

3-22-2010

## Greetings from The Learning Choice Academy!

### Knotts Berry Farm Field Trip

We apologize for any confusion about the date of the Knotts Berry Farm; it has been misprinted in the newsletter. The date of the Knotts Berry Farm field trip is **Monday, April 26**. Please mark the correct date on your calendars if you were planning to attend.

### Class Reminder

Parents—Please do not drop off your student for class more than 15 minutes before class is to begin. Thanks!

### Site Library Books

When you borrow library books, please remember to return them and to sign them back in. We try to keep an accurate inventory of the titles we have, and it's difficult when we don't know what has been returned and what hasn't. Thanks.

### Spring Break Dates

Please remember that Spring Break starts next Monday, March 29, and will continue until Tuesday, April 6. There will be no classes during the weeks of March 29 and April 5; classes will resume on April 12. April 7, 8, and 9 are school days, but there will be no on-site classes.

### Scholastic Book Fair

TLC Chula Vista will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from **March 23<sup>rd</sup>** to **March 26<sup>th</sup>** from 10:30 am – 2:30 pm at TLC Chula Vista (861 Harold Pl. Ste. 301, Chula Vista CA 91914). Stock up on books for the spring break and summer. All of the books purchased will help build TLC's Parent Supplemental Library at each site. Adult volunteers are needed to help run the book fair. To donate 2 hours of your time, please contact Mary Leeds, TLC EP, at 619-656-4231 or [mleeds@learningchoice.org](mailto:mleeds@learningchoice.org).

### Writing Workshop: Word Choice

Sharpen your students' descriptive powers. Teach your student how to make their writing spring to life in the reader's mind through the innovative use of the right word at the right moment. Learn how to give the reader the strong sense of being there, living it through the written word. Come and learn along with your child grades 3 and up on **March 23** at the Scripps Ranch site, from 9-11 am. NO babysitting provided.

### Cinderella

On **Wednesday, April 7**, come see the magical fairytale of Cinderella unfold on stage set to music by Prokofiev. Watch Cinderella and her Fairy Godmother waltz to the Royal Ball in a horse-drawn carriage. Beautiful fairies and enchanting animals make this ballet a joy for all!

Grades K-12. **Time:** 10 am-12 pm, 9:30 check-in. **Fee:** \$6 per student, \$10 per adult. **Location:** Casa Del Prado Theater, Balboa Park, **RSVP** by Friday, March 26.

### **Laser Tag Family Night**

Part Science, Part P.E., and A WHOLE LOT OF FUN! Do you want to make Science and P.E. “come to life” for your students? Atlantis Laser Tag Game Facility has recently opened right here in the South Bay area. Laser tag is a game/sport where individual or team players score points by “tagging” the opposing individual or team member with a hand-held infrared light emitting device. Each player wears an infrared-sensitive vest. Individual and teams play to tag the opposition and their points are electronically recorded within the computers systems of Atlantis Laser Tag. Join us for this fun activity on **Monday, April 12. Time:** 4-8 pm. **Location:** Atlantis Laser Tag, 510 Broadway, Chula Vista, CA 91910. **Fee:** \$9 per participant. Unlimited games. Min. 40. RSVP by March 15.

### **Birch Aquarium**

Participate in workshops and/or a self-guided tour on **Monday, April 19!** See the newsletter for workshop descriptions.

**Time:** 9:30 am Sharks, 11:15 am – 12:15 pm Labs (Fish Diversity for grades 2-3, Mollusks for grades 4-6). 9 am check-in.

**Location:** Birch Aquarium, 2300 Expedition Way, La Jolla, CA

**Fee:** \$9.25 per education program includes self-guided tour. \$12 Adults. Children 2 and under are free. RSVP by Monday, April 5.

### **ASIAN STORY THEATER - Return of the Monkey King**

As we visit on **Friday, April 23**, the Asian Story Theater’s imaginative staging of folktales from Asia or the Pacific Islands will delight students through traditional music, costuming, dance and martial arts. Connects with grade level content standards for grades K-7. **Time:** 11:30 am. 11 am check-in. **Location:** Lyceum Theatre, 1250 Weaver Street, San Diego CA 92114. **Fee:** \$6 per person. RSVP by Friday, April 9.

### **Knott’s Berry Farm**

On **Monday, April 26**, visit America’s first theme park for a day of fun and adventure. You have two choices: enter the park at a discounted group rate and enjoy the day on your own, or join with other TLC homeschool families and participate in the customized education program. Group general admission is available for \$23 per person. Children 3 and under are free. The park is open from 10 am – 6 pm.

The Education Program is 6 hours of customized tours that will visit select areas of Knott’s Berry Farm from 10 am – 4 pm for grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. This program does not include general admission or free time in the park. It does offer unique content as a guided education program that isn’t available to the general public and is focused on specific themes. \$15 per person. Participate in a Westward movement Tour, Mine and Log Rides, a Stagecoach Ride and Presentation, Blacksmith and Train Presentations, a Jaguar Ride, the Nature Center (Pony Express Outpost), a Paleontologist

Presentation on Minerals of the Earth, and an Abigail Adams Presentation at Independence Hall. See your newsletter for more detailed descriptions of these great events!

