



The Center

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Early Childhood Programs of Lake County School District

Our mission is to serve and respect children and families by providing research-based early childhood services that promote the development of knowledge, life skills, and self-esteem

2020 Preschool Learn-to-Ski Program

We are once again offering the downhill Learn to Ski program at Ski Cooper this winter. This program is designed for *children who have never skied before*, and who typically would not have the opportunity to ski without this program. The program is for older preschoolers who will be going to kindergarten next year. **Children must have turned four years old prior to October 1, 2019.**

Through our partnership with GOL! and donations from agencies in the community, all program costs are covered and families are not required to pay to participate. Non-Head Start families are welcome to make donations to help cover the costs of their child's participation—but this is not required.

The program includes free transportation, ski rental, lunch, and ski lessons. All lessons will occur during our regular preschool hours on the assigned days in January 2020.

Our Learn to Ski Program will take place from January 14 to January 23. Boot and ski fitting will occur on January 9. Each ski day, we will leave The Center at 10:00am and return at 1:30pm. Head Start children will still be able to take the bus to The Center and will arrive back at The Center in time to take the bus home. Your child will need to be at The Center by 9:45am with sun screen applied, jacket, snow pants, mittens, hat, and eye protection. We prefer that children wear helmets to ski; we are hoping to procure helmets that would be available to borrow. The temperature must be 10 degrees or higher at Ski Cooper by 8:45am for us to ski.

Children will be staying on the small, beginner hill to ski. There may be an opportunity to ski the big hill on the last day, but the Panda Patrol ski instructors will make the final decision.

Here is an overview of the guidelines and enrollment process for this year:

- **Enrollment packets are now available to be picked up in the front office. If you would like a packet sent home on the bus, please call 486-6925 to request this. Completed enrollment paperwork must be received no later than December 17, 2019 at 5:30pm. The program is limited to 20 children who have completed paperwork on that date.** From the children with completed paperwork, we will select 20 students using a lottery in which we pull names from a hat.
- **Children must have proof of medical insurance.** We will make a copy of your insurance card when you bring in your completed enrollment packet. There is a short-term insurance policy we are aware of through Adventure Advocates that can be purchased for one month for \$18-\$39. Note that you **MUST** enroll before the end of December to have coverage in January. If you do not currently have health insurance, but would like your child to be eligible for the Ski Program, please stop by the front office to learn more about the Adventure Advocates policy.

For any questions, please call Mary at 719-486-6927.



December 2019 Events

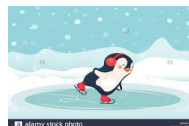
December 4th-Family Fun Night at The Center-Winter Festival, 5:30-7:00

December 11th-Coffee Talk here at The Center in the Family Resource Office, 9:00-10:00.

December 19th-Classroom Celebrations & Trail 100 Celebration. Here at The Center. Please see your child's class for their scheduled times!

December 23rd-January 6th-Winter Break NO SCHOOL!

January 7th-Back to School. Welcome 2020!!



Parents' Voices

It is important for us to hear from you. We welcome your input to operate a program that meets the needs of the families we serve. To reach:

Holly DeBell 486-6921
Director of Early Childhood Programs

Policy Council 486-6888
extension 2190

REASONS TO CALL:

486-6920

- Your child is not riding the bus
- You have a pick up change for the morning bus (please call by 7:00am)
- You have a drop off change for the afternoon bus (Please call by 12:30pm)
- Your child is not coming to school

Thank you

Please Remember!!!

Family Fun Night –Winter Festival is Wednesday December 4, 2019.

Here at The Center 5:30–7:00!!



- ⇒ Come make a yummy snack
- ⇒ Make Winter Ornaments
- ⇒ Indoor Ice skating
- ⇒ Face Painting
- ⇒ Winter Family Pictures
- ⇒ Say HI to a Special Guest!!!



Dear Parents,

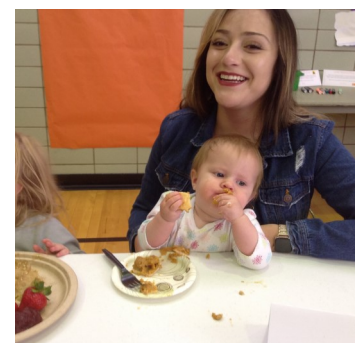
All of Decembers payments need to be made by December 20, due to the holiday break. Your child will not be able to attend January 7th, if there is an outstanding balance on your account. Have a great Winter Break!

