Upcoming Events

**Saturday, 3/9, 10 am - 2 pm**
Community Building Day at the Encinal Campus - 2226 Encinal Ave.

**Friday, 3/15**
**Minimum Day**, school closes at 2:30 pm, no daycare
Spring Performances and Fundraiser at Taylor Hall. Toddler classes perform at 5:30 pm. All other classes began at 6:15 pm.

**Friday, 3/22**
**Staff Development Day** - School closed/no daycare

**Wednesday, 3/27, 5 PM - 6 PM**
McKay Avenue Respite Center Tour - **Childcare provided**

**Tuesday, 3/26**
Spring Picture Day for the Encinal Campus at 8 am
Taylor Campus at 9 am

**April 1 - 5 (Spring Recess)**
Daycare is available, please click on "Spring Break Daycare Signup 2019"

**Tuesday, 4/9 TAYLOR CAMPUS**
Citywide Special Election affects the Taylor Campus. It will be used as a polling site in the gym.
**School will be open** - we will have security available on site.
If there are any parents desirous of serving as additional paid security on that day, contact Cindy.

**Thursday, 4/11, 6:15 pm TAYLOR CAMPUS**
Parent Meeting: "Sex- What You Wondered about but could not Discuss" Sign-up by clicking "4/11 Parent Meeting"

Click below for Summer Application

[2019 Summer Application](#)

Roses at Your Feet

Thank you so very much for all that you are and do. Here are a few of our thanks:

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*Keith Lynch for taking on the role of chairperson of the*
Construction Committee and examining the Encinal campus for the upcoming Community Building Day.

The Fundraising Committee for organizing the Spring Concert Fundraiser.

Nathan Fitzgerald for helping with Committee changes and website glitches.

Charlie Crisman for helping with website glitches.

Sebastian Krawczuk for helping with camera glitches.

Joy Bose for picking up Montessori materials.

Mandy Snyder for bringing strawberries for MESA.

Paula Hernandez for bringing a snack of stuffed green pepper.

Join us for Community Building Day!

ALL PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN US - no matter which campus your child attends - you can help out at the Encinal Campus even if your child attends at Pacific or Taylor. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and grow community.

Community Building Day Sign-up

The Spring Student Performance 
& Fundraiser

On Friday, March 15th, our students will perform for their parents, family, and friends at the Taylor Campus Auditorium at 1400 6th Street.

Toddler classes will perform at 5:30 pm. Pre-Primary, Primary, and Elementary will perform at 6:15 pm.

Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteers are needed to help with set up and clean up. Please kindly send an email to events@thechildunique.org if you are interested in helping the day of this wonderful event. Set up will be at 9 am at our Taylor campus the cleanup will be at the end of the event.
As our Spring Fundraiser the Spring Performance will be professionally recorded on Friday, March 15 by ETC Sports Video, Inc., a videography company with 19 years experience.

The cost is $48 and includes a full-size DVD in a case, tax and shipping. If you prefer a thumb drive, there is an additional $3. Payment can be made by card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover and American Express), check, cash and PayPal. Eighteen dollars of each DVD sale will go to The Child Unique.

Pre-orders are required. Simply fill out the order form with your name and contact information and return it to the office before March 15.

If you have any questions about the videographer, you may contact her directly at ETCSportsVideo@yahoo.com

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Guest Speakers needed for Women’s History Month

This month we examine the changing cultural perceptions of women in society and honor their contributions to all aspects of life. We invite all women who have made a positive impact on our students lives to come in to the classrooms as a guest speaker! Please come if you have a story to tell, to speak about your profession, or even share an art project that connects to Women's History Month. Email one of our Site Directors to set a time to come to your child's campus.

Encinal Campus: Mari - mari.mascorro@thechildunique.org
Pacific Campus: Raina - raina.ford@thechildunique.org
Taylor Campus: Tiffiani - tiffani.battle@thechildunique.org

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Parent Meeting: "Sex- What You Wondered about but could not Discuss"

Some insight on the meeting: What is normal and natural? How do your views compare to others you know? Where do your personal challenges clash with the views you hold for your child? How do your personal challenges affect your relationships? This is a very fun and interactive Parent meeting.

This event will be hosted at the Taylor Campus.

