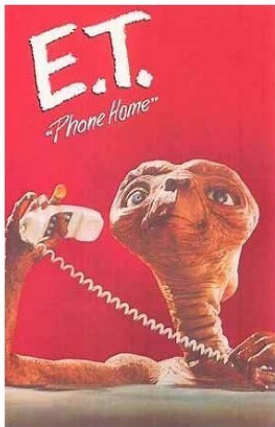




RCC EVENTS TEAM SAYS MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR AUGUST "MOVIE IN THE PARK"

By Aisha Salleh, RCC Community Events Team



"E.T." shows at dusk on Saturday, August 17 in Clay Park

For our second movie this summer, we're going classic. "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial," directed by Steven Spielberg will be shown on Saturday August 17 at dusk in Clay Park. We think it's likely been a long time since you considered this movie.

The 1982 film portrays a kind alien, stranded on earth. He is befriended by a young boy named Elliott and his siblings, who try to help him get back to his home planet.

Please pack your favorite picnic and beverages, bring a chair and/or blanket and invite friends and neighbors along. Hope to see you there!

ALL THINGS TECHNOLOGY

USING "FIND MY IPHONE" TO FIND YOUR LOST APPLE DEVICE

By Bucky Reed, Rolando News Staff

Nobody wants to think about it, but one day you may find that your expensive iPhone or MacBook has disappeared. Apple makes it really easy to track, lock, and erase your missing device.

However, before disaster strikes, you must first make sure the "Find My iPhone" service is enabled on each of your devices. To check on your iPhone or iPad go to: Settings > Your name (at the very top) > iCloud and then scroll down to "Find My Phone". Make sure that "Find My Phone" and "Send Last Location" are enabled.

To check on your MacBook or Mac Mini go to: System Settings > iCloud and then scroll down to "Find My Mac". Make sure this is enabled. You may also see a warning that you need to enable Location Services first. Once you've enabled this, your device is traceable if you lose it.

So how do you actually find your device if it gets lost or stolen? You can open up any web browser, go to icloud.com, and log in with your Apple ID. Click on "Find iPhone" and choose which device you are missing. For the iPhone and iPad you have three options: "Play Sound", "Lost Mode", and "Erase iPhone". "Play Sound" does just what it says and is great if you know you lost it around the house or in the car. "Lost Mode" is really only good if you think you lost it somewhere that you know it will get returned to you. This option makes a noise and then displays contact info on the phone. If it is truly lost or stolen, the safest option is to choose "Erase iPhone". This completely wipes your information from the device and allows you to put a passcode on it so it can't be used. It will also show you the last location of the device when you erase it.

For MacBook and Mac Mini you have three different choices: "Play Sound", "Lock", and "Erase Mac". "Play Sound" works the same as on the iPhone. The "Lock" feature locks the Mac and allows you to track its whereabouts. "Erase Mac" is again the safest option as it completely wipes the Mac as soon as it is powered on and connected to a network. It even allows you to display a message of your choosing. The downside to using "Erase Mac" is that it does not show you the last location, so you have no way to track its last location.

Hopefully, this will never happen to you, but Apple does give you some peace of mind knowing that you can find or, at least, securely erase your lost devices.

Editor's note: Bucky is a Rolando resident and is listed in the "Neighbors at Work" section of this newsletter.



Writing and Drawing and Fun, Oh My!



What Creation Looks Like--Itsy Bitsy artists and writers bend to their tasks.

By Aimee Lee Cheek, Rolando News Staff

The business of Itsy Bitsy Writers is growing, in every sense of the word. When Maia was three years old, she began to tell stories to her mother, Rolando resident Kara Camden. Kara typed Maia's stories and printed them in a book format, then handed them to her to illustrate.

"Understanding her own stories was a great motivation for learning how to read," Kara realized. "She also developed some wonderful early literacy skills, like drawing pictures to go along with the words."

With a background in teaching and early childhood education, Kara says, "I saw first-hand how we can foster early literacy and communication in children in creative and artistic ways that go beyond learning letters and sounds."

In the five years since, Kara has expanded her insight into workshops designed for kids 4-8 years old, usually with class sizes under ten and parent participation, often held at the Kroc Center or at school sites. She uses what she calls "fill-in books," more professional versions of those that she and Maia started out with. Early releases from Itsy Bitsy writers were "Grateful for Grandma," "Space Panda," and "The Dad Book."

Kara launched her most recent offering, "My Teacher is a Treasure" with a gathering of about 25 people, ranging in age from two to eighty, at Ultreya Coffee and Tea, 4653 College Ave. "The littiest kids had fun with simple stamping and stickering and the older ones dove in and experimented with a buffet of art supplies," Kara said.

"It warms my heart when parents show me pictures of their children's work and when kids tell me about stories they've written. I hear often that kids are drawing things they've never drawn before. I love that we bring out the adventurous spirit and provide a safe space for the kids to explore their ideas."

Itsy Bitsy Writers has grown into a team. Collaborating with Kara are Marcie Colleen, an award-winning picture book author, who helps create fill-in books aimed at the youngest writers. Vicki Abadesco, co-founder of Soul Shoppe, a well-known children's Life Skills program, provides business coaching and consulting.

"Itsy Bitsy Writers is growing and thrilled to be in the company of such superstars in Early Education," Kara says. To learn more, email kara@itsybitsywriters.com.