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TUSTIN PARKS & REC TO HOST FURLOUGH DAY CAMPS TO HELP TUSD'S FAMILIES

First furlough day camp will be on Friday January 28 at Columbus Tustin Activity Center

TUSTIN, Calif. – Tustin Unified School District has scheduled several furlough days this year. On those days Tustin Parks & Recreation Department will host Furlough Day Camps. Currently furloughs are scheduled for January 28, May 27, and June 10 and day camps will be rescheduled to coincide with any date changes from TUSD.

“An additional day off of school can cause hardships for families with working parents. Children should not be left home alone or have to accompany their parents to work because of a furlough day,” said Mayor Jerry Amante. “Tustin has a reputation for being OC’s hometown because we care about our residents and we believe in helping our families when we can. Furlough Day Camp gives our kids who are affected by furloughs a chance to experience a little taste of Tustin’s wildly popular summer camps and their parents the peace of mind that comes with knowing their child is happy and well cared for.”

Next Friday, January 28 will be the first Furlough Day Camp. The camp will take place from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and cost \$35.00 per child, with lunch included. Extended care is available starting from 7:00 am and until 6:00 pm for an additional \$5.00. The camp is for children in 1st through 6th grades. Developmental activities such as arts and crafts, physical activities and enrichment games will enhance the day. The activity schedule is as follows:

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- 7-8 am: Extended day drop off/free play
- 8-9 am: Regular day drop off/morning games
- 9-10 am: Snack and outside play
- 10-11 am: Arts and crafts
- 11-noon: Gym games
- Noon-1:30 pm: Pizza party and outside play
- 1:30-3:30 pm: Movie (Despicable Me)
- 3:30-4 pm: Snack
- 4-5 pm: Regular pick up/free play
- 5-6 pm: Extended day pick up/free play

Openings will fill quickly, so call the Parks & Recreation Department at (714) 573-3326 to reserve your space early.

Last fall during furlough days, the Parks and Recreation Department opened Columbus Tustin Gym and staffed it for the children that attend the adjacent Columbus Tustin Middle School. The middle school children participated in free play, sports tournaments and Wii activities.

Last year Tustin Parks & Recreation conducted a poll with those who participate in classes and recreational activities. Day camps for some school holidays, furloughs, and days off while many parents work was a popular suggestion that came out of the poll.

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