



DUPLIN COUNTY
Partnership for Children

a partner in the
Smart Start network



News for the Communities, Families and Early Childhood Educators of Duplin County



We would like to thank all the teachers working in Duplin County child care centers and family child care homes. We appreciate all the hard work, love, care and support you give every day to the children in your care. We encourage you to continue to plant the seeds of love and learning, and you will see the children grow from the little ones in your care into productive individuals that may one day say, "Thank you for being there for me." Keep up the great work !!

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Do you have questions about your child's car seat or are you in need of a seat? For more information, please contact Karen Pacheco at 910-296-2000.

we love our
TEACHERS 

DRAWING JUNE 28, 2024



Raffle

**PIT
BOSS GRILL &
SMOKER**

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**DRAWING WILL BE HELD DURING DUPLIN COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR
CHILDREN'S 3RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT.**

1 FOR \$5 OR 5 FOR \$20

NEED NOT TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE USED
TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF
DUPLIN COUNTY.**



Live Entertainment By Jody Patram

3RD ANNUAL
GOLF TOURNAMENT
DUPLIN COUNTY CLUB
KENANSVILLE, NC

Friday, June 28, 2024

9:00 AM SHOTGUN START

**PIT BOSS PELLET
GRILL & SMOKER
DRAWING**

**AWARDS &
PRIZES**

**PUTTING
CONTEST**

**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE
JUNE 20, 2024**

**BREAKFAST
& LUNCH**



**CONTACT KAREN PACHECO AT 910-296-2000
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Seven Simple Tips for Outdoor Play

It seems simple, right? Children are innately curious so playtime outdoors should be a natural fit. Surprisingly however, kids today are spending less and less time outdoors, replaced with over 7.5 hrs. in front of an electronic screen every day.

Time exploring and playing outdoors helps children develop self-confidence, fine and gross motor skills, creativity, innovation, and collaboration. These vital skills can be acquired, tested and developed by simply playing in the sand, building stick forts, capturing insects, or damming puddles. Having the opportunity to interact with nature helps children understand and make a personal connection to the world they live in and ultimately depend on every day for their food, water, shelter and space.

Play outdoors is simple AND comes naturally to children. For newcomers to outdoor play, some encouragement and modeling may be needed. If a child is older or a bit apprehensive and has not had much experience playing outdoors by oneself or with others, here are some simple tips to set them and you up for success.

1. Make a time to unplug, unwind, and play outside.
2. Identify interesting spaces for play and exploration; safe from vehicles, fast moving water, other hazards.
3. Encourage and model (if need be) exploration, observation, creative interpretation and questioning.
4. Eagerly join in when invited. Comfortably sit back when not.
5. Let kids be kids.
6. Locate good places for a potty emergency.
7. Bring water, change of underclothes (depending on age), extra thermal or outer layer, sunscreen, potty field kit.



It does not take a wilderness area to intrigue a young explorer. Look for diverse vegetation/weedy areas, trees or wooded areas, water, sticks, rocks, hills. Pristine and pretty may be nice for a family hike or neighborhood park, but is not of utmost importance when it comes to outdoor play. A child's natural intrigue and healthy sense of wonder will kick into gear when given the time and space to play outdoors. Foster, follow and enjoy the play!



May is National Water Safety Month

National Water Safety Month (NWSM) takes place annually each May, and is proclaimed as a joint effort of the World Waterpark Association, the American Red Cross, the National Recreation and Park Association and the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance. Now in their 14th year of partnering on NWSM, these organizations represent businesses and other individuals and agencies involved in bringing safe, enjoyable aquatic activities to the American public, from home pools and spas, to waterparks and resorts, to public swimming and water recreation facilities. This designation has been made in recognition of the popularity of swimming and other water-related recreational activities in the United States, and the resulting need for ongoing public education on safer water practices, including swim lessons, the buddy system, parental supervision, following the posted rules, and always being “water aware.”

Source: https://www.waterparks.org/web/National_Water_Safety_Month.aspx





MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

TAKE SOME TIME TO
LOOK AROUND, LOOK WITHIN

MHANATIONAL.ORG/MAY



Mental Health Awareness Month was established in 1949 to increase awareness of the importance of mental health and wellness in Americans' lives and to celebrate recovery from mental illness.

Eastpointe is a managed care organization (MCO) dedicated to working with individuals and families in eastern North Carolina who struggle with substance abuse, mental health and intellectual and developmental disabilities. We believe everyone should have the help they need to live meaningful lives.

We also staff a crisis support phone line that is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, 1-800-913-6109. If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available. Call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org

Eastpointe is excited to offer virtual opportunities during the month to raise awareness and bring resources to our community.

Celebrating Week Of The Young Child "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" Craft Night April 11, 2024



Little Free Library Dedication Jimmy Jerrrome Park Rose Hill NC

April 7, 2024



**Today a
reader,
tomorrow a
leader.**

Margaret Fuller

Pinwheels for Prevention April 17, 2024





The NC Latino Health Alliance on behalf of AMEXCAN invites you to our....



