

KEEP IN TOUCH

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER

PARENT NEWSLETTER – April 2024



NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Mrs. Beck

Just a reminder: Due to the Solar Eclipse, the district will be dismissing students early on April 8th. K4 morning students will need picked up at 10:45 am, which is normal dismissal time. If your Kindergarten child is a parent pick-up, pick up time will be 11:50 am. Busses will plan to pull out of the school at 12:22 pm. If your child participates in the PreK Counts program, they will be having a flexible learning day online/packets. These times will hopefully help you plan for the early dismissal.

The district will participate in the county wide Severe Weather practice drill on April 10th. 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 10th 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.

As Spring is upon us, 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.

Spring Break will occur from March 28-April 1. Students will return on April 2nd.

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 3rd at 8:15 am in the school library. This month we will be working on planning Teacher Appreciation Week which is May 6-10.



THE READ-A-THON HAS FINISHED

The Read-A-Thon will wrap up on March 31st, which is over our Spring Break. **Tracker Sheets, Pledge Sheets, and donations are to be turned in by April 5th.** 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.

MUSIC NOTES – Miss H

We had such a musical March! All ECLC students got a preview of TMS's production of Mary Poppins, Jr. and I know many were able to attend one of the shows! The K5 students have been working on a folk dancing unit and have danced a circle dance, partner dance, and baile folklorico from Ireland, France, and Mexico, respectively. K5 students will be learning about the instruments of the orchestra for the next few weeks. K4 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.

K4 Families: Save the Date!

K4 Spring Concert at the ECLC

May 2nd, 2024

9:30am (K4 AM students) and 1:30pm (K4 PM students)



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 11 and 12, 2024. However, Kindergarten Registration is ongoing. You are welcome to register at any time. If your child is five years of age before August 1, 2024, you may proceed with registering him/her for Kindergarten or Pre-Kindergarten. If your child is four years of age before August 1, 2024, 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 K4, they will be automatically enrolled for Kindergarten. If your child is currently in Kindergarten, they will be automatically enrolled for first grade.

NURSE'S NEWS – REGISTRATION



What is needed for the NURSE for registration:

- 4 doses: **Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Acellular Pertussis** with 4th dose **after** 4th birthday (DTP or DTap)
- 4 doses: **Polio** (4th dose on or after 4th birthday)
- 3 doses: **Hepatitis B**
- 2 doses: **Measles Mumps Rubella (MMR)** with # 1 dose **on or after** 1st birthday
- 2 doses: **Varicella** (chickenpox) with # 1 dose **on or after** 1st birthday or evidence of immunity
- **Physical Exam: State mandated prior to entry into Kindergarten.**
- **Dental Exam: State mandated prior to entry into Kindergarten.**

IMPORTANT DATES

March 28-April 1	Spring Break
April 2	School Resumes
April 3	PTG Meeting @ 8:15 am in the Library
April 5	Read-a-Thon Tracker Sheets, Pledge Sheets and Pledges Due
April 5	K4 Black Day
April 8	Early Dismissal due to Solar Eclipse (No PM K4)
April 10	Severe Weather Practice Drill – District Wide
April 10	Progress Reports come home
April 11-12	Kindergarten Registration Days at the ECLC
April 16	National Wear your Pajamas to work/school Day!
April 26	K4 Brown Day



No School for Students – March 28 - April 1

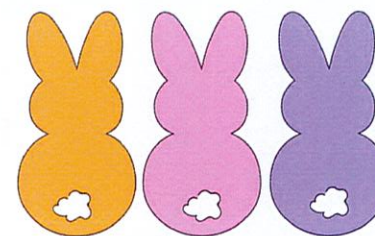
April 8th is a three-hour early dismissal day!




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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Easter Sunday 	1 Spring Break No School	2 Return to School!	3 PTG Meeting @ 8:15am	4	5 Read-a-Thon Tracker Sheets, Pledge Sheets, and Pledges are due! K4 Wear Black Day	6
7	8 Early Dismissal due to Solar Eclipse No PM K4	9	10 Severe Weather Practice Drill <i>Progress Reports Come Home</i>	11 Kindergarten Registration Day	12 Kindergarten Registration Day	13
14	15	16 National Wear Your PJ's to School/Work Day!	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 K4 Wear Brown Day	27
28	29	30	<u>ECLC Mission Statement</u> The Early Childhood Learning Center is a community-based educational partnership that prepares children and families for a positive beginning to the school experience. It is our mission to ensure that each child attains the skills necessary to develop the whole self, including social, emotional, intellectual, physical and language skills by providing a rich array of experiences which nurture student success.			