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Greetings from The Learning Choice Academy!

Six Traits of Writing Workshops

Join Sandee Bach, one of TLC's most experienced teachers and writers, for a series of parent/student workshops on teaching writing. At our next workshop, we are going to be looking at the trait of Sentence Fluency. We will be learning how to make sentences dance and gracefully flow with rhythm, how to strengthen sentences with variety of length and complexity, and how to make sentences sing lyrically when read aloud.

This workshop will be hosted at the Scripps Ranch site on **Tuesday, April 20** from 9-11am. It's geared to students 3rd - 8th grade, yet may be helpful and appropriate for all students. Sign up by filling out the RSVP form at your site. There is limited space, so be sure to reserve a place you and your student ASAP. Babysitting not available.

Knott's Berry Farm

On **Monday, April 26**, visit America's first theme park for a day of fun and adventure. Enter the park at a discounted group rate and enjoy the day on your own! Group general admission is available for \$23 per person. Children 3 and under are free. The park is open from 10 am – 6 pm. Educational Program has been cancelled, but you can still enter Knott's as a family and enjoy the park for a discounted rate.

Time: 10 am – 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.

Post-Testing Party

We are all pumped up about this year's post testing party! Students that participate in all 3 days of STAR testing will be eligible for this FREE special event. This year the main Post-Testing Party will take place in Murrieta; however, an alternative location is available in Mission Valley on a different date. **Please select one party where you would like to celebrate.**

Option #1: Murrieta:

At SkyHigh Party Zone, TLC will have the run of 9,000 sq ft bounce room which won the 2009 Nickelodeon Parents' Choice Award for the Best Indoor Playspace in the San Diego and Riverside Areas. You can jump on one of six huge bouncers, play ping-pong, air hockey, shuffleboard and arcade games. Then test your singing skills on the karaoke stage. Have a blast in our new Glow-in-the-dark air cannon ball room where you will go head to head with up to four friends and then become a target yourself as you run into the middle to get more ammo! Socks required. Non-participants are free.

Date: Monday, May 24, 2010

Time: 10 am – 2 pm

Location: 26670 Madison Avenue, Murrieta, CA 92562

Fee: Free for testing students (2nd-11th grade that attend all 3 testing days). \$8 participants (sibling/parents).

RSVP at your site.

Option #2: Mission Valley:

Get ready to bounce around on 12 – 15 giant inflatables. The outdoor amusement park is fun for children of all ages and adults. Inflatables World has inflatable slides, jumping rides, and obstacle courses. Socks required. Non-participants are free.

Date: Friday, May 7, 2010

Time: 11 am-1:30 pm

Location: 1640 Camino Del Rio North, San Diego, CA 92108

Fee: Free for testing students (2nd-11th grade that attend all 3 testing days). \$8 participants (siblings/parents).

RSVP at your site.

BizTown Field Trip

On **Monday, May 10** at The McGrath Family JA BizTown, the students (grades 4th-7th) are in charge!! Students work in a life-sized interactive city that is designed to reflect San Diego in the businesses, landscape, and architecture. The students leave The McGrath Family JA BizTown feeling personally successful after spending the day working hard at their jobs. They also leave with a greater understanding of the value of a dollar, the importance of team work, and how to be a contributing citizen in the community.

Time: 10 am – 2:30 pm. **Location:** 4756 Mission Gorge Place, San Diego, CA 92120.

Fee: \$18 per student (free for full day students). Min. 80. RSVP by: Completing Biztown orientation and curriculum. **Only students who complete the curriculum and orientation may attend this field trip.**

Baseball Game: Padres vs. Dodgers

TLC is heading to Petco Park for a family fun night on **Friday, May 14** at 7:05 pm for a game against the LA Dodgers. You can get up to 30% off ticket prices. Update:

Pavilion Seats are no longer available for this game. Another mid-level seating area may be available—check upcoming weekly bulletins for updates. **Time:** 7:05 pm,

Location: Petco Park

Fee: field box reserved \$31, Upper reserved \$9.50. Min. 50 tickets RSVP by: April 16, 2010. **This field trip may be cancelled due to low enrollment—if you are interested in attending, please RSVP ASAP.**

Monte Carlo Prom

This year, The Learning Choice Academy is raising the stakes! The high school prom will be full of glitz and glamour. Prom will feature multiple gaming stations, chances to win and earn prizes, and back for a second year in a row—XTFD, Xtremem Fun DJ. So

sign up now and get ready for some non-stop fun!

Date: Thursday, May 20, 2010 (Date has changed!). **Time:** 7:00PM to 11:00PM.

