Welcome back to everyone who was out for spring break. We hope you are refreshed and ready to tackle the rest of your spring semester. I am excited to remind everyone that it’s almost time for Week of the Young Child! - Earlene Gonzales, Director

This year, the Week of the Young Child is April 10–16th.

Teachers will be asking for your input and help with planning and setting up for a week of activities for young children at the center with a focus on family involvement in the children’s early childhood education.

This is one of the most exciting times of the year for the children.

During WOYC, we look for ways to share activities with the families and community by planning things we can do that promote working together here at UTSA and ensure great early learning experiences that you depend upon for your children.

The committee that is working on plans for daily events from April 11–15, 2016 is organizing parent-teacher, parent-program, and parent-parent events throughout the week. If you would like to join in the committee work, you can let your child’s teacher know that you want to help with the WOYC committee.

The committee will be working on a calendar of events that will be distributed to all families and to the UTSA community by April 1, 2016. There will be a Parent Meeting on Tuesday, April 5th at 4:00 p.m. to go over some of the WOYC details.

Tuesday, April 12th during WOYC will also be the day for our Taco Tuesday—a family event where you can meet some of the other parents and UTSA community members. Make sure to look for your WOYC calendar and attend some of the events, but especially our Open House on Thursday, April 14, 2016. Family members in the past who have attended these events have shared how much they loved the opportunities to network with each other and visit the classrooms with the other families.

Please join us!

**ENROLLMENT NEWS & SUMMER TRANSITIONS**

In a few weeks, it will be the end of spring semester and time for summer transitions. We are already starting to receive withdrawal notices from parents who are graduating in early May or leaving for kindergarten. This creates a transition opportunity for children to move to older age groups because we try to fill openings that come up during the year with currently enrolled children before enrolling from the wait list. The reason for this is that if we enroll children from the waitlist this late in the year, it leaves fewer spaces for currently enrolled children later on in the summer or fall semesters.

If your child will be moving to an older age group, teachers will work together with the new teachers to coordinate a written plan for visits to the new room and let you know when your child has an opportunity to transition. If your child is not changing groups, you may still notice some changes in your group as new children join the room. Please let me know if you have questions.

**CALENDAR REMINDER**

- **April 5-Parent Meeting @ 4:00 P.M. IN ROOM 1.108**
- **April 11-15, 2016-Week of the Young Child**

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Vision Statement

UTSA Child Development Center is a safe and nurturing environment where children develop through play and real life experience and students find support for enhancing their educational experiences through learning activities designed by UTSA faculty.

Mission Statement

We provide a child-centered program for children of UTSA students, faculty, and staff in which parents, teachers, and administrators work together to benefit the whole child through developmentally appropriate programs dedicated to helping children reach their fullest potential and develop necessary life skills. An important component of the program is supporting UTSA students and families with children in our program as they work to complete their course work and graduate in four years.

Parent Meeting - April 5, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Please join us for a Parent Meeting on Tuesday, April 5th at 4:00—4:30 p.m. The meeting is an opportunity to learn more about NAEYC's Week of the Young Child! Materials will be provided for you to help us spread the word about the importance of high quality early childhood education in programs for infants, toddlers and preschool-age children.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION COORDINATORS

Earlene Gonzales, Director 210-458-6366

The Child Development Center has a shared leadership management model which helps our program provide better oversight if and when the director is away from the center.

The rotation schedule for the ECECs for the rest of the spring semester is:

- March - Vicky Miraures
- April - Sheryl Wedige
- May - Vicky Miraures

NOTE: One of the ECECs is designated as acting assistant director each month.

ECECs are in charge in the morning before the director arrives, and any time when the director attends meetings or takes lunch break or vacation/sick leave.

The ECECs can be reached by phone at (210) 458-6364.