

## *The Barclay Early Childhood Center*

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*Karen Rockhill, Principal*

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Dear Barclay Families:

May is Asian/Pacific Heritage Month. Please see our bulletin board display in our lobby. Teachers are also providing students with learning opportunities for their students to explore the rich cultural traditions of the countries within the continent of Asia as well as the islands of the Pacific.

May 6<sup>th</sup> marks the beginning of Teacher Appreciation Week. I would like to acknowledge the fine work of our teachers, assistants, therapists, CST members, and school nurse. Our staff truly cares about your children and strive each day to instill a love for learning in a developmentally appropriate climate. We recently updated our Mission Statement. It reads:

The mission of the Barclay Early Childhood Center is to provide an inclusive, high-quality preschool program for all children. **WE** focus on the development of the whole child, including the Core Values of Respect, Responsibility and Citizenship. **WE** emphasize meeting the individual needs of our students through developmentally appropriate instruction and therapeutic support. **WE** are a learning community. **WE** are Barclay.

Our Field Day is scheduled to be held on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please see your child's classroom teacher for more information about signing up to volunteer for Field Day. This year, we will have student volunteers from Rosa International Middle School helping out with the stations!

**Barclay Librarian, Jillian Soriano, will be presenting a Parent Power Workshop during the May 16<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting.** Her topic will be – “Growing Readers: Tips and Tricks for Encouraging a Love of Reading for All Children.”

In order to commemorate Memorial Day, Barclay staff will participate in a Jeans for Troops Day on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our staff will pay to wear jeans. Your children can show their support by wearing Red, White, and Blue or Camouflage.

Barclay is still collecting non-perishable food items for the CH Food Bank. Last date for collection is June 7<sup>th</sup>. Please support the Food Bank! This food drive is a Zone PTA project: “Together **WE** Eat.”

Remember, school will be closed on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.

Sincerely,

Karen Rockhill  
Principal