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Child Care E-Newsletter

A Message From The Director

Farewell Acknowledgement Letter to Jess Webb

How lucky we have all been to have Jessica Webb work alongside us for over 4 years, during which she worked in two different positions as a Preschool Classroom Teacher and Assistant Director of the Early Learning Program. Having served as an integral part of our administrative team and having truly made a difference in and out of the classroom, Jess departs for her new career full of our blessings and best wishes.

As the longest standing member of the White Birch Center staff, I have had my fair share of experiences when it comes to whom I have worked with. Jessica Webb is the best of the best.

When Jess began with us back in January 2019, our organization had just experienced its largest bout of staff turnover to date, turning over 40% of our entire staff. The organization was in dire need of someone who possessed an understanding of how to manage within a crisis and knowledge of how to strengthen overall employee retention. I remember Jess calling to speak to me, mentioning that she was unhappy at her current position and was interested to learn if there were any employment opportunities available at White Birch. I laughed out loud. I wanted to ask her if she was crazy, but I felt that I didn't know her on that level yet, so I offered her a meeting and she accepted. The rest is history.

When thinking of what she radiates, I think we can all agree that in Jess, we see selflessness and compassion. She understands the relationship between empathy and altruism and has demonstrated that in her interactions with others. Jessica is one of the few people that I have had the privilege of knowing who can literally start a conversation with anyone. She is also one of the few people who discovers she has a mutual friend or relative in common with almost anyone who she is communicating with. I think that is in large part because of her innate skill set in relationship building. Jessica can understand how other people think and feel, which is an important component of empathy. Because of that skill set, she will undoubtedly succeed in this next stage of her career. It's evident that generosity and selflessness are deeply rooted parts of who Jessica is as an individual.

Jessica's accomplishments began the moment she stepped foot inside White Birch. While I won't be able to list them all, here are some of the most significant. Jessica assisted the Preschool team in restructuring their classroom, from improving the aesthetics of the environment to how the team was communicating with others. Aside from her initial partnership with the Preschool team, Jess made her mark with all other child care classrooms as well. Her presence was one that was quickly recognized and greeted with appreciation. Jessica also achieved multiple credentials from the NH Early Childhood Professional Development System, during her time here, which served as a model for others to emulate. Additionally, Jess developed a robust onboarding system for all incoming new employees. She also recently became certified as a Safety Care trainer, becoming qualified to train alongside myself, for all our direct care staff. What all these accomplishments point to is that she has moved us forward, made us better, and left our corner of the world a better place.

Jess, White Birch is not going to be the same without you. We thank you for all the memories – work always felt a little less like work when you were around. It's a real joy to see you going from strength to strength in your career and your new colleagues don't know how lucky they are yet! We all can't wait to hear how you continue to make a positive impact with children, youth, and families.

Leanna Lorden
Director of Children's Programs

Extended Education Program

Summer Camp

While it seems crazy to be thinking about Summer Camp in the middle of the winter, that is exactly what we have been doing!

Summer Camp is a little over 4 months away, and while that seems like a long time, it's just enough time to plan and enroll for our Summer Camp Program.

Click the flyer for more information on our Summer Camp Program

or contact Allison Saltmarsh for more information.

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WHITE BIRCH CENTER

SUMMER CAMP

FUN & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES, FIELD TRIPS, AND MORE FOR CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN TO AGE 14

GROUP 1 Children entering kindergarten & 1st grade

GROUP 2 Children entering 2nd grade & up

NEW!! Counselor in Training Program for children entering 6th grade - age 14!

Activities

- School readiness
- Cooperative games
- Social & emotional skill building
- Outdoor games
- Arts & crafts
- Swimming
- Field trips

