

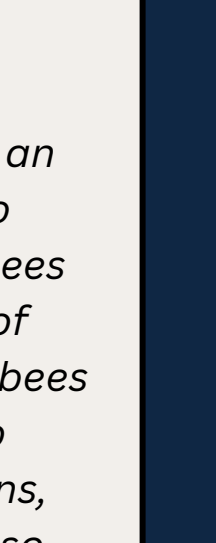
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# CONNECTION

## Child Care E-Newsletter

### A Message From The Director

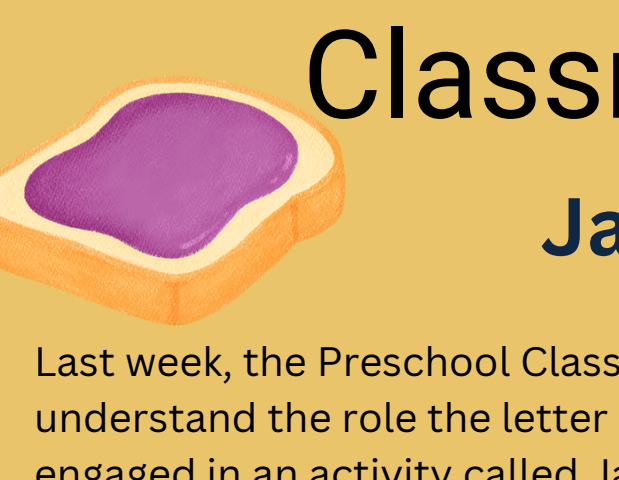


#### Play

I am always looking for articles that highlight the importance (and power) of play. When I came across this article, I knew I had to share it. The video of a bumblebee playing found in the article will definitely put a smile on your face! If bumblebees can play, does it mean they have feelings? This study says yes.

*“Researchers from Queen Mary University of London conducted an experiment in which they set up a container that allowed bees to travel from their nest to a feeding area. But along the way, the bees could opt to pass through a separate section with a smattering of small wooden balls. Over 18 days, the scientists watched as the bees went out of their way to roll wooden balls repeatedly, despite no apparent incentive to do so. The finding suggests that like humans, insects also interact with inanimate objects as a form of play. Also, like people, younger bees seemed to be more playful than adult bees.”*

Click the button below to read the rest of the article!

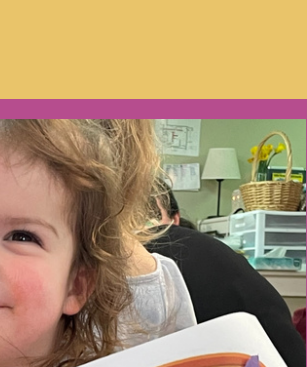
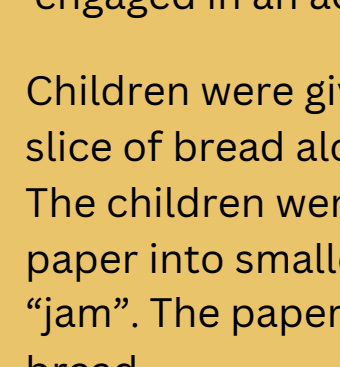


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*Leanna Lorden*  
Director of Children's Programs

## Classroom Corner

### Jam on Bread



Last week, the Preschool Classroom started learning about the letter “j”. To help understand the role the letter “j” plays in how we communicate, the children engaged in an activity called Jam on Bread.

Children were given a photocopied image of a slice of bread along with pieces of purple paper. The children were instructed to rip the purple paper into smaller bits, creating their own paper “jam”. The paper jam was then glued to the bread.

The teachers then asked the children the name of what they had glued to the bread. Once answered, the teachers challenged the children just a little bit more by asking them to name the first letter of the word “jam”.

Once each child understood the “Jam on Bread” concept and the role played by the letter “j”, they would then visit a nearby table to create for themselves an edible bread and jam treat. The activity came to a close by having every child clean up after themselves.

In addition to strengthening the class’s familiarity of the letter “j” and its corresponding sound, Jam on Bread addresses a wide scope of development. Fine motor skills are developed by working independently to create their jam on bread on paper as well as creating real jam on bread. Cleaning up their designated work spaces to a pre-project state, also helps each child develop personal responsibility.



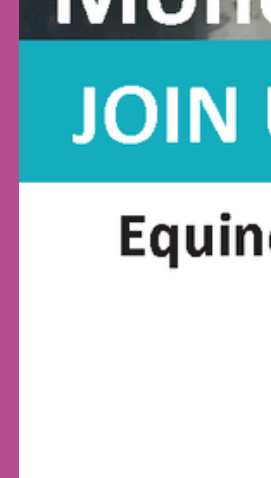
## Extended Education Program

### Summer Camp Registration has Begun!

If your child is entering Kindergarten to age 14, they are eligible for our Summer Camp Program! Contact Allison Saltmarsh for more information and to receive a Summer Camp registration packet.

[allisons@whitebirchcc.org](mailto:allisons@whitebirchcc.org)

(603) 428-7860



*Allison Saltmarsh*  
Director of the Extended Education Program



Monday, April 24th - 4:00 - 6:00pm

JOIN US FOR OPEN BARN IN BOSCAWEN!

Equine Collaborative with Merrimack County (EMC)  
333 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen

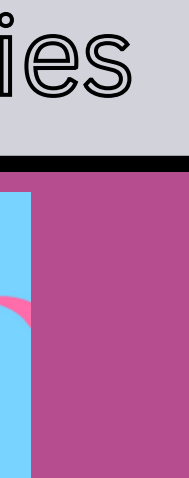
Meet the staff and ponies  
Learn about Spring and Summer Programs

Register for Programs Offered Free of Charge to Residents of Merrimack County



## Ideas From the Kitchen

### A Bittersweet Goodbye



We are saddened to announce that Miss Michaela Dunn, our Kitchen Manager, will soon be leaving White Birch Center. We have been lucky to have such a creative and cheerful person as part of our team and will miss all the delicious meals she provided for the children in our care and staff alike.

Below, you can see some of her classroom favorites as well as other tasty dishes that she would provide for us every day here at White Birch. Thank you, Michaela, for making everyone look forward to lunchtime. We will miss you and are excited to see your future success as you continue your career in the food and hospitality industry.



## Tucker Free Library Activities

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**BUBBLING BOTTLE**

AGE 6+

APRIL 15, 2023  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM  
J ROOM  
TUCKER FREE LIBRARY

## Staff Highlights

### Lauren Moseley

Lauren started working at White Birch Center in March of 2023 as a teacher in the Toddler classroom. She was born and raised in New Hampshire and now lives in Pittsfield with her boyfriend Mike and their two cats, Hansel and Mickey. After high school, she dedicated the next two years working and supporting marginalized communities through AmeriCorps in San Antonio, Texas.

Lauren is currently a junior at Granite State College and is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in Human Services. In her spare time, she loves anything in arts and crafts but particularly enjoys making macramé art.

What Lauren loves the most about White Birch is working in the classroom with a team of dedicated teachers she knows she can count on. Stop by the Toddler Classroom to say hello!

