



SAEYC NEWSLETTER

A Quarterly Newsletter published by SAEYC

Spring 2009 Edition

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2008 - 2009

PRESIDENT

Patricia Gridley
Cayuga Community College

PAST PRESIDENT

Liddy Hintz
Salvation Army

SECRETARY

Fran Dulcich
Onondaga Community College

TREASURER

Penny Lupo
Neighborhood House

BOARD MEMBERS

Ellen Barnes
Jowonio
Pam Borreggine
Child Care Solutions
Susan DeCarlo
Merrick Head Start
Nancy Gabriel
Onondaga Community College
Gail Gzik
Group FCC Provider
Christina Hann
Success By 6
Amy Philips
Little Lukes Child Care Center
Barbara Ridley
Child Care Advocate
Phyllis Reicher
Syracuse City School - Ret
Nicole Smith
Child Care Advocate
Deborah Snyder
Syracuse City Schools
Daria Webber
Bernice Wright Nursery School

HONORARY BOARD MEMBERS

Carmelita Lomeo-Smrtic
Mohawk Community College
Patricia Martin
Onondaga Community College

A Message From Your President

"Go outside and play!" I wonder how many of us remember hearing those words when we were children. I remember my mother's exact words, "Fresh air is good for you, go outside and play". She didn't have to tell me twice; I wanted to be outside because everyone else in the neighborhood was outside too. We played for hours in the woods, in the yard, and on the playground; we were everywhere - barely taking the time to come in for lunch or use the bathroom. As I travel through the neighborhoods now, I don't see as many children outside playing. Where have all the children gone? It seems like many children are inside their houses; watching television, playing video games, or sitting in front of the computer.

What toll is this phenomenon taking on our children? We know that childhood obesity and asthma are on the rise. Studies have shown that creativity is declining in young children and that more children are being diagnosed with ADHD than in previous years. Of course, we can't attribute everything to the lack of physical activities, but there is plenty of research that shows that we are becoming a sedentary society.

What should we do? As concerned adults, we should start to "rethink" our ideas about what's best for children. Let's turn off all the "screens" in the house (television, computers, video games) after school and on weekends; let's go outside as a family; let's go to the park; to the zoo; or to the lake. Why not bring "inside" activities outside; we can read on a quilt, build with blocks on the patio, take our dolls for a walk, or paint in the driveway. The ideas are limitless and best of all, don't cost a penny!!

In an effort to promote active living for children, the SAEYC will be focusing on "play" as the topic for our "Spring Institute" on March 21st at Wyoscki's Restaurant in Cicero. The all-day workshop will feature Rusty Keeler, playscape designer and the author of *Natural Playscapes*.

Patricia Gridley

Scholarship Recipients

We are pleased to announce the SAEYC Scholarship Recipients as follows:

Nicole Martin - Cayuga Community College
Nicole DeTomaso - Cayuga Community College
Marina Vasquez - Onondaga Community College

Each student was awarded \$250 based on their grades and an essay they submitted telling us about themselves and their goals towards professional development.

The scholarship will be awarded again in the fall to two (2) students. Deadline for applying will be June 1, 2009. Check out our web site at:
www.saeyc.org for full details.

UPCOMING EVENTS*SAEYC "Spring Institute"***DATE: March 21, 2009 (Saturday)**LOCATION: Wyoski's Restaurant
Cicero, NY

NAEYC recently published the 3rd edition of *Developmentally Appropriate Practice in Early Childhood Programs*. The Association has begun a two-year series of events to spread the word in the field: what developmentally appropriate practice means, what it looks like in programs serving children birth to age 8, and how the guidelines can be embedded in the work of practitioners, teachers, policy makers, and others.

SAEYC is pleased to announce that we will be participating in the campaign to "get the word out" and will be hosting a workshop at our *Annual Spring Institute* this year. Information will be mailed to members and posted on our web site at www.saeyc.org.

"Week Of the Young Child"
April 19 - 25, 2009

SAEYC will be sponsoring an event to celebrate the National Week of the Young Child. Be looking for your flyer or check out our website for more details.

NYSAEYC "Annual Conference"

DATE: April 30 - May 2, 2009 (Thurs to Sun)LOCATION: NY Marriott @ the Brooklyn Bridge
in Brooklyn, NY

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE: March 16, 2009

NYSAEYC's Annual Conference will be held at the New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge in Brooklyn, NY. This conference is the largest early childhood conference in New York State!

New this year is the ability to register on-line at www.nysaeyc.org and sign up for a space on the busses to the event. Arrival scheduled at the Marriott for Thursday afternoon; departing Brooklyn Saturday evening. Reservations on a first come, first served basis.

SAEYC "Annual Membership Dinner"

DATE: June 9, 2009 (Tuesday)

Complete details of this years membership meeting will be mailed out shortly. Regi Carpenter will be speaking and we have a special presentation planned to recognize accredited programs.

If you know of an SAEYC member that exemplifies professionalism then make sure you complete a nomination form (enclosed) for "Member of The Year" and mail by the deadline.

More On The NYSAEYC Annual Conference

If you are planning on attending the NYSAEYC Annual Conference or were thinking about attending here is a little more incentive.

Conference Benefits:

- Choose from over 150 educational workshops
- Keynote speaker - Steve Spangler
- Over 80 early childhood exhibitors
- Lots of free door prizes at events and exhibits
- Unique opportunities to meet & network with colleagues

Training Hours:

- Receive up to 15 1/2 training hours (from Thursday, 5:00pm to Saturday, 5:30pm)

Registration:

- Pkg A - \$230 for members (\$150 Students) and includes all meal functions & workshops Fri & Sat.
- Pkg B - \$150 for members (\$75 Students) includes Fri & Sat workshops only.
- Pkg C - \$95 for members (\$60 Students) choose either Friday "or" Saturday workshops.

