

COFFEE CART PROGRAM (CCP) NEWS

CCP Catch-up Corner Our CCP students interviewed their 6th Cotopaxi Staff member, Preschool Director, Mrs. Margaret Leatherbury, about her employment journey that lead her to our school. Enjoy some of the answers to their questions and learn more about our own Mrs. Margaret. This was the CCP students second time interviewing one of their teachers over a Zoom meeting. They did an amazing job taking turns asking her questions.



Join the CCP Zoom Class on Mondays: Please visit our virtual



classroom each Monday from 11am to 11:30am to have a “virtual” cup of coffee with our students. This helps students work on the job skills that they have been working on all year. If you would like to pop in and order a cup of coffee or tea via Zoom, please email julielang@cotopaxire3.org and we will send you the Zoom link. Thank you!!

Q: When did you know you wanted to be a Teacher?

A: In 2005, my husband retired from the phone company and I thought maybe it was time for me to make a change as well. One of my friends informed me that Cotopaxi was going to be opening up the preschool again and thought that I should apply. I thought, hmmm, it's time to play!

Q: What is your educational background? Did you have any special training for your job?

A: When I decided to accept the job at the preschool, I was excited to be able to make a difference in children's lives. The Director at the time I was hired had her Early Childhood degree and after a year of working together, she started her own family and decided to stay at home with her child. This put the preschool in a dilemma as there are certain requirements to hold the Director certification. I had to go back to college while working and being a mom myself to get the Director Certification that is required. I had to learn how to take classes ONLINE! YIKES!! (while I had my degree in Psychology, only one credit was transferred towards the certification as the other classes did not have Early Childhood in the title)

Q: What is one piece of advice you would give to someone who is looking to be a good employee be?

A: Like what you do and do what you like!

Q: Name 3 things about your job duties that most people would not know or would be surprised about?

A: How much you need to know about child development (what is typical and what is not), importance of getting to know your families and building a trusting relationship especially at this critical stage (trust is an issue – they are trusting you to watch over their child and keeping them safe especially if it is the first time they have left them), the crying is worse at first however, it does get better and before you know it – there is no crying!

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