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Early Learning Center News

April 2017 Edition

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



**Sunday, April 30th,
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:

- Buck a Book Table
- 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
- Search for Fairy Doors
- Glitter Tattoos and much more



Upcoming Family Engagement Events at the ELC! Please Join Us!

- 1.) Brought to you by the Family Advisory Council...join the FAC at the Draft on 53 (645 Washington St. Hanover) on Friday, April 7th from 7:00-10:00pm. Email FAC member Heather Stratford for more info at heather.j.stratford@gmail.com
- 2.) Kindergarten Readiness Workshop for families of children entering Kindergarten in fall 2017 on Monday, April 10th from 6:30-7:30pm at the ELC (please note, slight time change). Learn about the developmental and academic aspects of readiness for Kindergarten. Many great take-aways and ideas for children and families will be offered! Please email Jamee to register!



**The Early Learning Center will
be closed on Monday, April 17th
for professional development.**

**The ELC will not be swimming
the week of April 17th due to
public school vacation week.**

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/>

Please Save the Date for our 6th Annual Early Learning Center Art Show Fundraiser

Fairy Tales Come Alive 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 Change a Life Fund**) 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 6th Annual Art Show Fundraiser is one event that contributes to this fund. On **May 17th and 18th** 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 "Fairy Tales Come Alive" 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 6th 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. To date the Family Advisory Council has been able to secure donations from the following:

- Busy Bee Jumpers
- Storyland
- The Pottery Playce
- The Toybox



Spring Cleaning Alert!

We will be doing a fundraising drive with Savers in Hanover during the days of April 19th-April 26th. Bring items you wish to donate to ELC on these days and the ELC will receive .20 per pound for the donated items!

Visit this site for a list of items that they will and will not accept for donations <https://www.savers.com/donate/what-we-take>

Afternoon Pick-Up Alert!

Children in Preschool, Pre-K and Kindergarten will be on the playground (weather permitting) between 4:00-4:45pm. If you arrive during this time, you can grab their items first from inside and then dismiss them from the playground. After 4:45, children can be dismissed from the KidZone.