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Classroom Pod Newsletters

Infant & Toddler

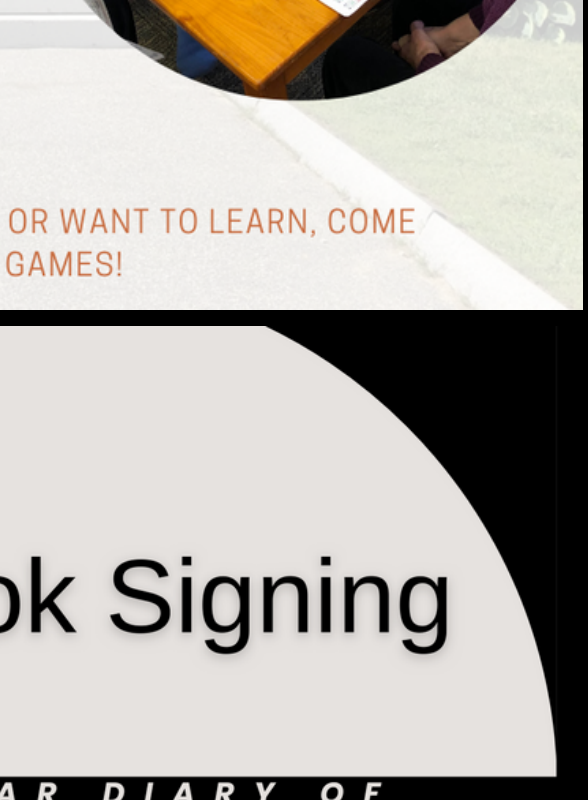
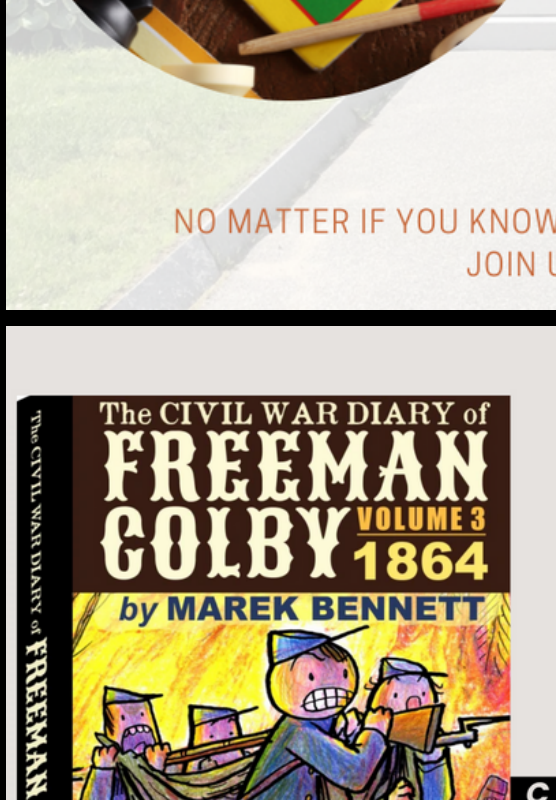
Preschool & Pre-K

Tucker Free Library Activities

GAME GROUPS AT TUCKER FREE LIBRARY

COMMUNITY GAMES
WEDNESDAYS AT 3:15

MAJHONG
THURSDAYS AT 3:15



NO MATTER IF YOU KNOW HOW TO PLAY OR WANT TO LEARN, COME JOIN US FOR PICKUP GAMES!



Book Signing

Join us on **February 19th at 2PM** for an author reading, discussion, and book signing with Henniker author Marek Bennett!

