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## Live and Learn Early Learning Center Family News

### September 26, 2011

#### Family Fun!

- Lee Old Home Day Harvest Supper on Sat. Sept. 24th from 5-7pm! Dave is cooking!
- Deerfield Fair from Sept. 29th through Oct. 2nd!
- Touch-A-Truck on Saturday Oct. 15th, 10am-2pm at Pease International Tradeport in Portsmouth!

#### See What's New!

There are new pictures up on the corkboard in the entryway showing how much fun the Hampstead Stage Company family event was! Check it out!

It has been awhile but there are finally some new pictures up on our website, too! Be sure to take a peek!



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October is NH Parent Involvement in Education Month! Visit [www.NHParentsMakeTheDifference.org](http://www.NHParentsMakeTheDifference.org) to learn more!

We are **CLOSED** Monday 10/10 for Columbus Day!

Please take the time to fill out a parent survey if you haven't done so already!

#### Looking for Vendors!

Are you a crafty person or you know someone crafty? We are looking for a few more people to be vendors at our annual holiday shopping night on November 17th! We are looking for things like pottery, honey, reusable snack bags, canned goods, etc. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please let us know! Thanks!



#### Thank You!

- ♥ To the Briggs family for the awesome aquariums!
- ♥ To the Porters for delicious donuts!

## Kids Night Out!

**Friday October 21st from 5-8pm!** Please sign up by Monday 10/17! The toddler teachers will feed, play with, and care for your children while you have a night off! The cost is \$25 for toilet users and \$30 for children in diapers!

## Staff Updates

Jen from infants has decided to pursue a career closer to her new home. She promises to come back to visit and thanks all of the infant and toddler families for allowing her to be a part of your lives! Her last day will be Friday 9/30.

We will miss you Jen! Good Luck!

## Picture Day!

### **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH!**

Approximate group picture times are as follows:

9am Infants

9:30am Toddlers

10am younger preschool

10:30am older preschool

11:50 Kindergarten

If Thursday is not a regularly scheduled day for your child, you may still bring them in for pictures. Plan on being here 15 minutes before the scheduled group picture time.

Picture day can be a bit crazy so thank you in advance for your patience if we get off schedule! We will do the best we can.

Please try to turn in your order form by Wed. 9/28! Thanks!

## Scholastic Book Fair

Our annual scholastic book fair will be happening on the week of Oct. 10th. We will be having a separate fundraising event on Nov. 17th that will include discovery toys, barefoot books, etc. as we get closer to the Holiday season!

## Looking for a volunteer!

We would love to create a Live & Learn community cookbook to sell as a fundraiser. We are looking for one or two people to head up this project. We have an entire kit which will walk us through the project step by step. Please let the office know if you are interested or would like to find out more about this opportunity!

## Medication Safety for Your Child

**Tuesday Nov. 22nd 5:30-7pm**

**@ Live & Learn**

By: Jennifer Towle, Pharm. D. Candidate 2012 Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

This workshop is designed to help parents and care providers navigate through the world of nonprescription medications and help establish a discussion about medication safety with your child. The main focus will be on nonprescription medications however many of the areas we discuss can be applied to all medications. Topics to be covered include: reading drug facts labels, medication dosing, proper disposal of medications, and creating a plan in case of accidental exposure. During this session she will talk about her visit to the CFDC preschool classroom for medication safety training and how this could be applied in our center. **This is a mandatory event for staff but also open to families to attend! Please join us! We cannot provide child care since this is a mandatory event for our teachers. Sorry!**

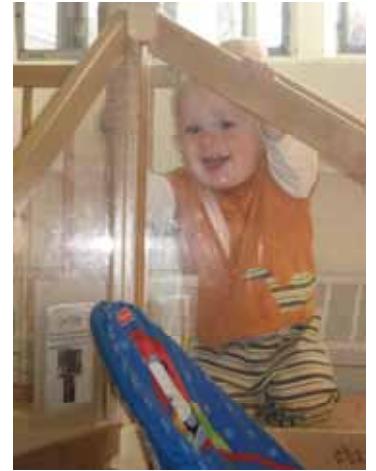
## Infants:



This week we were busy playing in shaving cream, hiding in boxes, and making contact paper art! We also enjoyed playing in the sandbox in Toddlers– it was so much fun! We love this fall weather!



**Thank you to Katie for the storage baskets and to Danielle for the batteries!**



## Toddlers:



Younger toddlers did more marble painting and did water color and primary color painting too! We cut up a star fruit to stamp with and made pink squishy dough. We also put our rain gear to use this week!



The older toddlers explored the sand house in our classroom, watched Dave make “hole baked beans” in the fire pit outside, painted, explored floil, played with hiccup the hamster and jumped in rain puddles!



**Thank you to Missy for the new bibs and to Katie for the bottles for the baby dolls!**  
**Wish List: We would love some blue painters tape!**



## Younger Preschool:

This week we did a group teambuilding project! The challenge was to build a house large enough for all of us to fit in! We explored with shaving cream, did sink or float activities and went on a nature walk. We even helped make an apple and blueberry crisp with Meggie! We also had fun playing on the mats in the gym! We have some excellent jumpers in preschool! On Friday we enjoyed hearing a story from Shawn the Storyteller!



## Older Preschool:

We went to the garden and collected flowers and plants to explore. We collected so many different kinds of seeds and are going to see if we can replant them! We have had so much fun painting and learning how to write our names and our friend's names! Next we are going to write words for labeling our environment with a little extra help— be on the

lookout! As always,

we love our brisk morning walks to explore the woods and listen to and track sounds! We can't wait to make a community soup! How will it taste?!



**Wish List:** We would love a small photo album or recipe card holder to put index cards in!

## Kindergarten:

We had a blast learning about migration and apples this week! We made apple dolls, apple print pictures and talked about why apples are good for us! Migration was pretty amazing also! We made migration books, went on a hunt for signs of the migration season, and talked about animals that go South for the winter! What a fun week!



We want to thank the Henderson family for the book on apples and the delicious apple crisp they brought in and made for our snack! It was absolutely yummy! We would love favorite family recipes to try so we can incorporate your family's favorite foods into our snack schedule!

### **Field Trip this Monday 9/26!**

We are going apple picking at UNH! Please be here by 8:30am, wear a field trip t-shirt, and leave a car seat in the gym! We will return by 11:30am. Please sign the permission slip if you haven't already! Thank you!

## School Age:

Afterschool was back to our normal schedule this week! We did some scavenger hunts for jewels, played "Bottoms Up", drew with our left hands



and continues to work on salt dough creations! We also worked with Pete's awesome medieval lego set, did a massive shoe sort, and played some gym games on a rainy Friday!

We are working on interpersonal communication skills, namely using a respectful tone of voice with others.

***The Live & Learn open and closed days calendar can be found on our website. Follow this link to find out the dates of our staff meetings when afterschool closes at 5:30: <http://www.live-learn.org/2011Calendar.pdf>***