



Live and Learn Early Learning Center

Family News

March 17, 2014



**Thursday March 20th
is the first day of**

**Live, Learn & Dance!
Mondays 9am-
9:30am**

WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY

Location: Lee Church Congregational 17 Mast Rd

The food pantry is open to any family in the Town of Lee. The pantry is open the first and third Monday of each month from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. If there is an emergency need please feel free to contact the Church office 659-2861. All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.

Staff Updates:

Nineteen teachers attended the 2 day Early Childhood Conference in MA. Hats off to the teachers who also presented workshops; Shawn, Megg, Debbie, Michelle, Dave and Johanna. All teachers have come back full of ideas to use in the classrooms. Thank you for finding alternative child care on Friday to make this possible.



Happy St. Patrick's Day !

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Public School
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

March 24–28, 2014

9am–4pm

**Mast Way or Moharimet
Elementary Schools**

[CLICK HERE](#) for more details.

BIRDS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Sat. March 22nd 10:30 am

Lee Safety Complex

What makes birds different from other animals? Using mounted birds, feathers, wings, feet, beaks, nests and eggs, children K-4 and their families will learn about bird habitat and basic biology in this interactive program offered by the NH Audubon Society. A REAL red-tailed hawk and peregrine falcon will be sure to steal the show!

Please register by calling the library at 659-2626. Thank you to the Friends of Lee Public Library.

Maple Weekend 2014
3/22/2014

Over 110 sugar houses statewide were open for the 19th Annual NH Maple Weekend on March 23 & 24 in 2013. Join the fun and learn why we are celebrating the sweetest season of the year!! 2014 Maple Weekend will be March 22 & 23, 2014! A list of participating sugar houses will be available by the beginning of March 2014.

Website:

<http://nhmapleproducers.com/mapleweekend/index.html>

**Period of PURPLE Crying
Awareness Training**

We are hosting this training here at Live & Learn Early Learning Center on Thursday May 15th. Please let us know if you would like to attend this training!

Oyster River Community Schools

SEEK COMMUNITY GARDENERS TO HELP WITH SCHOOL VEGETABLE GARDEN PROJECTS Oyster River Schools are seeking community members to help out with the program establishing school production gardens located at each of the four schools. The main purpose of the gardens is to provide produce for the school cafeteria meals year round while supporting teacher curriculums. This effort supplements the purchase of locally grown fresh food from area farmers. If you are interested in participating, please contact Principal Dennis Harrington at dharrington@orcsd.org

[Saint Patrick's Day dye free spinach cake](http://weelicious.com/2013/03/14/23-dye-free-st-patricks-day-recipes/) (check out this link for more dye free green recipes! <http://weelicious.com/2013/03/14/23-dye-free-st-patricks-day-recipes/>)

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1 large egg
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 cup fresh spinach, packed
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons vegetable or canola oil
- 1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt



Preparation

1. Preheat oven to 350 F.
2. Place the first 6 ingredients in a food processor and puree.
3. Place the remaining ingredients in a separate bowl and combine.
4. Pour the spinach puree in a large mixing bowl.
5. Slowly mix the dry ingredients into the wet until combined.
6. Scoop batter into a greased mini muffin tin, filling each cup 2/3 of the way.
7. Bake for 12 minutes.
8. Serve.

Infants:



Liz brought in her violin this week and played for the babies! They really enjoyed the music and watching her play with big smiles on their faces! We also brought in a bucket of balls that they enjoyed tossing and rolling around the room. We did some sand painting and the infants enjoyed exploring the new texture of the paint.

One of the older children is now able to get into a standing position from sitting! **Please remember that we are closed on Friday March 28th for a professional conference.**



Toddlers:



This week we made green sparkly paintings, and painted with cars, small brushes, and wood cookies! We also did smooch painting, played with sand, rice and wood pellets in the sensory table, and did contact paper art. We built with Legos, explored many materials on the light table, and read lots of books too! We are enjoying the large tubes in the sensory table!

If you have any tubes, scoops, or containers that you aren't using, we would love to explore them! **Wish List:** We would LOVE baby oil for sensory exploration. **Reminder, we are closed Friday March 28th for a teacher conference.**



Younger Preschool:



It's been a fun and busy week in Younger Preschool. We did some tractor shape art, made green playdough, and played with the cars and ramps. We also did some letter matching using magnet letters and made puffy paint art. **Reminder: We are closed Friday March 28th for a professional conference.**



Older Preschool:



We have been trying to find that tricky Leprechaun! We think we found his home in the woods. The children are bringing in Leprechaun traps.. So be careful where you step, we wouldn't want to lose any family members! The children made some beautiful puffy paint designs this week. The spin art that we worked on is so creative, you'll get to see it at the Art Show on April 17th.



Building the marble works with Nate was amazing. We got it so tall! This whole week was full of using our imaginations and being architects and artists! **Please stop in to read a story to our class! (or invite a relative to come in!)** Wish list: any kind of picture frames, peach-colored fuzzy material, and sheer or light weight curtains or fabric. We are also running low on small mason jars if you have any at home that you aren't using! **We are going on a field trip on Thursday March 20th. Please be sure to sign the permission form and bring in a labeled car seat and field trip t-shirt for your child on that day. Thanks!**



Kindergarten:

This week in Kindergarten we were able to use our color exploration creations to create our own Eric Carle inspired pictures and they turned out great! Also, check out our big green monsters we have hanging up! We love reading the book, Go Away Big Green Monster!

The children are diving in to new interests and concepts which is very exciting for all of us! We have begun exploring Medieval times, searching for answers to questions about transportation, structures and people during that time. Magic is also a strong interest, so we will be experimenting with science/magic daily. This



will promote skills in measuring, counting, and predicting and encourage us to use our imagination. We also had a great pajama day! We have a field trip on Thursday March 20th in the afternoon. Please be sure to sign the permission slip and send your child in with a labeled car seat and field trip t-shirt. Have a great weekend!

♥The Kindergarten Team

School Age:

We had a blast at Afterschool this week. We played outside and played dodgeball, krakabout, and color tag in the gym too. We went sledding and snowshoeing during the full day program on Friday. **Reminder: L&L is closed Friday March 28th so**



that staff can attend a professional conference. **Wish list: We would love some more measurement tools. Any donations of tape measurers, yardsticks or rulers would be greatly appreciated.**