Location: Starlight Ballroom, The Bristol Hotel: 1055 First Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101. **Fee:** \$50 Per Person. **RSVP:** April 23, 2010

Stars on Ice

The Stars of Vancouver are coming to you LIVE on **Saturday, May 22** for Smucker's Stars on Ice. Fresh off the ice in Vancouver, the Stars will bring the excitement of their performances directly to you. The Smucker's on Ice Tour captures their spirit as it visits cities across the USA, each for one night only. Don't miss your only opportunity to see Olympic Silver Medalist Sasha Cohen , World Champion and Olympic Gold Medalist Evan Lysacek, Olympic Silver Medalists Tanith Belbin & Benjamin Agosto and MORE of the world's best skaters in this magical combination of artistry, athleticism, and great music - all in one show!

Time: 7:30 pm **Location:** San Diego Sports Arena **Fee:** \$39 (end lower level) OR \$14 (end loge or Terrace). **Parking:** \$20.00 Min. 10. RSVP by Monday, May 3.

101 Dalmatians

On **Wednesday, June 2**, the beloved classic novel comes to life on the stage in this brand new musical sure to delight the whole family, directed by Broadway legend Jerry Zaks. Pongo and Mrs. Pongo are loving the good life in London with their "pets" Roger and Anita. When their 15 puppies go missing, the canines learn they have been dognapped by the villainous Cruella de Vil – and so, with the help of the dog network, sparked by the "Twilight Bark," they set off to rescue their pups. There's a happy ending for all with laughter, mayhem and music along the way!

Time: 7 pm. 6:30 pm check-in. **Location:** San Diego Civic Theatre. **Fee:** \$23 per person. RSVP by: April 21, 2010.

Knott's Soak City

On **Friday, June 11**, start off your summer with a splash. There are slides of all kinds for all ages-speed slides, body slides, and tube slides. You can drift around the lazy river in an inner tube. Ride a raft on Pacific Spin or Coronado Express. Catch the surf at Balboa Bay in the wave pool. Height restrictions apply for some rides. Visit Gremmie Lagoon, Dick's Beach House or Tyke's Trough for younger kids play area and slides. Soak up the sun and enjoy the day with TLC families.

You can purchase a meal ticket for \$8 which includes all-you-can-eat hot dogs, hamburgers, fruit, chips and drinks at the event from 11 am – 1 pm. Extended units cannot be used to purchase food. The food tickets are also only valid on the day of our field trip. However, the waterpark tickets can be used throughout the 2010 season.

Time: 10 am – 6 pm. 9:30 am check-in. **Location:** 2052 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, CA 91911.

Fee: \$18 per person. Additional fee for parking. RSVP by: Friday, May 28.

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.

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 9th, 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. To sign up for the TLC team, visit <http://walk.networkofstrength.org/Page.aspx?pid=718>. We hope to see you there!

Bunco Night Date Change- Thursday May 6, 2010 is now the date –Mark it on your calendars.

Mark your calendars for a Bunco Night to benefit the TLC for a Cure team. This special night will be on Thursday, May 6th, from 6-9 pm at the La Mesa site. Buy-in is \$15 per person—teens and adults only. All proceeds will benefit the Walk to Empower Breast Cancer and will go straight to our team goal of \$1,000. All prizes and snacks will be donated—Donations still needed, if you'd like to donate prizes or snacks (finger foods), please contact TLC EP Cherokee Eddy at ceddy@learningchoice.org.

Registration form will be emailed out in a special email. RSVP with Cherokee via email until then. Thank you! Can't Walk that day, Play Bunco, can't play Bunco that night, donate prizes or Snacks for Bunco. There is always a way to help and be involved.

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 (tour center id: Gooding-3393) . For further questions, please contact Debi @ dgooding@learningchoice.org

Disneyland Homeschool Event

The Best Homeschool Field Trip Ever! That's what kids say who have participated in the official Not Back to School Days Rally each year. Memories to last a lifetime are made at the Not Back to School Days Rally as homeschool families experience the combination of an exciting academic environment with an unforgettable vacation. It's a conference, a rally, a field trip, and a vacation all rolled into one. Come and join the fun and make Not Back to School Days a tradition in your home education adventure! Early registration ends this month. The official dates of the Not Back to School Days Rally:

September 8 - 11, 2010 at the *Disneyland*® Resort! Get more information and

download a conference information packet at <http://www.notbacktoschooldays.com/index.htm>.

Important Dates to Remember

April 19:	Field Trip: Birch Aquarium
April 21:	TLC for a Cure: Bunco Night
April 23:	Field Trip: Asian Story Theater
April 26:	Field Trip: Knott's Berry Farm
May 3:	Field Trip: Bravo Art Studio
May 7:	Post-Testing Party: Mission Valley
May 10:	Field Trip: BizTown
May 14:	Field Trip: Baseball Game (Padres vs. Dodgers)
May 17-21:	Sixth Grade Camp
May 17:	Field Trip: Marine Science Floating Lab
May 22:	Field Trip: Stars on Ice

May 24: Post-Testing Party: Murrieta
June 2: Field Trip: 101 Dalmatians
June 4: Showcase/Field Day
June 11: Field Trip: Knott's Soak City