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Child Care E-Newsletter

A Message From The Director

Week of the Young Child

The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (N.A.E.Y.C.), the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 60,000 members and 52 Affiliates.

The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families as well as recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

The N.A.E.Y.C. first established Week of the Young Child in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life. This week is a time to plan how we—as citizens of community, state, and nation—will better meet the needs of all young children and their families.

This year's Week of the Young Child will take place April 2-8, 2022. Stay tuned for more information on our center's themes and fun that will be planned!

Leanna Lorden

Director of Children's Programs

Final Three Continuing E.D.

White Birch Center prides themselves on the quality of their programming and of their staff. We maintain a Licensed Plus status and have participated in multiple Quality Rating systems and cohorts. As an organization we acknowledge that quality often means a combination of experience and education. Most of our teachers have extensive knowledge and education in Early Childhood. Please help us in congratulating our final three teachers who have now enrolled in continuing education courses and are officially working toward their certificates in ECE. Good luck Miss Katy, Miss Maggie, and Miss Kylie. We are so proud of you!

Jess Webb

Assistant Director of the Early Learning Program



The Classroom Corner

Last week for St. Patrick's Day, the Pre-K classroom took to the playground for a leprechaun gold scavenger hunt! Each one explored the slides and jungle gym with handmade binoculars made especially for spotting the golden bits of treasure. Excitedly, each child found at least one piece of "gold" and happily kept it as a memento for the day.



Ideas From The Kitchen

Food for Thought

Color is all around! Why not take in the natural beauty and show your child what colorful foods can do for them? With Easter right around the corner, dyeing eggs a variety of different colors is great activity to do with your child while also getting into the holiday spirit. Once an egg is laid by the mother hen and washed, the eggshell's structure and pores expand, so you may want to take a natural approach. Using natural foods and spices to dye eggs can also expose your child to new foods they have never tried before. This activity can be messy, so use caution when using the dyes that can potentially stain clothes. Click the button below to see the full article for all the fun colors different recipes.

If you are looking for more interactive things to do with your child, click the C.A.C.F.P Resource button for more fun children's activities.

[Egg Activities](#)[C.A.C.F.P. Resource](#)*Jessica Thompson*

Kitchen Manager

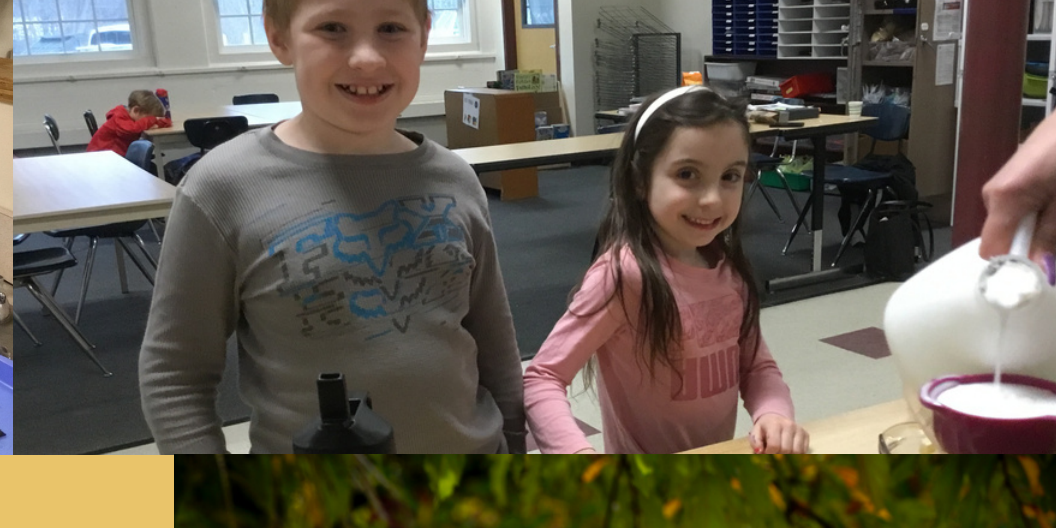
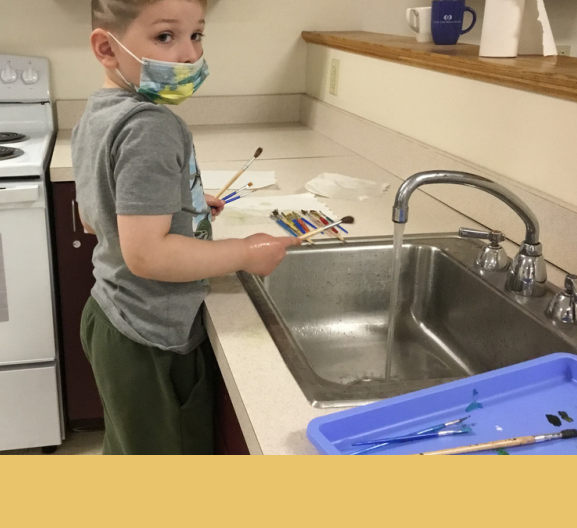
Extended Education Program

At the Extended Education Program, we believe that strong social and emotional skills are essential to children's development both in and out of school. Studies show that when children have strong social and emotional skills they do better academically, have stronger relationships, and have increased positive behavior. As adults we model social and emotional skills by identifying and managing our own emotions, showing empathy for others, talking about our choices and why we made them, and modeling positive relationships with friends and peers. Our program fosters these skills through group games, daily check-ins, peer modeling, and cooperative activities.

Click the button for 5 simple things you can do at home to promote social and emotional development.

[Emotional Development Article](#)*Allison Saltmarsh*

Director of the Extended Education Program



Staff Highlights

Megan Holland

Megan Holland is from Stoddard NH. She has been at White Birch Center for the two years she has been in the ECE field. She loves spending time with her dog Remi. Her favorite thing about working with children is seeing the progress each child makes during their time here. She loves to see them grow proud of their accomplishments. She also loves nurturing relationships with the children and families of WBC.



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