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**News Release**

**AMES EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER  
TO CELEBRATE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**Yonkers Superintendent of Schools  
To Address Education Challenges**

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Yonkers, New York, August 21, 2007 --

The Marion and George Ames Early Childhood Learning Center, located on the 40 acre campus of Leake and Watts, 463 Hawthorne Avenue, Yonkers, New York, will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Friday, September 28, 2007. The celebration will include an 8:30 a.m. breakfast followed by an Open House at the Ames Center.

Bernard Pierorazio, Superintendent of the Yonkers Public Schools is the Keynote Speaker. Additional speakers include Margery E. Ames, Esq., Vice President, Leake and Watts Board of Directors and the daughter of Marion and George Ames for whom the Center is named; James J. Campbell, Executive Director, Leake and Watts; and Linda Rosenthal, Director, Early Childhood Education. Dr. Donald Batista, Associate Executive Director, Leake and Watts, will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

For the past ten years, as a licensed early childhood program serving children with varying abilities between the ages of 18 months – 5 years, Leake and Watts has offered a unique program utilizing a developmentally appropriate educational curriculum which supports children's learning and development. It takes into consideration children's learning styles, interests and preferences, personalities and temperaments, skills and talents, challenges and difficulties in Bilingual (Spanish) classrooms. More than 600 children to

date have received their pre-school special educational services or their child care services at the Ames Center.

The Ames Center is an approved pre-school special education program by the New York State Education Department and is under contract with both the Westchester County Department of Health Office for Children with Special Needs and the Westchester County Department of Social Services for Child Care.

The Ames Center is open from 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. throughout the year.

Reservations for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration are available by contacting Linda Rosenthal at tel: 914-375-8820 or by email to [rosenthal@leakeandwatts.org](mailto:rosenthal@leakeandwatts.org).

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