



Live and Learn Early Learning Center Family News

March 26, 2012



We are OPEN!

We will be open this
Friday March 30th!



With the warmer weather comes the ticks! It's a good idea to do tick checks on your child each night. We go outside every day! Thanks!

Book Orders are due by Thursday March 29th!



Family Dinner Chat!

Save the date- April 30th. Medication administration and safety training. Kasey Dillon is a mom and emergency room physician's assistant and will be doing the training for us. Free dinner and childcare will be provided. Keep an eye out for the sign up!

Family Fun

- ★ Watch the NH Police play hockey versus NH Firefighters on Saturday March 31st at Battle of the Badges! This is a fundraiser to benefit CHaD. The game starts at 5pm at the Verizon Wireless Arena. Tickets are \$10 each, children 12 and under are FREE!



- ★ Family Fun Fair on Sat. April 21st, 10am-2pm in Bedford NH.



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Got Recipes?

Live and Learn would still like to put together a cookbook that captures the best, most fun, most interesting, and tastiest recipes from our families. We don't have quite enough recipes yet to complete the book. So, please send along (in email, on paper, on that old index card from your Grandmother!) recipes that we can include.

THANKS!

Lice Alert:

There are some cases of head lice in the center. Please check your children often. Talk to your child about not sharing hats, hairbrushes, headbands, etc. Live & Learn will be doing daily head checks for the next three weeks. We appreciate your patience and diligence.

Staff Updates!

Congratulations to Katie in the Infant room! She is pregnant and due in late October!

Kids Night Out!

Do you need a break? Send your children to the next Kids Night Out on Friday May 11th, 5-8pm! The Toddler teachers will care for and play with your children, feed them dinner, and take them on a field trip to Wagon Hill. They will even get them in their PJs and ready for bed! Kids Night Out is open to children of all ages!

Help Underserved Preschoolers in the Seacoast Area Get K-Ready!

The United Way of the Greater Seacoast has launched a special initiative called *K-Ready Kids!* The goal is to fill and distribute 1,000 book bags for children 4-5 who'll be entering Kindergarten in Fall 2012. When children are ready to read, they enter kindergarten ready to succeed! **Live and Learn will be a K-Ready drop off site between April 16th - May 4th.**

You can help in any of the following ways:

- Order an extra book for the drive when you place your Live and Learn Scholastic Book Order (due March 29th).
- Order books directly through the United Way's online book drive - <http://bit.ly/GJJf3z>. A gift of \$10 will purchase four new approved books!
- Purchase literacy supplies that will be distributed along with the books:
 - child-sized scissors with rounded tips • construction paper
 - drawing paper • notebook or writing tablet (wide ruled)
 - markers • colored pencils & pencil sharpener
 - stickers (*no cartoon characters please*) • foam shapes
 - play dough • glue sticks • crayons

For more information, go to www.uwgs.org/kreadykids or contact Lisa Henderson (Live and Learn parent) at 603-978-1436. Thank you!

Johanna has been nominated for the national Bammy! Awards

"It takes a village to raise a child." - African Proverb

The Bammy Awards is a *cross-discipline* award that identifies and acknowledges excellence throughout the education field -- from teachers, principals and superintendents, to school nurses, support staff, advocates, researchers, early childhood specialists, education journalists and parents. The Bammy

Awards were created in response to the tremendous national pressure on educators and education leaders to improve student outcomes, and the intense scrutiny that today's educators face as a result.

The Bammy Awards acknowledge that teachers can't do it alone and don't do it alone. The Awards aim to foster cross-discipline recognition of excellence in education, encourage collaboration and respect in and across the various domains, elevate education and education successes in the public eye, and raise the profile and voices of the many undervalued and unrecognized people who are making a difference in the field.

The Bammys are presented by the [Academy of Education Arts and Sciences International](#), which includes an eclectic cadre of leading educators, education leaders, education professors, journalists, editors, researchers, commentators, advocates, activists, visionaries and pioneers. The Academy is comprised of a [Board of Governors](#), a [Council of Peers](#) and associate members.

The Academy presents two honors in every category -- the **Bammy Award** and the **Educator's Voice Award**. Members of the Academy of Education Arts and Sciences International select the winners of the Bammy Awards. However, you, the online education community, determine the winners of the Educator's Voice Award by voting on the Bammy Awards web site for the nominated people, programs or organizations that you believe to be the best in each category.

Check it out!: and submit your vote for Johanna – thank you.

http://www.bammyawards.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=197%3Ajohanna-booth-miner&catid=84%3Achildcare-center-director&Itemid=1

Consignment Sale

The Children's Museum of NH is hosting a consignment sale to support the museum on March 31st and April 1st. Interested in consigning and making 60% or more of your sales? Go to the museum website!

Infants:

Wow, we have really enjoyed this amazing weather! The infants enjoyed lots of outside time where we sang, played in the sand and leaves, explored water in the water table, climbed up and down on wood cookies, and read books! Did you know that here at L&L we work on developmental skills even when we are doing routine things such as diapering and brushing teeth? Older infants are encouraged to walk to and from the changing table and the climb up on a stool to brush their teeth and wash their

hands. As they do this, they are refining small motor

skills while

they brush their teeth with hand over hand assistance from a teacher. **Wish List:**

We would love to have a few pairs of pantyhose for an activity if anyone has some they aren't using anymore!



Toddlers:

This week we enjoyed the sunshine, played in water, went on walks, made a favorite weather chart, and painted popsicle sticks. We also explored beans

and farm animals in the sensory table and did big brush paintings!



Reminder: All children should arrive with their first coat of sunscreen and bug spray on! Thank you for your help!

Younger Preschool:



We have been enjoying the summer-like weather this week and spending lots of time outside! We read the story Stone Soup and made our own “stone soup” with Meredith! We took a walk to see the pond at Ted’s farm and heard some

frogs! We also made grilled cheese sandwiches for snack for the entire center and we did some open ended art projects. [Thanks a million to Addie and Bryce for the popsicle treats this week!](#)



Older Preschool:



We are so thrilled with the nice weather! We had our first picnic outside! We also had our community lunch which was awesome! Thank you to all of the families who donated food! We have had a wonderful time exploring the woods and looking for changes. We have been building fairy houses and can’t wait to start our garden planting! Some of the green beans in our classroom are ready to be picked and you should see the tiny tomatoes on our other plant! We also had a blast painting the ship with shaving cream!

Wish List: We would love some baby food jars with lids and plastic bottles (any size).

Reminders: Please make sure your child has plenty of spare clothes this time of year—clothes, socks, etc. *Flip*

flops and crocs are great inside shoes but please make sure children have sneakers or closed-toe shoes to wear outside!



Kindergarten:

Kindergarten wrapped up our space unit by graphing our facts that we learned during our planet research groups. We introduced our next project topic, the human body, by filling in an outline of a body with parts that we already know. We got to enjoy the hot weather by playing squirt tag and checking out our heart rates after running fast and resting. **Thanks to the Waterhouse family for the sunscreen, the Dillon family for the refreshing popsicles, and to younger preschool for the delicious snack of grilled cheese.** **Reminder:** Please make sure your child has labeled sunscreen and bug spray at Live & Learn! Thank you!



School Age:

This week afterschool was psyched to do an obstacle course in the gym with Pete! They really love that rope swing! They also did some nature drawings and tree rubbings and played ultimate Frisbee outside! What a beautiful week for outside activities! **Wish List:** fun shaped pasta!

