

CENTER NEWS



A Newsletter for Federal Child Care Centers

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WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Week of the Young Child, (WOYC) is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Events

draw public attention to the importance of early education for children from birth - 8 years old. This year's theme was "The early years are learning years."

SPRING 2011

CENTRAL OFFICE | EVENTS

At GSA Headquarters in D.C. the Fingerprints center and Board of Directors celebrated by hosting several events throughout the week. PBS Deputy Commissioner David Foley read "A Sick Day for Amos McGee" and "The Boy Who Wouldn't Share" to the Preschool Class during the "Leaders are Readers" event.

Assistant Commissioner for Facilities Management and Services Programs, Larry Melton, stopped by for the Employee Appreciation brunch.



GSA CHILD CARE CENTERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY CELEBRATE WOYC WITH SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND VISITORS.

REGION 4 | EVENTS

The Southeast Sunbelt Region, celebrated the grand reopening and dedication of the newly renovated playground at the Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center's Child Care Facility. The developers used recycled milk jugs to construct some of the playground equipment. In fact 97% of all the products installed on the playground were constructed from recycled materials.



A Ribbon Cutting and tree planting ceremony with keynote speaker Sham Reddy, the Regional Administrator highlighted events.

Pictured left to right: Thomas Waller, Joani Ilies, Sham Reddy, Vicki Ivory, Sabina Sims and Nancy Norris.



Artist Maiyah Smith holding her poster, of the art work that was used for the invitations to the ceremony.

REGION 8 | EVENTS

Paul Prouty, Regional Commissioner, Rocky Mountain Region, joined the Terrific Tigers of Advantage Learning Center, Lakewood, CO, in the inaugural planting of their Little Sprouts Community Garden.

After planting some flowers and talking about all the fruits and vegetables that were going to be planted, Prouty read the book "My Garden" to the children. A fun time was had by all.



REGION 10 | EVENTS

The Northwest Arctic Region celebrated Week of the Young Child with leadership visits from all over the region. Regional Administrator George Northcroft and Southern Service Center Director Camron Doss, toured Joyful Noise in Portland, OR and met with children to discuss their recent study of buildings in downtown Portland. Northcroft and Greater Puget Sound Service Center Director, Linda Chandler and Director of Real Estate Acquisition, Kimberly Gray teamed up to recognize the children and teachers in Auburn, WA. Northcroft welcomed the youngsters to the Regional Building by sitting and talking with the children. Linda Chandler read from "Head to Toe" by Eric Carle.

In Anchorage, Rowdy Griffin, GSA's Northern Service Center Director, joined the three year old children for circle time, where he read several books and later answered many questions from the four year old classroom.

Mark Tiernan, Seattle Metropolitan Service Center Director, shared his day with a group of three year olds at Little Eagles in Seattle, WA. Tiernan read "The Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle. He concluded his reading by asking the three year olds, "Now, do any of you have any questions, specifically about career development?" There were no questions, but the children did ask him to read them another book!



REGION 2 | EVENTS

Denise Pease, Regional Administrator for the Northeast Caribbean Region, lent a hand in helping the children at Fedkids, NY, celebrate the earth! On a very sunny but blustery day they planted lots of marigolds, peppers, tomatoes, and zucchini plants all around their playground.

Big crowds were on hand at the Albany, NY, Club Fed Center for the roll-out of New York State's Quality Stars Program. Club Fed had been involved in a pilot for this new state-wide initiative. See the launch video featuring Club Fed and Director Victory Riedy at

<http://winningbeginningny.org/QRIS.php>



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