

KEEP IN TOUCH

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER

PARENT NEWSLETTER – April 2025



NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Mrs. Beck

Spring has sprung. In preparation for the spring weather, the district will participate in the county wide Severe Weather practice drill on April 16th. We will practice our procedures with the students in case of inclement weather. This is just practice. The teachers will discuss this with the students prior to April 16th and show them where to go and what we do in the event of a weather-related emergency. We will handle this delicately with the students.

Spring weather is ever changing, please make sure that students are coming to school dressed appropriately. Shoulders must be covered, shorts must be longer than fingertip length, and shoes must have backs (no flip flops or slides – both present a safety issue in PE, recess, and on the stairs). We will be going outside for recess, so please send your children with a coat. If it warms up enough that they don't need one, they can leave them in the building. If it doesn't warm up, they will have their coat with them.

More and more toys, stuffed animals, and gadgets have been coming to school. We ask that these items be left at home. We do not want to run the risk of them getting broken or coming up missing at school/bus. Thank you.

We will make up all of our snow days in April. We will come to school on April 16, 17, and 21st. We will have April 18th off of school in observance of Good Friday.

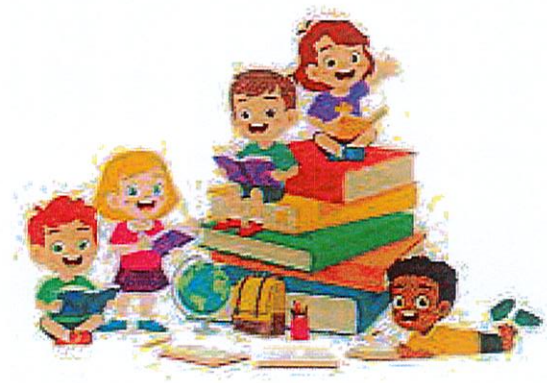
We will celebrate "National Wear your PJs to Work/School Day" on April 16th. Everyone can wear their pajamas to school.

PTG

The PTG will be meeting on Wednesday, April 9th at 8:15 am in the school library. This month we will be working on planning Teacher Appreciation Week which is May 5-9.

THE READ-A-THON HAS FINISHED

The Read-A-Thon wrapped up on March 28th. Tracker Sheets, Pledge Sheets, and donations are to be turned in by April 4th. Certificates and prizes will be passed out once everything is turned in and tallied. This will be around the middle of April. Thanks for supporting the ECLC and our students, all while encouraging reading.



IMPORTANT DATES

April 4	Read-a-Thon Tracker Sheets, Pledge Sheets and Pledges Due
April 7	Progress Reports come home
April 9	PTG Meeting @ 8:15 am in the Library
April 10-11	Kindergarten Registration Days at the ECLC
April 16	National Wear your Pajamas to work/school Day!
April 16	Severe Weather Practice Drill – District Wide
April 18	No School - Holiday
April 25	PreK Brown Day



MUSIC NOTES – Miss H

We had such a musical March! All ECLC students got a preview of TMS's production of Finding Nemo Jr., and I know many were able to attend one of the shows!

The Kindergarten students have been working on a folk dancing unit and have danced a circle dance, partner dance, and baile folklórico from Ireland, France, and Mexico, respectively. Kindergarten students will be learning about the instruments of the orchestra for the next few weeks. PreK students have been working on using their best singing voices, focused listening, and stretching voices to prepare for our concert in May! They have also met some new instruments and continued to practice musical skills. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.



PreK Families: Save the Date!
PreK Spring Concert at the ECLC
May 1, 2025

9:30am (PreK AM students) and 1:30pm (PreK PM students)

THE PULSE on PE – Mrs. Tridico

Hello ECLC families! We've had an exciting time in PE class, learning new skills, working together, and having lots of fun while staying active. One of our favorite ways to move is through Animal Walks! There are so many fun ways to move like animals, and the benefits are amazing! These movements help students build overall body strength and hand strength, as many require weight-bearing and muscle engagement. They also improve bilateral coordination and motor planning, which support cognitive development. Most recently, we've practiced the Bunny Jump and Snail Crawl—ask your child to show you! Up next, we're learning the Inchworm!

Family Challenge: Try a few Animal Walks at home together! See who in your family can do the Bunny Jump across the room the fastest or who can master the slow and steady Snail Crawl. Have fun moving like animals and staying active together!

P.S. With warm weather approaching, please keep in mind that the best shoes for school are SAFE shoes. Please, no sandals, flip-flops, or high heels!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER – Mrs. Nichols



In April, classroom lessons will focus on problem-solving and healthy ways to resolve conflicts. As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any concerns or any requests for support for your child or family. Happy Spring!



Kindergarten Registration in-person meetings will take place on April 10 and 11, 2025. However, Kindergarten Registration is ongoing. You are welcome to register at any time. If your child is five years of age before August 1, 2025, you may proceed with registering him/her for Kindergarten or Pre-Kindergarten. If your child is four years of age before August 1, 2025, you may proceed with registering him/her for Pre-Kindergarten. Please know that the ages are just guidelines. We have plenty of students that come to Pre-Kindergarten when they are five and Kindergarten when they are six.

The registration process begins online. Please go to www.gorockets.org, click "Enrollment", and click "Online Enrollment System", and fill out the information requested. Following the online portion of registration, you will be asked to select an appointment time to bring copies of your child's birth certificate, proof of residency (ie. mortgage, lease, settlement sheet, rental agreement, recent property tax receipt, etc.), parent's photo ID, and immunization records into the school or district office.

If your child is currently a student in Prekindergarten, they will be automatically enrolled for Kindergarten. If your child is currently in Kindergarten, they will be automatically enrolled for first grade.

HEALTH ROOM HAPPENINGS:

- KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IN APRIL:
 - The nurse will need a copy of your student's immunization record with the following required immunizations:
 - Diphtheria and Tetanus - 4 doses with last dose after age 4
 - Polio - 4 doses with last dose over age 4
 - Hepatitis B - 3 doses properly spaced
 - MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) - 2 doses
 - Varicella (chicken pox) - 2 doses, or written statement of history of chicken pox disease
- Spring is coming! Kids will be outside enjoying the warm weather in no time. Please keep your student safe when riding bikes and scooters by having them wear properly fitted helmets, not riding at night, and making sure they are supervised.
- REMINDER!!! If you haven't turned in physical or dental forms for your student, please remember to do so.
- If you are signing your student up to see the mobile dentist, please return the permission slip ASAP.



No School on April 18, 2025





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April 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 30	March 31	1	2	3	4 Read-a-Thon Tracker Sheets, Pledge Sheets, and Pledges are due!	5
6	7 <i>Progress Reports Come Home</i>	8	9 PTG Meeting @ 8:15am	10 Kindergarten Registration Day	11 Kindergarten Registration Day	12
13	14	15	16 <i>Severe Weather Practice Drill</i> National Wear Your PJ's to School/Work Day!	17	18 Spring Break No School	19
20 Easter Sunday	21	22	23	24	25 PreK Wear Brown Day	26
27	28	29	30	May 1 PreK Music Concert AM— 9:30 PM— 1:30	May 2 No School for Students	May 3