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Alameda Center Senior Housing and Medical Respite Center Tour

McKay Avenue Alameda, CA
Thursday March 27th @ 5 PM - 6 PM

Please join The Child Unique and Doug Biggs, The
Executive Director of the planned senior housing and medical respite center, for an informational tour of the center site. Doug will discuss this issue and its ballot measure in the upcoming special election on April 9th for Yes on A and No on B. This is an adult only event, however, childcare will be provided at the Taylor campus only a couple blocks from where the tour will take place.

Please RSVP by clicking on the button below.

RSVP here

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**Neighborhood Safety Letter**

“At the end of the day, the goals are simple: safety and security.”

Dear Parents and Families,

For informational purposes, we are sharing some information that we received from the Alameda Unified School District. I was told that sharing this information was not an alarm signal, but a desire to correct any information being shared via social media. A parent approached the principal of Maya Lin school to let her know that their child was approached after school by two men who apparently asked her to get into their car. Apparently, others witnessed the situation. The student who used good judgment, refused, and is safe.

This was understandably a concerning situation for the family and for school staff there. The identity of the individuals or their reason for being present is unknown, however, the Alameda Police Department was informed to investigate.

As seasons change, we shift our focus and practices to align with the changing landscape. In life, there is a seasonal societal shift in the world, that requires us as parents and individuals to simply be on guard, watchful and present in a way in which we have not. Our best gift to each other is our own ‘community capital’ – coming together, knowing each other and communicating with each other when safety concerns arise that cause concern in the community.

Please use this ‘seasonal reminder’ to inform your children about the importance of being aware of their surroundings, never leaving anywhere with strangers, always traveling with a friend, and using their voice to report to an adult whenever they feel that their safety feels that it has been compromised.

We will certainly inform you if any information regarding this incident becomes clearer. Thank you to the parents and AUSD who shared their information with us.

Sincerely,

Dr. Cindy Acker
Head of School

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**FREE training**

**Healthy Snacks & Nutritional Needs for Young Children**

Do you care for a picky eater? Have no fear, Bernadette is here! Join Bernadette Garcia-Roger, Contra Costa County Early Childhood Advocate, as we learn all about children's nutrition. There are plenty of different treats for children in your care that are yummy, healthy, and fit all types of diets including allergy alternatives.

Sign-up Here
Free Events In Alameda and Around The Bay

**Friday ArtWalk**
Friday, March 8, 2019 @ 7:00 PM to 11:59 PM @ Alameda

The Second Friday ArtWalk is an ad-hoc group of galleries and businesses in the Alameda / Oakland Jingle Town arts districts. We coordinate events and openings to promote art and culture in our community. We work with the City of Alameda, Downtown Alameda Business Association and the West Alameda Business Association.

**Alameda Justice Alliance 2nd Annual Town Hall**
Saturday, March 9, 2019 @ 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM @ 1343 McKay Avenue, Alameda

Join Alameda Justice Alliance and friends and neighbors for our second annual Town Hall. This time we’ll meet at the future site of Alameda Point Collaborative’s McKay Avenue Wellness Center for an interactive experiential tour and info session.

**Family Nature Fun- Fun with Food Chains**
Saturday, March 9, 2019 @ 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM @ Crown Crab Cove Visitors Center

The tides roll in and out making each day a chance to discover something new. Our shoreline is bursting with bird life and other signs of the season. Come explore with us and have fun with family-friendly activities.

**Fish Feeding Time**
Saturday, March 9, 2019 @ 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM @ Crab Cove Visitors Center

Learn about Bay creatures and get a good view of our crabs, flounder, perch, pipefish and more.

**FREE Alameda Community Band Performance**
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 @ 7:30 PM @ 2203 Central Avenue, Alameda

The Alameda Community Band is composed of volunteers from Alameda and surrounding areas. Members have varied musical backgrounds and are dedicated musicians who have a common interest in playing music and improving their skills while having fun.

**Alameda Library Events**

Information for Taxes

Our Tax ID# is 94-2818484

If you need the totals of child care/tuition for 2018, please contact Lighthouse Bookkeeping at billing@thechildunique.org

The Child Unique Montessori School & The Montessori Elementary School of Alameda (MESA)

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