



NEWSLETTER

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On March 24, Skateland was host to our annual FFA Easter event. Skateland on Ming Avenue is an iconic location here in Bakersfield and, little known fact, is home to a roller derby team that is currently ranked #1. **IN THE WORLD!** Ask the owners about it sometime and they will proudly tell you all about their amazing team. Thank you to our sponsors, the AT&T Golden Empire Telephone Pioneers, for providing fun activities, and to all the families who participated.



Save the Date

Our annual Resource Parent appreciation dinner will be on May 10 at Hodels.

Please Note!

Mark has changed his CPR/1st Aid recertification trainings from the first Thursday of every month to the **first Monday** of every month.

Upcoming Trainings

(please RSVP)

April 14, 9:00-11:00AM: "Supporting Children and Non-Minor Dependents in School" with Bibi Carrasco. RSVP to 661-428-2915

May 9, 6:00-8:00PM: "Prudent Parent Standard" with Jessica Mosley. RSVP to 661-396-2357

May 16, 6:00-8:00PM: "Managing Aggressive Behavior" with Mark Dominguez.

June 2, 9:00-11:00AM: "Crisis Intervention" with Bianca Ruiz. RSVP to 661-396-2303

Ongoing Trainings

Mark Dominguez will be offering the following trainings on an ongoing basis (participants must RSVP by the Thursday prior to the training to 661-865-2352):

CPR/1st Aid Recertification (*for anyone who has previously had CPR/1st Aid training*): First **Monday** of every month from 10:00am-Noon and from 6:00-8:00pm.

CPR/1st Aid-Initial Course (*for those who have never had the training before*): First Saturday of February, May, August, and November, 10:00am-3:00pm.



On March 24, the Bakersfield Condors recognized KBYH during a pre-game ceremony. KBYH would like to thank Chad Howard and the Condor's organization for providing this opportunity. Go Condors!



Jim VanderZwan, KBYH board member Jeff Petrini, and Kathy Irwin during the pre-game recognition.

Child Birthdays

Taysean F.: 3 years old
 Alexandria C.: 10 years old
 Andrew G.: 10 years old
 Roman R.: 12 years old
 David R.: 17 years old



Foster Parent Birthdays

May 6: Frances Cortez
 May 10: Jose Contreras
 May 13: Graciela Pardon
 May 15: Carmella Marroquin
 May 18: Anika Billingsly

KBYH Staff Birthdays

May 2: Keisha Davis
 May 11: Joe Ortega
 May 13: Tienna Ortiz
 May 14: Reggie Phillips
 May 21: Sharon Harman-Fry
 May 21: Nicole Juarez
 May 24: Ronny Copeland
 May 28: Nestor Sanchez

KBYH Staff Anniversaries

Diana Cisneros: 1 Year
 Marina Hernandez: 1 Year
 Willie Smith: 1 Year



Foster Youth of the Month: Kayla M.

KBYH would like to recognize Kayla M. for her accomplishments. Kayla has made massive strides in school in the past 6 months and had a 3.5 GPA this past grading period. We are very proud of Kayla and would like to congratulate her on all her accomplishments and efforts this school year.

Resource Parent Spotlight: Pardon/Reyna family

On April 6, the Padron/Reyna family gave three children a forever home after a long and challenging journey. In attendance were numerous family, friends and professionals associated with the case. One of the children has profound hearing deficits, and his teacher and case manager from the Richardson Center was in attendance. This truly was a glorious occasion. Congratulations!



KBYH Social Worker Spotlight: Martha Pantoja-Gonzalez

KBYH welcomes Martha as the newest member of our team. Martha was born in Mexico and raised in Arvin. She is the first master's level graduate from both her maternal and paternal extended family. She graduated with a B.A. degree in Sociology and Criminal Justice in 2011 and graduated with her MSW in 2013. She has been practicing social work since July of 2013. Martha brings an amazing skill set and will be working at KBYH as an Adoptions Social Worker. Welcome Martha!



Safety Notes

Never Leave Children Alone Near Water

Never leave a child unattended near water, even for a few seconds.

Splashing around in the water at bath time or playtime is great fun for children, yet water presents many possible hazards. Drowning can occur in less than an inch of water, making bathtubs, sinks, pools and even pails a source of great danger. For safety, it's essential to prevent situations that may lead to accidents.

Never leave a child unattended near water, even for just a few seconds. If the phone or doorbell rings while your baby or young child is in the bathtub, pick him up, wrap him in a towel and take him with you. Do not leave him alone: It takes only a few seconds for drowning to occur. If you leave your baby with a caregiver, make sure he or she knows your safety rules.

Backyard pools, hot tubs, wading pools, even small koi or fishponds, can become dangerous in an instant. Make sure you have a fence around the pool or pond to keep young children from venturing where they shouldn't, and consider an alarm system on doors leading out to the pool area. Hot tubs should be covered when they are not in use. Wading pools or splash pools should always be emptied when playtime is over.

Scalding burns from hot water are also a potential concern. To be safe, lower your hot water heater settings to 120 degrees F (49 degrees C) or less to avoid scalding by water that comes out of the bathtub or sink faucets. Test bath water temperature with your hand or elbow to make sure it is at a comfortable temperature before lowering your child into the tub.

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