



Staff Development

Igniting Team Performance!



During our staff development week, the ABACC team will be participating in a workshop intitled, Igniting Team Performance. This is a fun, fast-paced and dynamic training series that will measure and define a groups’ current teamwork ability while imparting lessons on goal-setting, leadership enhancement, and communication skills. Motivating facilitated process discussions will occur throughout the session, with emphasis on workplace application.

This program is delivered by challenging our team to complete a series of progressively difficult challenges. Guided conversations will uncover strengths and areas for improvement. By immediately turning these debrief lessons into action during the next introduced challenge, the group is well-positioned to deliver a better teamwork performance.



On Tuesday, March 28 and Wednesday, March 29th we will be certifying and recertifying specific members of our staff who are either new hires or staff members whose certification is expiring. The certification for our staff is good for two years and although it is not required, we always make it a goal to certify all staff, including both part-time and full-time team members while employed at the Cen-

Calendar

Spring Calendar

- March 20** -Parent Workshop Series #1
- March 27, 28, 29 & 30**- Staff Development; Center Closed
- March 31**– Center closed in observance of Cesar Chavez
- April 18** - Parent Workshop #2
- April** (TBD) Parent Saturday Workday
- May 29**– Center closed in observance of Memorial Day

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Staff Spotlight



ABACC Education and Curriculum Specialist

Janaina Maudonnet is a Ph.D. in Education from the University of Sao Paulo. As part of her doctoral studies, she was a visiting scholar at the Center for the Study of Democracy at the University of California Irvine. She also has a Master of Arts in Education and a Bachelor of Science in education from the University of Sao Paulo. She is a certified pre-school teacher by Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC) and an accredited teacher by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. In addition, Janaina is a Specialist in Citizenship and Human Rights in the Education System from the Complutense University of Madrid in Spain, and a Specialist in Public Policies of Early Childhood from the Organization of Ibero-American States.

Since 1994, she has been working in Early Childhood Education. She worked as a teacher for 15 years in public preschools in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and as a trainer for more than 10 years at the Educational District in the same city. In addition to her work with children, she was a college professor at Community Colleges in Brazil teaching Curriculum and programs in Early Childhood Education and Foundations of Early Childhood Education. She has also written several articles about training programs and public policies in Early Childhood Education.

Jana assists the teaching staff with curriculum development and training and has been an amazing asset to our program. Thank you, Jana!

Center News

Center Improvements:

- The Center has received bids to re-turf the courtyard and the re-surfacing should be completed in the next 30-45 days.
- Teachers are planning and purchasing materials to create a new outdoor art studio or “Atelier” for the children. The studio will be located adjacent to the Bonsai Room on their side patio.  
“Atelier” means “art studio” or “workshop” in French. A Reggio Emilia Atelier is a welcoming and inspiring place offering a wide variety of natural and man-made materials for artistic expression.
- The Infant/Toddler teaching staff will be taking part in ongoing mentoring and training through the Program for Infant Toddler Care (PITC). For more information, go to: <https://www.pitc.org/services/professional-learning/teachers-and-care-providers/regional-support-network/regional>
- The play yards will be receiving new sand and woodchips
- We will be giving the Center a spring cleaning by replanting and redefining the grounds.
- Keep a look out on your emails as we will be scheduling a Parent Saturday workday in the coming week; more to follow.
- All families will be emailed to take part in a survey during mid-April from the California Department of Education. The survey will provide us data we can use to reflect and improve upon the program.

Parent Resources

Please visit our parent resource page on our website:

<https://www.calstatela.edu/abacc/parent-resources-and-information>

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