



Live and Learn Early Learning Center Family News

July 4, 2011

Field Trip Reminders

1. Please be here at least a half an hour before the field trip is scheduled to leave.
2. Remember to drop off a labeled carseat for your child!
3. Your child needs to have or be wearing a Live & Learn field trip shirt!

Thanks!

If your child needs to borrow a field trip shirt, this is what happens:

- 1st time- friendly reminder
- 2nd time- \$5 charge to your account
- 3rd time- \$15 charge for another field trip shirt for your child

We highly recommend leaving the shirt in your child's cubby and only bringing it home to wash it along with nap stuff once a week.

We do have additional field trip shirts available to purchase for \$15 each! Let the office know if you are interested!

**We are closed on
Monday July 4th
for Independence
Day!**

**Enjoy your long
weekend!**

Family News for Your Family

If you have someone in your extended family that you think would enjoy getting our family news emailed to them each week, just let the office know! We would be happy to send it out!

Summer Hours of Operation

All younger programs (infant, toddler, preschool and kindergarten) run from 7am to 5pm!

Summer camp runs from 7:30am to 5:30pm. There is a 7-7:30am option available to summer camp families at an additional cost. Please check with the office if you are interested!



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Summer Reminders

- Please make sure your child has a **bathing suit** and **towel** with them everyday so that they are prepared to get wet!
- Your child should arrive at Live & Learn with their first application of **sunscreen** and **bug spray** already on! We spend the majority of our days outside!
- Please make sure your child has **appropriate shoes** for walking in the woods!
- Please bring in a labeled **water bottle** that stays here for the summer!
- Make sure they have a **change** (or two!) of **clothes!**

Book Fundraiser for L&L

If you have any extra children's books lying unread around your house, we would love to have them! Megg will work her EBay magic to raise money for our summer programs! Please place them in the bin near the large fish tank in the entry way! Ask Megg if you have any questions! Children's chapter books, easy readers, and board books sell well! Thanks!



Family Surveys

We need 50% of our families to fill out a survey! If twenty more families fill one out, we will reach our goal! What does Live and Learn need to improve on? What can we do to better serve families? Are you getting your needs met? Help us answer these questions by filling out the parent surveys located in each classroom. These are anonymous and confidential!



Swim Lessons

It's not too late to sign up for swim lessons! The registration form was sent out via email.

Please hand them into the office!
Swim lessons will be held on Monday and Wednesday afternoons during the summer starting July 11th!

Baby Rachel's Legacy Walk/Run 5K

Courtney from Toddlers is participating in this fundraiser walk to help raise awareness for anencephaly. To learn more, go to www.BabyRachelsLegacy.com

There is a poster about the event in the entryway. If you would like to make a pledge, please see someone in the office! Thank you!

Live & Learn Radio Show Update!

The Teacher/Parent Communications Gap

Jennifer Prior, Laurie Lindblad, & Deborah Stewart

In America, early childhood professionals often look at parents as pests rather than partners in the education process. Some teachers dread the prospect of meeting with parents, and parents often are less than thrilled with their interactions with teachers. This segment looks at barriers to teacher-parent collaboration and offers bridge-building strategies.

Jennifer Prior, Associate Professor of Early Childhood & Literacy, Northern Arizona University. Laurie Lindblad is the Director of Family & School Success, The Family Partnership. Deborah J. Stewart, M.Ed., has over 20 years of experience in the field of early childhood education.



We just discovered a cool on-line learning event: [1stAnnual Boys Alive! Online EVENT!](#) This FREE, online EVENT brings together authors, coaches, and parents to share their Practical Solutions for Parents and Teachers. These speakers will inspire you and inform you...and unique to this EVENT is that there will be support to help you IMPLEMENT the changes you want to make!

Be ready to hear practical solutions that are easy and inexpensive. Just ONE of these strategies may be the spark that changes everything between you and the child you've been struggling with or puzzled about.

Register now for the Boys Alive! Online EVENT! at www.boysaliveevent.com This 9-day EVENT airs July 12-28 with 24-hour re-play access. And the best part is that you will have access to all of these practical solutions for FREE!

Staff Updates

Congratulations to Nathan & Bekki who are proud parents of a healthy baby girl! Bekki will be missed from the office team as she takes maternity leave.

Welcome back Pete Sawtell who joins us this summer after working with Rye recreation for a couple of years. We are thrilled to have him back. Pete brings with him all the talents and skills of his BS in Outdoor Education.

We also welcome back Liz who returns to us for the summer to hang with the summer camp kids. Liz has MS in Counseling .

Website Update

Pictures from Kindergarten graduation are up on the website-under the home tab-Family Events!

Important Dates

- ☺ **Monday July 4th**– we are closed for Independence Day!
- ☺ **Tuesday August 2nd**– Red Sox Game!

Infants:



This week was a great start to summer session with all

the nice weather! We explored our new classroom toys and enjoyed watching the leaves on our tree blow in the wind! We also planted new plants on our playground– come check them out!



Toddlers:

This week we welcomed lots of new friends, painted, had the bunnies come visit, visited all of the Live & Learn animals, explored our garden, watched the field trip being mowed and visited with camp! Enjoy your long weekend!



Missing Clothes:

Erin Waterhouse is missing her green and blue LL Bean raincoat with turtles on it from toddlers. If you happen to find it, she would love it back. Thanks!



Younger Preschool:



What a great first week of summer! Welcome to all of our new children and families! We spent most of the week exploring the new classroom and playground! We also made playdough and had fun playing in our new outdoor classroom!



Thank you Debbie for bringing in some new glue sticks! Thank you to Oliver and his family for bringing in fresh picked strawberries to share with us!

Wish List

We would love some new bins for our toys!



Older Preschool:



We call ourselves the chipmunks! What an awesome first week of summer program! Welcome to Leah and Lorelei! We love having you in our group! We had



many adventures this week. We started a worm farm and collected lots..and lots..of worms!

Thanks, Dave for helping us! The worms have already started to tunnel! We made some very colorful fireworks paintings to celebrate the fourth of July! We also used model magic to make our own art creations! They came out super cool! We are working on being a team by listening to each



other, using kind words, and helping each other! Have a wonderful and safe long weekend!

Kindergarten:

What a fantastic 1st week! We explored our outdoor classroom, visited and tended our garden, took on the barn chores, studied literacy through the farm alphabet, played camouflage and did an obstacle course, made our very own tea, played in riverworks, and built stronger friendships!

- ☺ Thank you to all the parents in kindergarten! The transition has been wonderful so far! Here's to another week of nature fun!
- ☺ Thank you to Joe and Dave for helping us with our outdoor classroom! We love it!
- ☺ Thank you to Megg for finding our amazing table top for our outdoor classroom! Go yard sales!
- ☺ Thank you Danielle for bringing in tea bags to make sun tea!

Kindergarten continued:

[Wish List:](#) We would love some cheese cloth!



Missing Clothes:

We have been missing Ethan's yellow LL Bean raincoat for 2 weeks now. I know that there are a ton of yellow raincoats in kindergarten, so I'm wondering if someone has it. I believe that it has Waterhouse on the inside by the side pocket where the name tag label is. Thanks!



Summer Camp:

This week was a busy one for summer camp! We did many team-building games to



get us bonded as a group including impulse, yurt circle, hula hoop pass, clumps, and ant tag! We also went on a field trip to Northwood Meadow and on a field trip to see the play Strega Nona! We got to play a lot of water games and work on our garden, too! Check it out– it looks amazing!

A million thanks to Pete for putting in many long hours finishing the spider web! Also, a huge THANK YOU to Joe and Dave for building our amazing low elements– We love them!