Round Trip Bus Rates:

- \$100 from Buffalo
- \$90 from Rochester
- \$85 from Syracuse
- \$80 from Albany

Hotel Costs:

- Special conference rate of \$196 per room for single/double.
- Additional charge of \$20 per person

Save money by sharing a room: 2 to a room = \$104.65/ea; 3 to a room = \$76.77/ea; 4 to a room = \$62.83/ea.

For room reservations call: 888-436-3759 and mention you are with the NYSAEYC conference.

**Membership Survey**

Last year we used a paper format to survey our members. This year we will try something new.

We will use an on-line survey. Members will be asked to go on-line and fill out a survey electronically. A link will be mailed to members in early May or June and will also be available on our website when ready.

These surveys are used by SAEYC to enhance and improve membership benefits and services. It is very important to us that you tell us how you feel about your membership.

Mini Grants Available

Do you have a creative idea for early childhood care and education that you have wanted to put into practice? If you are a member of SAEYC and can translate your idea into an application for funding, the NYSAEYC may have a Mini Grant waiting for you.

Each year NYSAEYC awards five (5) or six (6) small grants, in amounts up to \$500, to applicants who have submitted the most effective proposals for mini projects to enhance programs for young children. These proposals must contain developmentally appropriate objectives. And groups should be able to replicate the project easily and at minimum cost.

The Mini Grant program has been in place for over 15 years. Among past winners have been teachers and assistants, family day care providers, school administrators, consultants, and college professors. Funded projects have included, such topics as: parent-child relationships, home-school links, literacy in the home, curriculum development, assessment, staff and pre-service training, and conflict resolution. We encourage you to put your ideas on paper and give it a try!

- Visit: www.nysaeyc.org for a Mini Grant Application
- Send 3 copies of completed grant proposal to: NYSAEYC, 230 Washington Ave Ext, Albany NY, 12203
- Questions: E-mail Mini Grants Committee Chair, Michael McCartney or call the state office at (518) 867-3517 or (800) 246-2392.

Completed Applications Must Be Submitted To:
NYSAEYC
By July 15, 2009

2008 SAEYC Winners were:

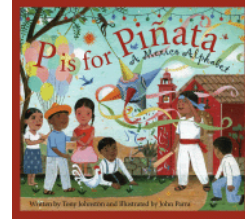


Bonnie Hall
for "Music Mania"

Lorraine Kinney-Kitchen
for "Get Moving Activity Kit"



BOOK REVIEW



P is for Pinata: A Mexican Alphabet
by Tony Johnston, illustrated by John Para
published by Sleeping Bear Press in 2008

Tony Johnston has written a lovely book that brings the Mexican culture to young readers. This alphabet book brings Mexican history, art, and culture to life. In addition, the author has included on each page detailed information about the meaning behind each word chosen to represent a letter of the alphabet.

This is a wonderful book that can bring diversity into the classroom and can also teach about life in Mexico.

News & Announcements

"Member of The Year"

Enclosed is our "Member of The Year" Nomination Form that we hope you use to nominate a candidate you believe exemplifies professionalism in demonstrating a commitment to children and others in the profession.

If chosen as the 2009 honoree the candidate will be invited to the "SAEYC Annual Dinner" at no cost and enjoy a wonderful evening of training, food & door prizes. They will also receive a \$50 bank card, a plaque and recognition of their accomplishments at the event. What a special way to say "thank you" to a colleague you hold in high esteem.

Qualifications are that the person must be a current member of SAEYC and we can tell you that if you wish to contact us by e-mail (see below for our new e-mail info).

Complete the Nomination Form and return it to the mailing address on the back of the form by the deadline.

New E-mail Address for SAEYC

Please note that we have changed our e-mail address listed on our website and mailing materials. You can now reach us at: SAEYCsupport@gmail.com any time of the day or night.

We will do our best in getting back to you within 48 hours but you may get a response sooner.



Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage Paid
Syracuse, N. Y.
Permit No. 126

Syracuse Association for The Education
of Young Children
P.O. Box 6007
Syracuse, NY 13217
www.saeyc.org
E-mail: SAEYCSupport@gmail.com

The following are new members
that have joined SAEYC since our
last newsletter mailing:

Auburn

Regina Camicelli
Jesse Underwood

Baldwinsville

Becky Engles

Bridgeport

Caitlin Clair Cimino

Camillus

Brittany Anne Plony

Canastota

JoEllen Vespo

Clay

Shari Purcell

Fort Drum

DeAnn Gandia

Geneva

Anna Marie Valentin

Hamburg

Mary Louer Lauchert

Lafayette

Danielle Jeffery

Liverpool

Donna Allen

Mexico

Missie Nabinger

Minoa

Megan Getman

Morrisville

Torrey Lansing

Syracuse

Carol Fatti Barrigar

Utica

Debbie George
Elizabeth Reardon

Whitesboro

Christine Anne Beck

Mission Statement

The New York State and Syracuse Associations for the Education of Young Children support the development of professionals to promote quality care and education for the well-being of all young children and their families.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the SAEYC is to serve and act on the behalf of the needs and rights of young children in focusing on the provision of educational services and resources in adults who work with and for children from birth to age 8.

Accreditation

Members wanted more easily accessible information about NAEYC Accreditation and NAEYC has listened by creating *The Online Resource Center Headquarters* (TORCH) to support program quality improvement through NAEYC Accreditation for Early Childhood Programs.

Register for TORCH today or *login* if you are a returning user to review resource materials at your fingertips. You can register by going to: www.naeyc.org/selfstudy.

For help or support with your Accreditation you can contact the SAEYC Accreditation Committee by e-mail at: SAEYCSupport@gmail.com.