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Parks & Rec Offers School Year Child Care

Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park District (PVRPD) is excited to announce an entirely new service; having recognized the challenges that COVID-19 has presented to parents with schools going online, PVRPD has come up with a program to assist parents. The all-new **PLAY Care** program is Monday through Friday all-day childcare for the school year, grades 1-8, held at the Community Center, 1605 E. Burnley Street, Camarillo.

Since many parents are no longer able to drop their child off at school, the District is offering "**PLAY Care: Learn**" a safe and supervised space for children to stay while they do their online learning for school. Held Monday through Friday from 7:30am-2:30pm, children will have a structured learning area during designated digital learning time overseen by a certified teaching professional. Staff will supervise, assist children with any questions they may have about their schoolwork and provide general care during school hours.

For parents who need all-day childcare, the District also offers the "**PLAY Care: Extended**" track. Held Monday through Friday from 7am-6pm, children will have a structured learning area during designated digital learning time while other hours will be filled with games, crafts and other fun recreational activities.

"As a teacher, I understand the need and importance for children to have a stable and safe place that they can count on to conduct their studies. It has been my great joy to plan and create our new PLAY Care program; offering structured learning with compassionate care, supplemented with fun recreational activities. Our trained staff are so excited to lend a hand with your child's education," says Katlyn Simber-Clickener, CPRP, Recreation Supervisor at Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park District.

PLAY Care registration opens today Monday, August 17. Available spaces are very limited, the community is encouraged to register quickly. To register call Katlyn at (805) 482-1996 x107 or email ksimber@pvrpd.org. She can answer any of your questions and help you get signed up.

The safety of children's health has been a primary concern in developing this new program. All State and County **COVID-19** Guidelines will be strictly adhered to. Social distancing will be observed, staff will wear masks, children will stay in stable cohorts with one staff member, hand washing, sanitizing and other precautions are in place for health and safety.

Staff are thoroughly trained on PLAY Care policies, safety procedures, active and passive games, arts and crafts and athletic activities. All staff undergo fingerprinting, background checks, and are CPR and First Aid Certified.

Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park District is dedicated to doing its part to support our community in this difficult time. PLAY Care is another addition to the list of resources PVRPD is already providing to help the community get through the COVID challenge: weekly food distribution, virtual recreation classes, socially distanced, in-person exercise classes, numerous parks that offer green space to relax in & more.

Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park District founded in 1962, serves 70,000+ residents in the larger Camarillo area, maintaining 28 parks and a variety of recreation opportunities that enrich the lives of community members. Learn more at www.pvrpd.org.

Come Play!

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Photos and interviews available upon request.