all that they do in our community. We would not be able to see the changes being made without them. They not only help us maintain our children to be healthy and thriving, but they also provide funding for these activities to continue. Thank you!



Community Spotlight:

ISLA VISTA RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT

It has now been nearly 18 years since Anne Aziz, the IVRPD Recreation Coordinator, started the youth recreation program in Children's Park. Some of the first children who attended the program still live in the area and several now have their own families. In fact, there are 10 second generation children who currently participate in the same program that their parents attended!

In addition to running 13 programs, during the last year recreation staff escorted children on 380 excursions (an average of 32 per month), delivering another record-breaking year of accomplishments for the District. Approximately 90% of these field trips were made on foot. Excursions included 76 community outings in the Hiking & Exploration Club, 18 swimming / playground

excursions, 137 cultural enrichment field trips, 97 Adopt-A-Block clean ups, 27 community clean-ups, 12 Home Depot workshops, and a five-day camping excursion to Sequoia National Park, which included 13 field trips within the national forest. The total number of field trips during 2012-13 surpassed the previous year by an additional *49 more* field trips.

Events and excursions put on by IVRPD keep Isla Vista children active, healthy and engaged in the outdoors. Most of the programs are offered free of charge for community youth. Thank you, Anne Aziz and IVRPD, for all that you do!

Upcoming Events...

Save the Date!

IVYP Family
Resource Center
Food
Distribution

Thursday,
August 15, 2013
2-5pm

First Day Of
School

Monday,
August 26, 2013

United Way
Day of Caring

Saturday,
September 28, 2013





Community Spotlight: GIVE 2013

Each June, thousands of UCSB students move out of their residence halls and apartments and generate tons of trash. Each year, GIVE reduces tons of waste that would otherwise litter the streets and campus and end up in the county landfill. GIVE provides students with a convenient way to donate, rather than toss, reusable and recyclable goods. The project educates students about this cost-effective and efficient approach that supports their local community.

This year, in its 23rd year, GIVE significantly decreased the amount of trash collected by and disposal fees paid by MarBorg Disposal. GIVE processed over 30 tons of goods that were recycled during move-out time by providing an easy way for university students to donate unwanted items. UCSB Associated Students Recycling collected 324 pounds of electronic waste from all GIVE collection sites located in

residence halls on campus, university apartments, and at the Embarcadero Hall donation site in Isla Vista. The Associated Students Food Bank received all donated canned and packaged food for distribution to university students and their families in need--over 1,219 pounds. The proceeds from the GIVE sale were "recycled," too. In 2013, 138 GIVE volunteers spent 1,314.5 hours collecting, sorting and selling the donations. Proceeds of the sale, \$37,260.24, were distributed to 12 Isla Vista non-profits and community improvement projects identified for support by the GIVE volunteers. They included:

- Associated Student Food Bank
- Breakfast Optimist Club of Goleta
- Isla Vista Elementary School Science Camp Scholarship Fund
- Isla Vista Recreation & Park District Adopt-a-Block
- Isla Vista Recreation & Park District Children's Sequoia Camping Trip
- Isla Vista Teen Center
- Isla Vista/UCSB Liaison- Isla Vista Initiatives
- Isla Vista Youth Projects
- Optimist Club @ UCSB
- Santa Barbara Student Housing Coop
- St. Michael and All Angels Church
- Viva el Arte de Santa Bárbara/Isla Vista venues

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