



## Live and Learn Early Learning Center Family News

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### **Don't Forget to Spring Ahead one hour on Saturday Night!!**



**Reminder- Live & Learn is closed:** Friday March 26<sup>th</sup> so that our teachers may attend the Mass AEYC (Association for the Education of Young Children) conference! Please remember to make alternate child care plans for that day (public school is closed as well). Thank you!

**Live & Learn will be OPEN on Friday April 9<sup>th</sup>!** Originally we were planning on being closed for the ABC (Alliance for Better Childcare) conference in Portsmouth. While many of our teachers are attending the conference, we will have enough teachers at Live and Learn to maintain our ratios and stay open!

**Huge Thank You:** to the Pederson Family for donating baking mixes!! Thank you to the Hill Family for donating a pair of snowshoes and some great craft supplies! Thank you to the Dillon Family for donating the handmade activity table to the infant room!

**Fun things to do as a family:** FREE Family Fun Night returns to the Children's Museum in Dover on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-8pm.

**Family Dinner Chat-** Monday March 29<sup>th</sup> – There will be a chiropractor coming in to talk to us about reducing stress and raising healthy children! Please sign up on the office door or in the classroom so that we can plan for dinner and childcare!

**Raising Cain-Boys in Focus:** Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 6-830pm at Moharimet Elementary school-11 Lee Rd, Madbury. This movie is a PBS documentary exploring the emotional development of boys in America today. This documentary provides surprising new research about boys' inner lives, dispelling a number of commonly held misconceptions, and highlights innovative programs that are bringing out the best in boys.

**Opportunity to donate your spare change:** A kindergarten student thought it might be helpful if people brought in their extra change or money from their piggy banks ☺ to help the people in Haiti and Chile who have suffered from the recent earthquakes. The dinosaur in the entryway will



collect the money to be donated to the Red Cross.

**Snack Schedule-** the snack schedule is now posted on the live and learn website [www.live-learn.org](http://www.live-learn.org) it's under the home tab at the top of the page and is titled snacks.

**There are new pictures up on the cork board in the entry way!**

**Campbell's Labels for Education-** Live & Learn will be collecting UPCs from various products (including goldfish!- see attached for the complete list) which we send in to get awesome resources for our classrooms. Last year we collected enough labels to get reading rods!



**Soles4Souls/Barefoot 4 Haiti:** If you have any gently used shoes (athletic, running, dress, sandals, pumps, heels, work boots, cleats, dance, flip-flops), bring them to Live and Learn and we will donate them to help protect people from foot injury, disease, and indignity. We will be collecting shoes until Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup>. If there is a Rochester family who would like to

deliver them to Emmanuel Child Care or Emmanuel Church in Rochester on Fri March 18<sup>th</sup>, please let us know!

**Muddy Weather**- It's that time of year when the ground is thawing making things muddy! Classrooms go outside every day. Your child will get muddy. Please bring in some extra clothes for them to change into.

**Family Resource Library \*New Addition\*** The Richie McFarland Children's Center is now available to provide therapeutic services (speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, behavioral and parenting support for children from birth to five years). There is a brochure in the family resource library! Check it out for more information or visit

[www.richiemcfarland.org](http://www.richiemcfarland.org)

**National Wildlife Week**: This week, March 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>! Find

some cool activities to do this week and every week at [www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org)

**Staff Update**: The entire teaching staff hosted and attended the state mandated Licensing orientation. Sarah & jo were the trainers for a Derry based group of early childhood teachers; Recognizing the essentials of Developmentally Appropriate practice.

**NAEYC Family surveys**- We are in need of more families to fill out the NAEYC family surveys!! Please hand one in if you haven't already.

**Live and Learn Fundraiser**- Red Sox tickets for \$55 and that includes transportation down to Boston! We have an amazing opportunity thanks to Jay Pinnsonault and his tour business to attend the August 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm game together as a Live & Learn group. Money is now due to reserve tickets – first come first serve. See the office for details.

**If we need to close early due to the weather**: we will send out emails (if we have power), have it announced on the radio (WHEB, WOKQ, WTSN, and Channel 9 TV).

**Wish List**: Kindergarten would love some new expo dry erase markers (fat or thin). Preschool 2 would love 2 small step stools and a waste basket to put by their desk, tape recorders, flat screen monitors, microscope, plastic chop sticks, puzzles with 20-60



pieces!

**Webpage**: Check out the webpage-there are new pictures up and March calendars!

**News from the last week: Infants**: We played on the playground and we went for a walk with Toddlers and we saw the sheep and donkeys! We spent so much time outside. Wow! What great weather we had this week. We built tall towers with blocks, played with puzzles and we painted a welcome back picture for Kate.

What a great week in infants. **Toddlers**: This week we painted

with green paint and watched preschool explode soda! We also walked to Ted's farm to see the horses and filled two wagons with woodchips from squishy mountain to put on our playground! We spent a lot of time outside! **Preschool Older Group**: We made clay pots to fill with pretend gold. We are going to trick the leprechaun and maybe even trap him. That tricky leprechaun we are going to trick him! What beautiful weather, we have surely enjoyed it! We are helping to clean the woods. We did peeling with Katie, we peeled lots of apples, what fun! We played a marble game and made wind sox to hang in the trees. Spring is just around the bend. **Preschool Younger Group**: We had a busy week. We've loved



being outside. We've been practicing doing new puzzles. We put new stuff in the sensory table to explore. We've done painting projects. We even painted with pine needles. We took Abby for a walk. We've even turned one of our snacks into cars with Jade! **Kindergarten:** We learned about geography in the journal area by using sports' teams and their player cards. We did awesome science experiments with Meggie. Ask your child about science experiments with eggs, oil, water, salt, and food coloring. Also, UNH scientists came to visit on Thursday. They taught us about light. Ask your child if light travels in a straight line or a wavy curvy line. **Afterschool:** Wow we sure do love that it is almost spring time!! We spent loads of time outside playing samurai, basketball, and tag. We made pasta salad and set up over 100 chairs for the BIG staff meeting. We had a mystery relay and enjoyed some time in the rain : )

**Thank you for sharing your family with us!**