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Child Care E-Newsletter

A Message From The Director

Last week, The Early Learning Program participated in The Week of the Young Child, an annual celebration hosted by N.A.E.Y.C., that celebrates our youngest learners! White Birch Center takes part in this event to focus on the needs of children ages infancy to 8 years old. In doing so, we bring to the public's attention the importance of childcare centers found throughout our Nation, and their role in laying the foundation for children to be successful through their elementary school years.

We celebrated last week with five fun-filled, themed days to highlight early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities! We began with Music Monday where some classrooms chose to celebrate through dance parties and making their very own instruments. The week then progressed into Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday and finally, Family Friday. For Family Friday, we created a display that allowed families to see our learning in action as they viewed photos. Children and families were able to participate in games, enjoyed selfie station, received temporary tattoos, balloons, and freeze pops!

We consider this celebration to only be a starting point, as it's not the only time we should be focusing on celebrating the resilience and success of young children and the strength of their families. Part of the goal this past week was to serve as an invitation for celebrating these aspects on a more continual basis, bringing the community closer together in the long term.



Leanna Lorden
Director of Children's Programs

The FUN PASS

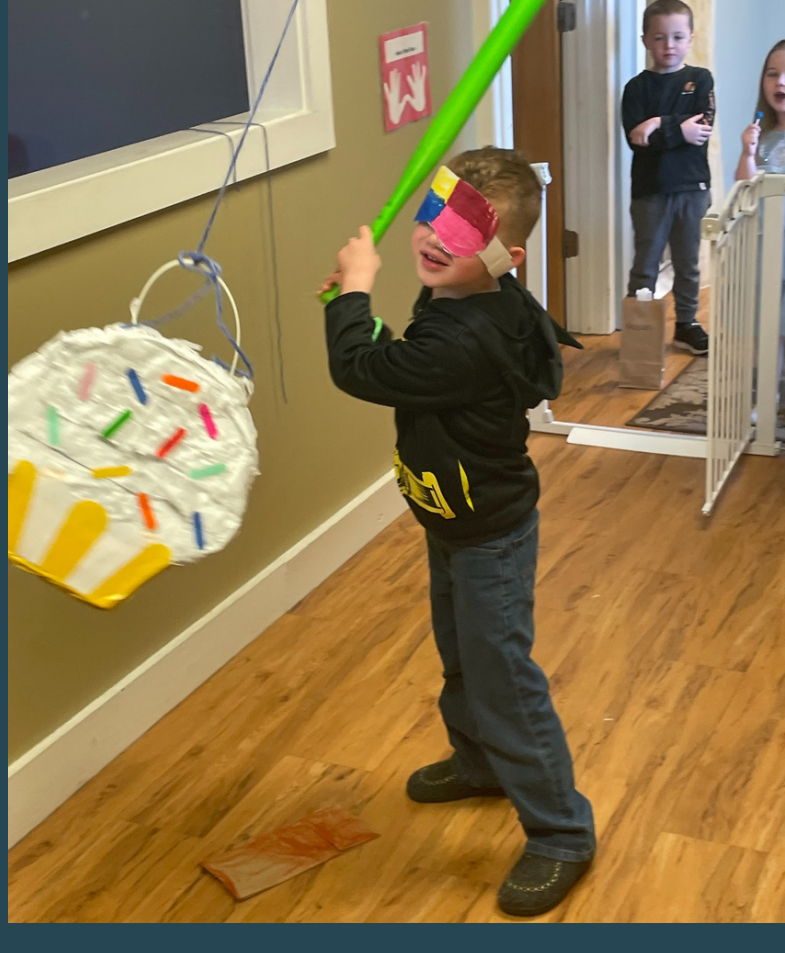
Looking for a cost-effective way to keep your children entertained this summer? This website offers ideas on how to ensure your family has fun at home, both indoors and outdoors, by using resources you already have! This website will also direct you to ways you can have fun at a discounted rate throughout New Hampshire. Check out the Fun Pass by clicking the button below!

[Learn More](#)

Jess Webb
Assistant Director of the Early Learning Program

The Classroom Corner

Our Kickstart Classroom enjoyed a Piñata Party last week equipped with self-stuffed piñatas, baseball bat, and student-made blindfolds. Their classroom has introduced an age-appropriate reward system that uses positive reinforcement to encourage and teach students behavior acceptable for the classroom. This concept highlights the importance of kindness, generosity, helpfulness, listening skills, and so much more. Whenever a student is seen doing something positive in the classroom, a "Pom Pom" is added to its designated jar.



Once the jar is full, students get to choose from a group of selected ideas presented by the teachers as a reward. The kids loved the party and had an absolute blast smashing their piñatas and enjoying the rewards. Great job Kickstart!



Ideas From The Kitchen



What's Cooking?

Welcome to "What's Cooking"! A new segment that will be featuring a recipe from the White Birch Family on a seasonal basis. In this first issue of "What's Cooking", we are showcasing a recipe from Kylie Tuttle.

Ms. Kylie is one of our excellent teachers who has been cooking and baking since the age of five with her grandma. Some of their favorite treats to make are peanut butter cookies, bread, and fudge. Click the blue button below to review Kylie's cookie recipe!



Jessica Thompson
Kitchen Manager

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

[Kylie's Recipe](#)

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

Extended Education Program

Summer Camp is right around the corner! The Summer Camp program offers field trips, visiting programs, and enriching activities all summer long. We provide a program designed to avoid the "summer slide" and keep children's minds expanding throughout the summer months.

All children entering 1st grade through Age 14 are eligible to attend. For more information, or to receive a Summer Camp registration packet, email Allison Saltmarsh at:

allisons@whitebirchcc.org

Allison Saltmarsh
Director of the Extended Education Program



White Birch Highlights

If you see this young man around the WBC campus, feel free to introduce yourself. Reagan Webb is a Sophomore at John Stark Regional High School and will be fulfilling his community service hours with us at the center. As a volunteer, Reagan will not count directly in ratio and will be under the direct supervision of the teachers. Reagan has held several positions where he was responsible for the caregiving of children, pets, homes, and other personal belongings. He also volunteers his time helping coach a t-ball team in his hometown. Reagan is looking forward to participating in an Early Childhood Development course this fall.

