



## Live and Learn Early Learning Center Family News

March 8, 2010 [www.live-learn.org](http://www.live-learn.org) Main site 659-5047 Mast Way 231-5099

**Live and Learn has been re -accredited by NAC (National Association of Children)!**

**Kudos to the Outstanding Teachers and Bekki for Organizing all of us.**

**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!

**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.

**Scholastic Book Orders:** due by Monday March 8<sup>th</sup>. Remember, you can order online and earn free books for the classrooms! Go to [scholastic.com](http://scholastic.com), click on "parents" then click on "order books from your class flyer". The username is "officeclass" and the password is "teacher".

**Family Dinner Chat-** Monday

March 29<sup>th</sup> – There will be a chiropractor coming in to talk to us about stress and children's health! Please sign up on the office door so that we can plan for dinner and childcare!

**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.

**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!

**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.

**Kindergarten and First Grade Registration-** Starting on March 1<sup>st</sup> parents may pick up Kindergarten and First grade registration packets at Mast Way (603-659-3001) and Moharimet (603-742-2900) from 8:30-4 Monday-Friday.



**Staff Update:** Congratulations to Gerry, Nathan, Dave and Jo who have become members of the Natural Teachers Network!

**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.

**Parenting and Family Programs March 2010-** Please see the attached sheet from Families first offering parenting classes and groups like: Helping Kids Deal with Worries and Fears and Mother to Mother Postpartum Group

**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:** Preschool 1 would love some simple baking mixes. Kindergarten could use some spare

warm hats and mittens and extra pants. The center would love some more snow shoes kid or adult sized for our outdoor adventures. 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!

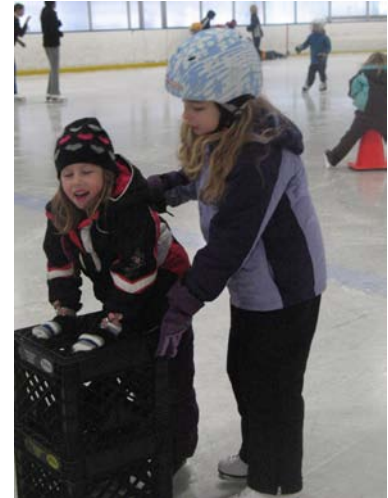
**News from the last week: Infants:** Thank you so much to Darci for helping to get a new rug for us! We love how big it is! We played with the light table for quite some time this week- it was so amazing to see how bright the colors look on our blocks with the light behind them!

**Toddlers:** We spent a lot of time playing this week! We built towers with blocks, played with pink playdough, painted with green shaving



cream, and made stamp paintings! The older group also made some

yummy cookies! We also enjoyed some of the nice weather outside! **Preschool Older Group:** We made our own green salad! Katie brought in lots of green veggies, even some we had never tried before! First we had to cut them up and then we did a taste test. We were amazed at the damage in the woods from last week's wind storm. We were sad when we talked about the animals and what will happen to them. We made some beautiful portraits of our friends and of ourselves. We celebrated Dr. Seuss' Birthday and



had green eggs! He had fun learning about how germs are spread by using glitter. **Preschool Younger Group:** We exploded Diet Coke with mentos and guessed how much soda would be left! We drove cars through moon sand and used the ice cream ball to make our very own ice cream! Yum- it was Very Vanilla! **Kindergarten:** Wow- what a week! We used sports cards to work on literacy at the journal area. We had a week full of child initiated activities with Jesse's marble and zipper challenges and

Cade's hockey extravaganza! We put buttons in the sensory table and had a blast taking nature walks and spending lots of time outside in the warmer weather. Stay tuned next week for more thinking outside the box! **Afterschool:** The week we had some special visitors from UNH- football and field hockey players! They taught us how to play their sports and let us try them out! We also did straw art with Shannon, listened to one of Shawn's new stories, and played bombardment! What a fun week back at afterschool!

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