Thanks,
Marissa



FAMILY SPOTLIGHT

Thank You, for joining us for our Thanksgiving Lunch!!
It was so wonderful to see all of our GREAT families!!



POLICY COUNCIL

The Center Early Childhood Programs – Policy Council Minutes – Meeting Date – November 5, 2019

Attending: Maria Perez, Karen Brungardt, Elizabeth Saunders, Teresa Haynes, Casey McGovern, Olivia DeVargas, and Anahise Shoukas

Not Attending: Fernando Luna Lopez, Claudia Robles, and Kelly Callahan

Roll Call: Maria called roll and determined that a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda: Casey made a motion to accept the agenda. Anahise seconded. All were in favor with no one opposed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: The minutes were for the October 14, 2019 regular monthly meeting. Anahise made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for October 14, 2019. Casey Seconded. All were in favor with no one opposed.

Parent Activity Fund: The Parent Activity has \$647.22. The dinner for October 14 meeting has not yet been billed, so it does not reflect on this balance yet. There will be a deduction next month of this month's dinners as well.

New Business: The Council talked about merging the Lake County Early Childhood Council, which oversees the Colorado Preschool Program within The Center. We discussed some problems we may encounter and if this would be a better fit and use of our time?

Unfinished Business: Policy Council Bylaws. The council reviewed the Policy Council bylaws again, they looked over the two changes that were made. These included adding Early Head Start. Teresa made a motion to accept the Policy Council Bylaws. Anahise seconded. All were in favor with no one opposed. The council then reviewed the new policy that has been drafted per Mary the Business Manager. The Equipment and Real Property Disposition Policy was created due to the fact that we now have a vehicle, and any purchase over \$5,000 must have the proper paperwork to sell or give away. Casey made a motion to approve the Equipment and Real Property Disposition. The council then reviewed and discussed the Human Resource System Policy. There was time for discussion. Anahise made the motion to approve the Human Resource System Policy. Teresa seconded. All were in favor with no one opposed. The council looked over the Program Improvement plan next. There were questions asked and the council understood that this is a working document. Casey made a motion to approve the Program improvement plan. Anahise seconded. All were in favor with no one oppose. The PIR was the last order of business. They reviewed this report form the 2018-2019 school year.

Announcements: November 1st, The Center is closed for professional development day. November 21st, Thanksgiving lunch at The Center. November 25th-29th, Fall break- No school. December 4th – Family Fun Night at The Center. December 11th, Coffee Talk here at The Center 9:00-10:00. December 19th Classroom Celebrations. December 23rd-January 5th, Winter Break – No school. January 6th, The Center is Closed for Professional Development Day. January 7th, Back to School.

Adjournment: Maria adjourned the meeting at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Saunders – Policy Council Secretary



PARENTS:

Every month we get this great resource for our families. These magazines are located on the table by the front office. Please take one, two, or as many as you would like!

They are written in both English & Spanish!!

HOW TO CONTACT THE CENTER

Please see your child's classroom calendar for your child's teachers email address and phone numbers.

Holly DeBell—Director of Early Childhood Programs
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Jackie Lujan—Education Director
(719) 486-6927 jlujan@lakecountyschools.net

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(719) 486-6920 jmascarenaz@lakecountyschools.net

Lizz Holm—Health Manager
(719) 486-6923 lholm@lakecountyschools.net

Lisa Roeder—Family and Community Partnership Manager
(719) 486-6928 lroeder@lakecountyschools.net

Kelly Horning—Early Childhood SPED & Child Find
(719) 486-4406 khorning@lakecountyschools.net

Lindsay Rapke—Speech Pathologist
(719) 486-4403 lrapke@lakecountyschools.net

**If you need to call after
3:30 P.M.**

Please call us at 486-6925
*This is the only phone line that is
staffed after 3:30p.m.*



You may leave a message at this number and it will be checked. If you call other numbers, or leave messages at other extensions, your message may not be heard until the following morning.

PARENTS

If you need to reach your child's teacher, please look at your class calendar and information sheet!!!

You may also call 486-6920 and the office will direct your

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