

# Preschool Directors and Staff

March 2020

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## Open Houses

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Events



### March and April Open Houses

-Saturday, March 7th, 9:00am to 12:00pm  
**City of Concord Preschool Summer Expo**  
5298 Clayton Rd  
Concord, CA 94519

-Saturday, March 28th, 10:00am to 1:00pm  
**Stratford School - Danville Blackhawk**  
3201 Camino Tassajara  
Danville, CA 94506  
**Stratford School - Danville Sycamore Valley**

2615 Camino Tassajara  
Danville, CA 94506  
**Stratford School**  
4576 Willow Road  
Pleasanton, CA 94588

## EBP News

We are so happy to be partnered with Chris Rachowicz of **Ricky Roo & Friends Puppet Shows!** Chris puts on hilarious and educational puppet shows for camps, schools, and birthday parties around the Bay Area.



P.S. Some of you may have received a sneak peek email of our new, expanded site - we are working on fine-tuning a few things and plan on rolling it out in the next few months. We can't wait to share it with you all!

**Updates**

**Welcome to our new school!**

As we approach (or are already in the midst of) enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year, please check out your listing and email any fees or tuition changes to [Sydney](#)! Also, if you have any upcoming summer camps or summer programs, let us know!



## Conferences and Trainings

### CQEL Spring Leadership

#### Conference & Advocacy Day

April 28 8:30am-4:30pm - Spring Leadership Conference

April 29 8:30am-1:00pm - DSS Licensing Advocates Session and Advocacy Day

Pragmatic topics on increasing your program's success to be discussed:  
Stress and Challenging Behavior – What's the Connection, What's the Impact?  
Building High-Quality Programs Using All Your Resources  
Transform Activities into Meaningful Experiences

[Register Here!](#)



## Did you know?

Lakeshore recently released their 2020 catalogs. They have separate catalogs for infants/toddlers, early childhood education, and elementary-age children.

It is a great time to build your wish-list for the coming school year!

## Why Screening Matters - Ages and Stages Questionnaire

Screening young children is an effective, efficient way for



professionals to check a child's development, help parents celebrate their child's milestones and know what to look for next, and determine whether follow-up steps are needed. It's also an essential first step toward identifying children with delays or disorders in the critical early years, before they start school.

[ASQ Training](#)

[How it Works](#)

[ASQ Toolkit](#)

## Turtle's Tip of the Month

Does your school have a garden?



With warmer weather (and hopefully some rain!) fast approaching, it is an ideal time to prepare your garden for the spring.

Asking parents to donate plants and seeds to fill the garden is a great way to involve families in the process!

The children can help the teachers plant and maintain the garden. Bonus points for planting fruits and vegetables that the children can help harvest!

### 5 Plants for Kids that are Easy and Safe to Grow

1. Gourds/Pumpkins
2. Strawberries

All catalogs

Early Childhood Education catalog



3. Cherry Tomatoes
4. Succulents
5. Alyssum



## St Patrick's Day Sensory Bin

### Materials:

Dried split peas

Gold Coins

Treasure Chests (can be found at Michael's or Hobby Lobby)

Shamrock confetti (or green and gold confetti/sequins)



My name is Chris Rachowicz. I am a preschool teacher myself, so I know what children are looking for in a silly and engaging PUPPET SHOW. With colorful characters and wonderful puppets, my puppet shows are highly entertaining and super funny, but also educational. Perfect for all ages from 2 to 99 years. Even teachers enjoy my shows and get a well deserved break (and laugh!). Visit my website and check out my SPECIAL PRESCHOOL/CAMP PACKAGES and SAVE BIG with COUPONS: <https://www.rickyrooandfriends.com/schools-camps/>



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