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## Early Learning Center News

April 2016 Edition

### **Make It an ELC Playdate and JOIN US FOR HEALTHY KIDS DAY®**



**Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>,  
10:00am – 12:00pm**

#### **At the Early Learning Center**

For a free day of fun activities meant to help build on the incredible potential inside each and every child. Have fun and connect with other ELC families!

#### **Events will include:**

- Book Fair with Story Book Cove
- Family Obstacle Course in the KidZone
- Bouncy House
- Story Walk on our wooded trail
- Complete laps on our Trike Path
- Make a healthy treat
- Dentistry for Children
- Visit with the Hanover Police
- Curious Creatures
- Family Art Projects
- Glitter Tattoos and much more!

This year's Healthy Kids Day will be even better than before as we are the recipient of 3 Community Spirit Awards from Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation equaling \$1500. A very special thank you to the ELC parent who facilitated the

application for this grant for us! The grant funds will be used to purchase new trikes, fund the Curious Creatures visit (<http://www.curiouscreatures.org>), and support the purchase of healthy treat ingredients!



**The Early Learning Center will be closed on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> for professional development.**

**The ELC will not be swimming the week of April 18<sup>th</sup> due to public school vacation week.**



#### **Join the Family Advisory Council in Planning for Teacher Appreciation Week at the ELC**

Join us for the next FAC meeting and volunteer to help plan our upcoming teacher appreciation week in May. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:15pm-6:15pm. Meetings take place in the upstairs meeting room across from Pre-K 1.

## **April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

We place great value on providing a child-safe & child-centered atmosphere where children grow, learn and thrive. We all have important roles to play in ensuring bright futures for the children in our lives and we invite you to join us in our commitment to strengthen communities. You can count on the South Shore YMCA to partner with you and your family in committing to keep all children safe through education, prevention and awareness. Visit our website to learn how you can play a role in protecting our children! <http://ssymca.org/safe-kids/>

### **South Shore YMCA Darkness to Light Online Training**

Recognize the warning signs & react responsibly when a child is in danger. Become a Steward of Children by taking Darkness 2 Light's award-winning prevention program. This online training takes about two hours to complete. The more educated our community becomes the more children will be saved from abusive situations.

<https://d2l.csod.com/selfreg/register.aspx?c=south%20shore%20ymca>



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**Look for ELC's Pinwheels around the school grounds in the upcoming days!**

## **Please Save the Date for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Early Learning Center Art Show Fundraiser**

### **Museum of Fine Arts at the ELC!**

Did you know that the Y is a charity? As an Early Learning Community we provide financial assistance through the Annual Campaign (**The Changing Lives Campaign**) to 22% of our families. This enables more families to experience the high quality level of early childhood education that every child deserves.

The Early Learning Center appeals to our community each year for support for this fund through several events. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Art Show Fundraiser is one event that contributes to this fund. On **May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00-6:30 families will be able to come to the ELC and view our children's beautiful artwork based on the theme "Museum of Fine Arts at the ELC." **Please look for a formal invitation to the event coming soon!**



**Help us to meet our campaign goal of \$5,500!**

### **Raffle Donations Being Accepted for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show**

Each year at the Art Show, raffle baskets are put together to help raise money for the Annual Campaign (which provides financial assistance for those to attend the ELC). If you or somebody you know would like to donate an item, service, or gift card to the Early Learning Center to be raffled at the Art Show, please contact Jamee.