



Curious Minds

PACCC's Monthly Newsletter

Welcome back to Curious Minds, PACCC's monthly newsletter where you'll discover curated news on early childhood development, education and care, events and fundraising, and personal stories about our unique community!



PACCC is a community where children thrive, educators are valued, and families are supported. Providing exceptional, accessible education and care for Palo Alto's children since 1974!

It's Official – The Holidays are Here!

As we enter into the holiday season and the end of the year looms large, we'd like to take a moment to thank our PACCC staff, board of directors, donors, volunteers, and families for all you do to help make PACCC a place where children can learn, grow, and thrive. We are deeply grateful for you.



Synonymous with the holiday season is Giving Season. Or so says the greeting card industry and our own love of holiday traditions! Gift giving is a way to recognize and acknowledge an individual or group's hard work and their ability to go above and beyond expectations. Giving is also a way to celebrate the uniqueness of someone in our community and what they mean to us. At PACCC, we can't think of a more important gift than supporting the children of Palo Alto - the very future of our community.



Tuesday, November 28th is Giving Tuesday, and we invite you to consider adding PACCC to your gift list. A **donation** of \$25 helps PACCC continue to provide high-quality early education and care throughout the school year and helps to expand our reach to more of Palo Alto's children. Whatever you can do is greatly appreciated! Your gift matters because *every single child matters*.



PACCC Partners with Youth Community Service

Beginning on November 1, PACCC will partner with **Youth Community Service** (YCS) in an 8-week Life Skills Workshop that helps 4th and 5th grade students transition into Middle School. Regional Coordinator, Kandice Mitchell is the YCS liaison, which is now in its second year at PACCC and has grown to 6 PACCC locations.

“YCS was founded in 1990 as a collaboration between the cities of Palo Alto and East Palo Alto, and the Palo Alto Unified and Ravenswood School Districts.” Its 3 primary focus areas are Peer Leadership, Social-Emotional Learning and Wellness, and Service-Based Learning.

Every workshop runs approximately 30-45 minutes with a different theme designed to help create an honest and open discussion around everyday challenges including peer pressure, what students need from the adults in their lives, and how to navigate a world full of choices that they may have not been exposed to before Middle School. Curriculum topics include Self-esteem, Decision Making, Smoking Information, Advertising, Dealing with Stress, Communication Skills, Social Skills, and Assertiveness.

All parents receive a program flier and can opt out of the Life Skills Workshop for their child. Parental feedback is always encouraged and valued at PACCC.

Coat Drive

PACCC is partnering with **Ravenswood Family Health Network** in the Coat Drive. Please drop off your new or gently used coats, hats, scarves, gloves, or new socks to one of the [drop-off locations] from November 1-30.

RAVENSWOOD FAMILY HEALTH NETWORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
ECUMENICAL HUNGER PROGRAM, ONE WARM COAT, HOPE'S CORNER,
WEHOPE SHELTER, PALO ALTO COMMUNITY CHILD CARE, AND STANFORD HAAS CENTER

COAT DRIVE

Also needed:
Hats, Scarves,
Gloves, New
Socks!

Visit One Warm Coat at
onewarmcoat.org/nonprofitpartner/ravenswood

Please donate new or gently worn coats! All coats will be donated to the Ecumenical Hunger Program, Hope's Corner, and WeHOPE shelter.

November 1st - 30th

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Location	Address	Hours
MAYVIEW COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS A member of Ravenswood Family Health Network	270 Grant Ave, Palo Alto 785 Morse Ave, Sunnyvale 900 Miramonte Ave, Mountain View	Mondays-Fridays 8am-5pm
ECUMENICAL HUNGER PROGRAM	2411 Pulgas Ave, East Palo Alto	Mondays-Fridays 9am-5pm
STANFORD HAAS CENTER	562 Salvatierra Walk, Stanford	Mondays-Fridays 9am-5pm
HOPE'S CORNER	Trinity United Methodist Church, 748 Mercury St, Mountain View	Mon. 7-10am Wed. 8-12pm Fri. 9:30-11:30am & 2-5pm Sat. 8am-1pm
GREENMEADOW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	303 Parkside Drive, Palo Alto	Daily 7am-7pm
PALO ALTO COMMUNITY CHILD CARE PRESCHOOLS & CHILDREN CENTERS	Infant Toddler Center, 4111 Alma St Neighborhood Infant Toddler Center, 311 N California Ave Sojourner Truth Child Development Center, 3990 Ventura Ct Barron Park Children's Center, 800 Barron Ave College Terrace Children's Center, 2300 Wellesley St Downtown Children's Center, 555 Waverly Street Ellen Thatcher Children's Center, 505 E. Charleston Rd	Mondays-Fridays 7:30am - 6pm
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LOCATIONS	Addison Kids' Club, 650 Addison Ave Barron Park Kids' Club, 800 Barron Avenue Besse Bolton Kids' Club, 500 E. Meadow Drive Duveneck Kids' Club, 725 Alister Ave El Carmelo Kids' Club, 3024 Bryant St Escondido Kids' Club, 890 Escondido Rd Hoover Kids' Club, 4000 Middlefield Rd Juana Briones Kids' Club, 4100 Orme St Ohlone Kids' Club, 950 Amarillo Ave Palo Verde Kids' Club, 3450 Louis Rd Walter Hays Kids' Club, 1525 Middlefield Rd	Mondays-Fridays 2:45pm - 6pm

Ravenswood is a nonprofit federally qualified health center dedicated to providing culturally sensitive and integrated primary and preventative health care to all, regardless of ability to pay or immigration status, and collaborating with community partners to address the social determinants of health.

Democracy and Community

Democracy is the foundation of America. Recently, the students at Hoover Kids' Club exercised their right to vote during HKC's yearly mayoral election! Campaign speeches, campaign posters, and campaign promises all led to the election of a new mayor, 5th grader Anvita Jasti! This is democracy in action and we couldn't be more excited to help foster new leaders!

And the BEST Pumpkin Award Goes to...

Pick o' the pumpkins! **PACCC's pumpkin has won the Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits Choice Pumpkin Award!** Created by Hoover Kids' Club, "Starry Night with Monsters" has been picked as Best Pumpkin in all of Silicon Valley! Congratulations to the winners and all the participants who made this event a season highlight.



PACCC Attends the Inclusion Collaborative Conference



This past week PACCC was in attendance at the 10th Annual **Inclusion Collaborative** State Conference. *"The Inclusion Collaborative of the SCCOE builds a culture that promotes equity, inclusion and belonging, valuing every student by strengthening, sustaining, and ensuring inclusive practices..."* The event highlighted the importance of Early Childhood Education, innovation and creativity, universal design for learning, equity and inclusive practices, anti-bias and social justice - all things PACCC and our community is passionate about! A heartfelt thank you to Inclusion Collaborative for this wonderful event. And thanks to Melissa Stephens, Adrian Abesamis, and Jorge Barajas for representing PACCC!

Have a great start to your holiday season and remember to stay curious!

-Your Friends at PACCC

Giving Tuesday



**Holiday
Schedule**
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download our
schedule!](#)

#givingtuesday

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Be with PACCC all
day long.

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Stay tuned for next month's Curious Minds newsletter!
Happy Holidays!



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