**Time:** 10 am – 4 pm OR 6 pm. 9:30 am check-in. **Location:** Knott's Berry Farm, 8039 Beach Blvd., Buena Park, CA 90620. **Fee:** \$23 per person admission OR \$15 per person education program. Parking is an additional fee of \$12 per car. RSVP by Monday, April 12.

### **STAR Test Information—Mark Your Calendar Now!**

If you are a student in grades two through eleven, mark your calendars! The Learning Choice Academy will be conducting STAR testing over the course of two weeks. The test dates are:

Scripps Ranch, La Mesa & Chula Vista sites

April 27, 28, 29: Check in time 10:00AM

May 4, 5, 6: Check in time 8:30AM

Valle Vista Library

*Address:*

25757 Fairview Ave, Hemet 92544

April 27, 28: Check in time 10:00AM (Grades two through eight)

April 29: Check in time 12 noon (grades two through eight)

April 30: Check in time 12 noon (grades nine through eleven)

May 3, May 4: Check in time 10:30AM (Grades nine through eleven)

Temecula Site

May 5, 6, 7: Check in time 10:00AM

We hope to see all of you there!

### **Extended Class Reminders**

Please remember that the last day to submit Request for Payment or Reimbursement forms is **May 28, 2010**. All invoices must be received by the last day of school, **June 11, 2010**, or they will not be paid.

### **Spring Break Art and Clay Classes**

Take part in the popular two-part Spring Break morning art classes held at the Spanish Village Art Center, taught by Elizabeth Woolrych (Clay and wheel class) and Charlotte Ibach (Found object art).

Dates: March 29-April 2, 2010

Times: 9:00-12:00

Price: \$ 130.00

Afternoon classes will introduce different arts each day, including drawing and

painting, jewelry, more pottery/mosaics, and copper masks.

Dates: March 29-April 2, 2010

Time: 1:00-4:00

Price: \$ 130.00

Children staying for the afternoon art classes should bring a lunch; lunchtime will be supervised in our enclosed patio. For more information, please call 619-236-8997 or visit [www.ewoolrychpottery.com](http://www.ewoolrychpottery.com)

### **College Fair**

Visit the National Association for College Admission Counseling's National College Fair on **Tuesday, April 20**, from 9 am to 12 noon and 6–8:30 pm. See more details about the San Diego fair at <http://www.nacacnet.org/EVENTSTRaining/COLLEGEFAIRS/NCF/SPRING/Pages/SanDiegoNCF.aspx>. Available Workshops include the Nuts and Bolts of Financial Aid, Selecting a College, California Public Higher Education (the UCs, CSUs, and CCCs), and SAT vs. ACT. If you are planning to attend college, this is an invaluable resource for you.

### **Breast Cancer Walk—TLC for a Cure Team**

TLC EP Cherokee Eddy is the Team Captain for the **TLC for a Cure** team, who will participate in the San Diego Walk to Empower Breast Cancer 1 day- 3 mile walk in Mission Bay on Mother's Day Morning, **Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010**. TLC would like to make this walk an annual Event and hopes that you can make it a Mother's Day Tradition for you & your family and join us. Please see the attached memo for more details on how to sign up for the team and help us with fundraising. We hope to see you there!

Mark your calendars for a Bunco Night to benefit the TLC for a Cure team. This special night will be on Wednesday, April 21, from 6-9 pm at the La Mesa site. All proceeds will benefit the Walk to Empower Breast Cancer. More details available soon!

### **Sign-up Deadline Approaching: students must sign-up by March 23, 2010 for Washington D.C., New York, Boston and Philadelphia trip!**

Sign-up Deadline Approaching! Students must sign-up by **March 23, 2010** for this trip. There are only 94 days left until TLC departs on the trip of a lifetime! The Washington D.C. trip departs on June 6, 2010 for 7 fabulous days. We will be touring Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington D.C. Go to the website to check out the great historical places we will be visiting. The cost is \$1538 per person and it includes flight, room, and two meals daily. Visit <http://www.myexplorica.com> (tour center id: Gooding-6583) to enroll for the Washington D.C. trip. For further questions, please contact Debi at [dgooding@learningchoice.org](mailto:dgooding@learningchoice.org)

### **Ireland, Wales and England Spring of 2011**

Sign up now and start saving for your trip of a lifetime, the longer you wait the more the price goes up so lock in your price today and sign-up. Cost is

currently \$2126.00 or 10 monthly payments of \$203.10 if you sign up today. See the Itinerary for Ireland at [www.myexplorica.com](http://www.myexplorica.com) (tour center id: Gooding-3393) . For further questions, please contact Debi @ [dgooding@learningchoice.org](mailto:dgooding@learningchoice.org)

### **T-Shirts- Show your school spirit**

Get your new TLC Jaguars T-Shirt, Only \$10.00. They are great to wear on field trips, or to classes -- show your school spirit! Be proud of your school and show it off. Fill out order forms at your site.

### **Important Dates to Remember**

March 18:	Writing Workshop, La Mesa
March 21/22:	Field Trip: Sea World Sleepover
March 23-26:	Scholastic Book Fair, Chula Vista
March 23:	Writing Workshop, Scripps Ranch
April 7:	Field Trip: Cinderella
April 12:	Field Trip: Laser Tag
April 13:	Field Trip: Cirque Dreams: Illumination
April 19:	Field Trip: Birch Aquarium
April 23:	Field Trip: Asian Story Theater
April 26:	Field Trip: Knott's Berry Farm