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Early Learning Program E-Newsletter

A Message From The Director

Unfortunately, during the week of January 17th, one of our classrooms within the Early Learning Program was closed due to the prolonged absence of a handful of our teachers. The closure was in effect for the week and caused a significant amount of inconvenience for the families, because they had to scramble to find last minute care options and manage working from home while caring for their young child/children.

On Thursday, January 20th, Jessica Webb, Assistant Director, and Leanna Lorden, Children's Programs Director, drove to each of the children's homes (residences from Peterborough to Hopkinton), delivering "COVID care packages" to them.



These packages were created in hopes to deliver some fun! In our care package, you'll find activities for de-stressing that can be done as a family, one-on-one with a child or as an individual. A combination of stickers, playdough, coloring pages, and more!

"We are all living in a time of uncertainty. Stress levels are rising not only for adults, but also for our young children and their families. We sympathize with families and want to try to alleviate stress in any way possible. With that, we discounted tuition for that week and compiled COVID care packages for the families who have been impacted by this closure."

Leanna Lorden
Director of Children's Programs

Highlights Magazine

If you are looking for ways to encourage creativity and imagination, look no further than Highlights Magazine. It was first published in 1946 for children between the ages of 6-12, but has since evolved into a now all-encompassing resource for parents and children of all ages. With the magazine's content being so rich in children activities like puzzles, stories, and games, a subscription serves as an excellent gift or every day learning resource. Highlights for Children embraces early learning and development to the fullest and its mission statement is as follows:



"We help children become their best selves by publishing content and creating experiences that engage, delight, and foster joyful learning."

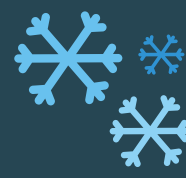
Jessie Webb
 Assistant Director of the Early Learning Program

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Click the black and white button on the right to explore the magazine's website and other offered resources.



Pats Peak Learn to Ski & Ride Program



With the start of the final week in Ski School, the Kickstart kiddos have started to become familiar with the ways of the mountain. They've worked to master getting on and off the "Magic Carpet Ride" and have even all begun to ski down the mountain with little to no support. This is a loved program that WBC can participate in each year. We are always amazed by the growth seen in these children.



Ideas From The Kitchen

Food for Thought

Sometimes it is just hard to get our little ones to eat, let alone eat well. However, most children will respond to doing things if you present the task as a game or fun to do. Try turning mealtimes into a game. For example, engage your child in getting excited about what they are eating by making a spinner with them—then using the spinner to see what you will be eating next. You may customize it for the meal you are eating or make it generic by using colors to represent the different types of food. Then take it for a spin. Let your child spin the spinner to see what food they would try next. For instructions, please click the red button below. If you are also looking for more interactive things to do with your child, feel free to click the maroon button below for more fun children activities.

Jessica Thompson
 Kitchen Manager

[Spinner Instructions](#)

[C.A.C.F.P. Resource](#)



Pre K Classroom Valentine's Day Celebration



The Pre-K classroom started this week by sharing lots of love and friendship through handmade cards and goodie bags in the name of Valentine's Day. The children went all throughout the classroom hand delivering special cards, goodies, and kind words to help teach everyone the value and joy connected with giving.

Staff Highlights

William Chambers

Will Chambers is the Development Manager here at White Birch and is originally from Westchester, N.Y. He currently lives in Concord New Hampshire with his girlfriend Janna. Will started working here in September of 2021 after graduating from the University of Massachusetts in May of the same year. In his spare time, he loves playing basketball, running, drawing, traveling and spending time outdoors. He also has the long-term goal of one day of practicing law as a criminal defense attorney. Will's favorite things about working at White Birch are the faculty and daily impact W.B.C. has on Henniker and its surrounding communities.