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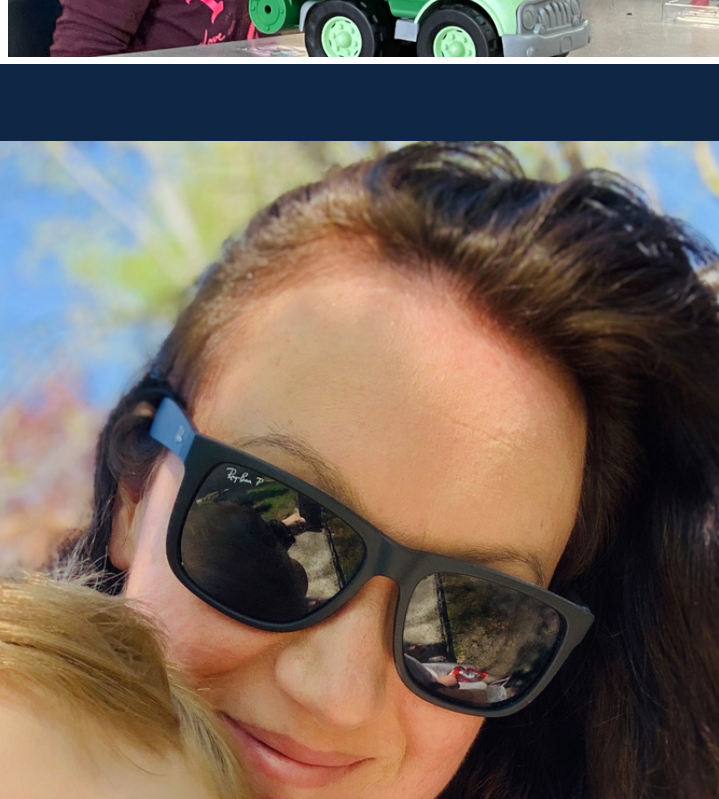
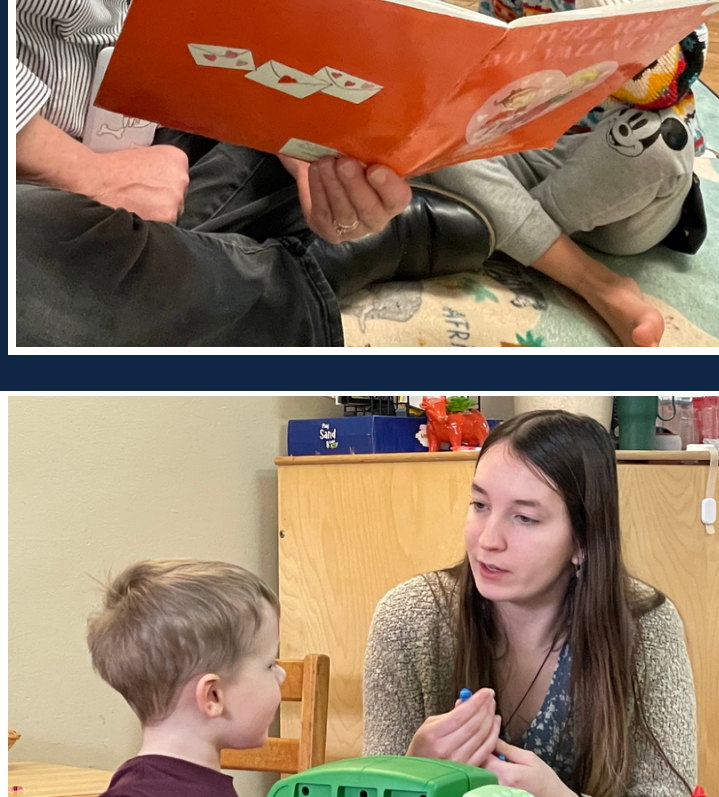
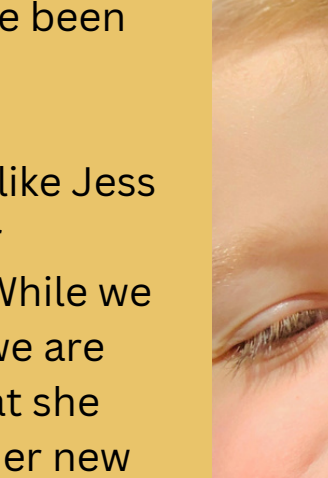


Classroom Corner

Valentine's Day Station Activity

If you visited the Preschool Classroom last Wednesday morning, you could tell love was in the air. Eager and filled with curiosity, every child explored 5 Valentine's Day themed stations set up throughout the classroom. The 5 stations each highlighted a different Valentine's Day theme while also coinciding within the criteria of the classroom curriculum.

Some activities included following along with Miss Robin reading Will You Be My Valentine? by Steven Kroll at the Read-Aloud station and creating handmade Valentine's cards for their parent(s) at the Arts & Crafts station. Each station played a role in teaching the children the value of love and what makes this holiday so special.



