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Redwood Mountain Child Development Center invites public to grand opening

FELTON, Calif. — On Monday Nov. 13, the newly revamped Redwood Mountain Child Development Center at 7103A Highway 9 in Felton will host an open house from 2 to 5 p.m. to welcome community members to visit the program.

"We're excited to see this program take off and fill a real need for free high-quality early education for the San Lorenzo Valley," said Redwood Mountain Site Supervisor April Perry. "It's amazing to see everything coming together after the renovations, and we're looking forward to sharing this beautiful new space with local children and families."

The building was renovated in part through a project completed by local Eagle Scout Jack Chatoff, a former student of Redwood Mountain who wanted to give back by restoring the center's playground area. The center is located on the San Lorenzo Valley High School campus, next to the softball fields.

Families and community members are welcome to the open house to meet Perry, learn about Redwood Mountain's free early education program and tuition assistance, and enjoy child-friendly snacks and activities.

One of six early education programs in Community Bridges' Child Development Division, Redwood Mountain provides free early education services based on family income. The program is now enrolling children in the morning session, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

With a low child-to-teacher ratio, positive guidance, dynamic curriculum, and a bilingual program, the program aims to provide children with developmentally, culturally and linguistically appropriate play-based programs.

For open house details, visit communitybridges.org/events.

ABOUT THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

The first five years of a child's life are critical to their health and success. Our six centers provide nurturing and affordable early education. Child Development Division is part of the Community Bridges family of programs.

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