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- City Council approved Pre-K 4 SA FY 2015 Budget
- 2014-2015 student registration begins
- End-of-the-year events a huge success
- Pre-K 4 SA provides “Summer Safety” tips



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Pre-K 4 SA Today

Pre-K 4 SA Welcomes New Center Directors

This month, new Center Directors for the East and West Education Centers will be joining the Executive Staff team at Pre-K 4 SA. Current executive staff members include Pre-K 4 SA CEO Kathleen Bruck; Director of Professional Development Linda Hamilton; North Education Center Director Sandy Weser; and South Education Center Director, Belinda Gonzalez.

Current staff began working with the program in early 2013, and have successfully led the department through Year 1 of operations. Together, this group has extensive experience in the education field and other subjects including early education, professional development, differentiated instruction, and bilingual education.

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Janice Hammonds, East Education Center

Janice Hammonds will serve as the East Education Center Director. She joins the team with over thirty years of experience in the field of early childhood education. She served as the Principal of the Anita Uphaus Early childhood Center and Assistant Principal of schools among other roles in Austin ISD.

Hammonds is an active member of a variety of educator and community organizations. Memberships include the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Janice was awarded the Outstanding Leaders Award in Austin ISD in 2012.



Christina Reck-Guerra, West Education Center



Christina joins Pre-K 4 SA as the West Education Center Director. She has over twenty years of experience in elementary education. Her previous roles include Principal and Assistant Principal in North East ISD where she worked for over eight years. She also has ten

years of experience as a first and second grade teacher in Comal ISD.

Additionally, Christina has over thirteen years of experience working with children from economically disadvantaged homes.

FY 2015 Budget Approved by City Council

On May 15, 2014, the City Council approved the Pre-K 4 SA Fiscal Year 2015 Budget which the Pre-K 4 SA Board of Directors had already approved in late April 2014. The Pre-K 4 SA fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30 each year.

Pre-K 4 SA is fully self-supported by dedicated revenues and does not receive any dollars from the City's General

Fund. The program is primarily funded by a voter approved 1/8¢ sales tax. The FY 2015 Budget totals \$36.5 million and is comprised of \$29.5 million in sales tax; \$4.0 million in State reimbursement; \$1.2 million in food reimbursement; and \$260,000 in sliding scale tuition and other miscellaneous revenues.

The total FY 2015 Budget will fund the East and West Education Centers, and will allow

capacity expansion at the current Centers. Extended-day service; breakfast, lunch and a snack; and transportation are provided each day, free of charge. The ratio of students to teachers is twenty students per two teaching professionals, a teacher and teachers assistant. The program provides family support services. For the upcoming year, Pre-K 4 SA has also updated the sliding scale for tuition.

Expenditure Budget Categories (in millions)	
Pre-K 4 SA Education Center Services	\$21.9
Transportation	\$1.0
Facilities Lease, Construction, and Maintenance	\$8.5
Professional Development	\$2.2
Program Assessment	\$0.1
Public Relations/Marketing	\$0.4
Administration	\$1.6
Other	\$0.8
Total Budget	\$36.5

What does the Pre-K 4 SA Budget fund?

Center Services

- 322 positions (Master Teachers, Teacher Assistants, Family Specialists, Transportation Staff)
- Child Nutrition Services
- Special Education Support
- Extended Day Services
- Student Insurance & Liability

Administration

- 13 Positions (CEO and management staff)
- Recruitment services
- Board/strategic planning
- Legal Services
- Annual Audit

Facilities, etc.

- 3 leased Centers
- 1 Center owned by City of San Antonio
- 27 Maintenance positions

Program Assessment

- Year 2 of Edvance Study
- 8-Year contract with Edvance Research, Inc. in conjunction with NIEER at Rutgers University

Transportation

- 16 buses and transportation depots to provide free transportation daily

Professional Development

- Classroom Training (Pre-K)
- In-Service Training (City of San Antonio educators)
- Teacher Coaching in participating ISDs and local schools

PR/Marketing

- 1 PR Manager
- Marketing Contracts
- Media Buys



2014-2015 Student Registration

June 10 Student Lottery

The automated lottery was conducted on June 10, 2014 to randomly select free and tuition students for the four Education Centers for the 2014-2015 school year. 1,500 students were selected. An additional 1,700 students are on "waitlist" status. The results of the lottery were sent by mail on June 13 to inform families if they were selected to register or if they were placed on the

waitlist. Waitlisted families will be contacted if space becomes available at a Center.

Families who apply after June 8 are automatically added to the waitlist and will be contacted if space is available.

Selected families must complete several remaining steps to complete the registration process.



Next Steps for Selected Families

Once contacted that their child has been accepted, families should immediately contact Pre-K 4 SA at (210) 206-PREK (7735) to schedule a registration appointment.

Families will be required to complete certain paperwork and provide necessary documentation at the registration appointment and should collect this information prior to the appointment.

Families should be prepared to take their completed registration packet and documents to registration appointments.

Construction Updates

Construction on the East and West Education Centers remains on track for completion by August of this year. Progress on the East and West Education Centers, respectively, is shown below.



End-of-the-Year Events

To celebrate the end of the school year, Pre-K 4 SA hosted “MOVE with Pre-K 4 SA” at Olmos Park on Saturday, May 17. Over 400 current and applicant families joined together for a fun, healthy day that featured live music, Zumba, and a produce market.



Families participated in activities including face painting, marble art, kite-making, and writing letters to soldiers. After completing a “fun run” full of pushups, squats, and sprints, children also had the opportunity to make their own smoothies by riding on the “bicycle blender.”

The event also featured local organizations such as the YMCA, American Heart Association, the Greater San Antonio Hispanic Dental Association, and the San Antonio Public Library.



Summer Safety Tips

- ✓ Food Safety—
 - Always keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot!
 - Always refrigerate leftovers as soon as you’ve finished eating!
- ✓ Beware of Bugs—
 - To prevent illnesses, use an age appropriate insect and tick repellent.
 - Read instructions carefully!
- ✓ Water Safety—
 - If you plan to take children swimming, it is always safe to learn CPR.
 - Never leave unsupervised children in the water.
- ✓ Heat Safety—
 - Drink plenty of water and avoid carbonated and caffeinated drinks.
 - Stay indoors during the hottest part of the day.
 - Check temperature of play equipment and car seatbelts.

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