



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



Happy Birthday! Dr. Seuss



Families,

Please join us and help us celebrate!! Here is the schedule of fun!!

Monday - March 1~ Crazy Hat Day

Tuesday - March 2~ Pajama Day(Curl up and read its National Read
Across America Day)

Tuesday - March 9 ~ Grinchiest Green Day (Wear Green Clothes)

Wednesday - March 10~ Silly Sock Day

Thursday -March 11~ Cat in the Hat (Wear Red and White Clothes)

March 2021 Events

March 3, 2021-Home Visits 10:00-6:00 The Center is Closed

March 4, 2021-Home Visits 12:00-8:00 The Center is Closed

March 8, 2021-Home Visits 8:00-4:00 The Center is Closed

March 11, 2021-Policy Council 6:30-8:30p.m.

March 22-25, 2021-Spring Break, The Center is Closed

March 31, 2021-Open Enrollment for 2021-2022 school year



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

Dear Families,

Many of us have fond memories of music. What special music do you associate with important celebrations? What kind of beat can you not help but tap your feet to when it comes on the radio? Have you noticed your child tapping along with you? What songs from your childhood do you and your child enjoy singing together? Music has a wonderful way of translating across generations, cultures, languages, and communication styles. We are excited to begin a study of music making in our class that will engage and build on children's curiosity about music, sound, and performance.

Please let me know if you or a family member is involved with music making (e.g., plays, fixes, or teaches an instrument; sings in a choral group or band; works in a job related to music making). I would love to arrange a time for you to join us virtually in our investigation or if preferred you can video tape yourself and then we will share it to the class.

What You Can Do at Home

Listen for music throughout the day with your child. We often don't even notice the music that plays in the background of our everyday lives. Discuss the music that you and your child hear. How does it make each of you feel? Does it sound like any other music you have heard?

Talk about favorite music styles and songs with your child and share why you enjoy them. Create a list together of your family's favorite songs.

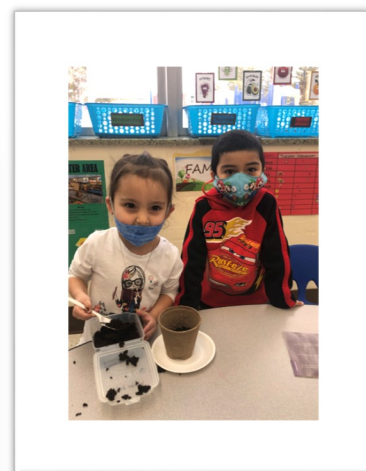
Thank you for playing an important role in our learning.

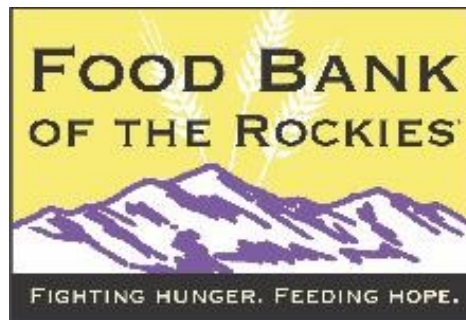
Jackie Lujan

Assistant Director of Education



Learning Fun at The Center





Food Bank of the Rockies
200 West 4th Street-St. George Episcopal Church
Beginning December 1, 2020

Will distribute Free Food the
3rd Wednesday of the month
starting at 9:00 A.M.

No eligibility requirements!

Information and assistance with
Applications for SNAP (food stamps)
will be available during this time.

Please NOTE, the Food Bank is currently operating within the safety guidelines and recommendations of the CDC by using a drive-through model. They are still able to accommodate those without a vehicle. Please wear a mask to protect the health of volunteers.

Food Pantry will be open:
Wednesday & Saturday's 9-1:00
Seniors hours-Wednesday's 9-10
Only 3 people (families) at a time!

Please call with questions
(719) 486-3087.

Bring a bag, box, or laundry basket.



Child Find
Early intervention for children with special needs

Every county in Colorado has professionals who are trained to evaluate children in a variety of areas, including cognitive functioning, physical functioning, hearing and vision, speech and language and social and emotional development. This service is referred to as Child Find. Evaluations are conducted by the Child Find team at no cost to parents.

Once the child find evaluation team, which includes the parents, has gathered sufficient information used to determine a child's eligibility for early intervention or preschool special education services, an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP; birth to three years of age) or an Individual Education Plan (IEP; three to five years of age) is developed and services begin shortly.

Children under the age of six may be referred at any time for an eligibility determination for early intervention (ages birth to three) or preschool special education services (ages three through five). Here in Lake County, our very own Kelly Horning is the first contact for families interested in a Child Find evaluation. Please reach out to her at khorning@lakecountyschools.net or 719-486-4405.

Policy Council

The Center Early Childhood Programs – Policy Council Minutes – Meeting Date – February 11, 2021

Attending: Olivia DeVargas, Kathleen Law, and Chelsea Luna

Not Attending: Ashlee Cruz, Jasmine Bujanda, and Katrina Hanger

Roll Call: Due to COVID-19, our meeting was conducted through Google Meets. Lisa called roll and determined there was a quorum.

Approval of Agenda: Chelsea made a motion to approve the Policy Council Meeting Agenda for February 11m 2021. Olivia seconded. All were in favor with no one opposed.

Approval of Minutes: Olivia made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 13, and the Special Meeting on January 21, 2021. Chelsea seconded. All were in favor with no one opposed.

Parent Activity Fund: The new Parent Activity Fund was introduced to the Council for the new fiscal year. The Parent Activity Fund will begin with 1,500.00. Olivia made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Parent Activity Fund. Chelsea seconded. All were in favor with no one opposed.

New Business: The Council reviewed the ERSEA policy at The Center. Lisa reviewed the selection policy with the Council and addressed the need to update criteria points. She also discussed the enrollment policy and how The Center is looking at updating this as well. The Council asked questions and suggested some ideas. These Policies will be worked on and later introduced to the Council for approval. Holly talked to the Council about providing the families with dinner and packets for the next Policy Council meeting in March. The Council thought this would be nice. Council Members can come by The Center and pick up dinner and meeting documents before the meeting,

Unfinished Business: Lisa also provided the Council with the new 2021-2022 Center application. She explained how The Center started using Childplus. With this new program, we thought the application should match some of the criteria we document.

Announcements: February 11-Regular Policy Council Meeting, February 15-No School, The Center is Closed for the Holiday, February 19-Regular School Day, February 25-District Advisory Council Colorado Preschool Program walkthrough 10:00-11:00. March 11-Regular Policy Council Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Roeder – Substitute for the Policy Council Secretary



NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!!!

Early Head Start is a home visiting program designed to support you as your child's first and most important teacher. You are eligible to apply if you are pregnant or have children up to three years old.

Pick up an application at The Center or call 719-486-6928 for more information

HOW TO CONTACT THE CENTER

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

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Lindsay Rapke- Speech Pathologist
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**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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