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Early Learning Center News

April 2018 Edition

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



**Sunday, April 22nd
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
- Be SMART
- A Close Nit Family
- Glitter Tattoos and much more



Friendly Reminders and Updates

The ELC is a Peanut Free Center. Please do not send in any snacks that contain peanuts or are processed with peanuts.

Please remember to sign your child in daily in TWO places. At the front desk for downstairs classrooms, and at the table across from infants for upstairs classrooms And in your child's classroom. Thank you!

The Early Learning Center will be closed on Monday, April 16th for professional development.

All families who have registered for fall at the ELC will be receiving a confirmation of enrollment email from Jamee in the next week. Please respond only if there is an error in your child's enrollment schedule. Thank you!

The ELC will not be swimming the week of April 16th 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

The "Secret Garden" 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 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 16th and 17th** from 5:30-6:30 families will be able to come to the ELC and view our children's beautiful artwork based on the theme "The Secret Garden" at the ELC. **Please look for a formal invitation to the event coming soon!**



Help us to meet our campaign goal of \$6,000!

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. All donors will be recognized with gratitude in the event program. Don't miss this chance to be part of the giving! To date the Family Advisory Council has been able to secure donations from the following:

- Guidepost Studios
- Lovell Hockey
- Wachusett Mountain
- Curry Hardware
- Harmon Golf Course
- Lakeshore Learning
- Storybook Cove
- And much more!



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.