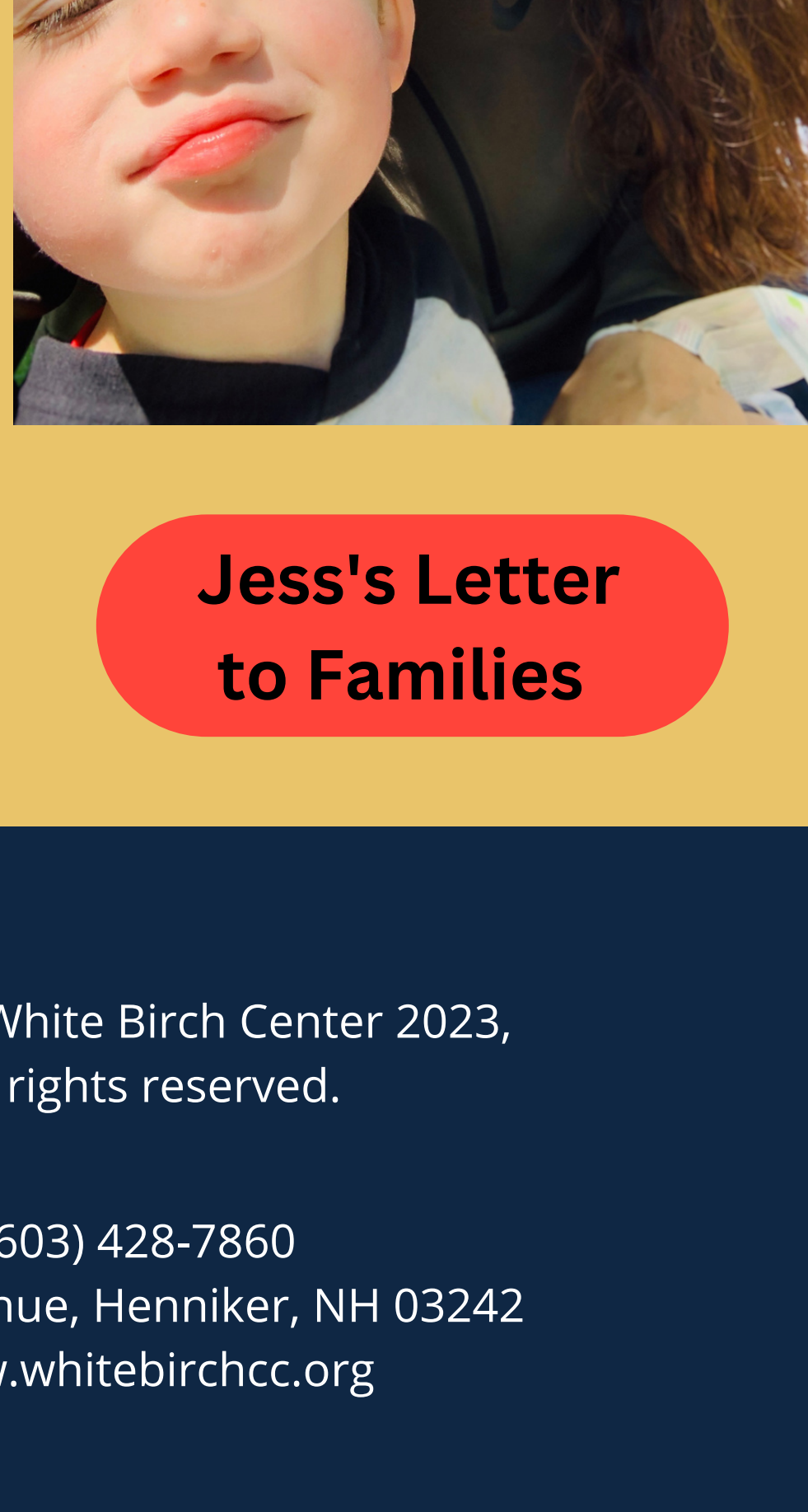
Staff Highlights

Jessica Webb

We feel grateful to have been able to call such a compassionate and determined individual like Jess Webb a member of our Administrative Team. While we are sad to see her go, we are also excited to see what she accomplishes next at her new job.

While serving as a cornerstone to our Early Learning Program, Jess had developed rich relationships with parents and staff alike and felt an importance to address the families she served of her transition.

Click the button beneath the photo to read Jess Webb's farewell letter to the families who she grew to know and love.



Jess's Letter to Families