DUPLIN COUNTY CULTURE & COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

MAY 18, 2024

TIME: 12:00 P.M - 3:00 P.M



N.C. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION | DUPLIN COUNTY CENTER:

**165 AGRICULTURE DR,
KENANSVILLE, NC 28349**



Resourced that will be provided:

- Health screenings
- Educational materials
- Raffles
- Games and prizes for kids and adults.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION:
EMAIL: NCLHA@AMEXCANN.C.ORG
CALL: 252-329-0593 OR 252-367-8779**



La Alianza de Salud de Carolina del Norte en nombre de AMEXCAN los invita a nuestra:



FERIA DE SALUD COMUNITARIA Y CULTURAL DEL CONDADO DE DUPLIN

18 DE MAYO Del 2024.

HORA: 12:00 P.M - 3:00 P.M



**N.C. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION |
DUPLIN COUNTY CENTER:**

**165 AGRICULTURA DR,
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Recursos que se proporcionarán:

- Exámenes de salud.
- Materiales educativos.
- Rifas.
- Juegos y premios para niños y adultos.



**PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN ENVIÉ UN
CORREO ELECTRÓNICO A:
NCLHA@AMEXCANN.C.ORG O NOS PUEDE
LLAMAR AL: 252-329-0593 O 252-367-8779**



WE NEED YOU!

COMMUNITY HEALTH
NEEDS ASSESSMENT
SURVEY

Please scan the QR code to
participate in the survey



TE NECESITAMOS!

ENCUESTA DE
NECESIDADES DE
SALUD
COMUNITARIA

Por favor escanea el código qr para
participar en esta encuesta



Tin Can Planters



With Mother's Day and the end of the school year coming up, there are plenty of reasons to give a potted plant as a gift. Why not make it extra special by creating these homemade **tin can planters**! They are so easy to make and kids will love adding their own personal touch by adding a special message on the can. These little planters are sure to brighten up someone's day this spring!

Materials Needed:

- Tin Can
- Acrylic Paint
- Paint Brush
- Alphabet Stickers
- Succulents
- Drill (used by adult)
- Optional: Waterproof sealer



Instructions:

- Adults will need to drill a small hole in the bottom of the can to allow proper drainage for plant. You'll also want to make sure the tin can you choose does not have any rough edges and that the can opener used did not leave any sharp points that could cut little fingers while handling.
- Paint the can with a waterproof sealer if you are planning on keeping it for a long time. This will prevent it from rusting. Due to potential of the can rusting, we do not recommend food or vegetable plants to be used in the planters.
- Place the alphabet stickers on the can, spelling out a word or message of your choice.
- Paint the can, covering the stickers. You may need to apply a few coats of paint.
- Once the paint has dried, peel off the alphabet stickers. If you need to clean up any paint on the inside of the letters, you can use rubbing alcohol and a cotton swab.
- Insert soil and a plant in the can. Tip: Use cacti in the planters because they require less watering.

DUPLIN COUNTY

TEACHERS & STAFF



Let's show our appreciation to our amazing teachers and staff!



May 8-12

Monday

Our staff is SUN-SATIONAL.....Wear yellow or sunglasses. Suggestion: bring your teacher something yellow or draw them a picture.

Tuesday

THANKS FOR LEADING OUR TEAM....Wear your favorite team colors. Suggestion: write a thank you note to a staff member or give them a high five.

Wednesday

U-R THE SWEETEST.....Wear your class t-shirt (if you have one). Suggestion: bring your teacher a sweet treat.

Thursday

OUR STAFF IS VERY SPECIAL.....Wear bright colors. Suggestion: bring something special to a staff member or tell them thank you.

Friday

WE'RE WILD ABOUT OUR TEACHERS.....Wear animal print. Suggestion: bring your teacher a wild flower--real or paper.



Trainings, Updates & News

The following is a list of training topics that the CCR&R staff of Duplin County Partnership for Children will be offering.

ITS SIDS

When: May 14, 2024
Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Cost: \$7.50
Credit Hours: 2.0



An overview of SIDS, identification of SIDS factors and descriptions of ways to reduce the risk of SIDS in child care will be shared. Participation in this training meets ITS-SIDS training requirements. Anyone who works in an infant classroom is required to attend this training. Virtual ITS-SIDS: DCDEE requires class size be limited to 20 and participants **MUST** use a camera during workshop.

Enhancing Your Activities thru Teacher-Made Materials

TEACHER Created Materials

When: May 23, 2024
Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Cost: \$7.50
Credit Hours: 1.5



DCDEE, at one point and time, was offering an equivalency exam for EDU 119. The online class has been removed from the website, but they do intend to place it back online after some corrections are made to the exam.

Donor Levels:
 \$10-\$49 Friend
 \$50-\$99 Patron
 \$100-\$249 Bronze
 \$250-\$499 Silver
 \$500-\$999 Gold
 \$1000 + Platinum

Duplin County Partnership for Children is a 501(c) 3 private, nonprofit organization. Therefore, all donations are tax deductible. All contributions are appreciated. If you would like to make a contribution, make checks payable to the Duplin County Partnership for Children.

Name _____

Address _____

Daytime phone (____) _____

Amount enclosed ___\$100 ___\$50 ___\$25
 ___other

Your donation will help ensure that young children in Duplin County are healthy, safe, and ready for school.

Contact Information

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Fax: 910-296-1497

www.dcpfc.org

Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Library Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm



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