



Durango Early Learning Center

THE DELC DIGEST

APRIL 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

- 4/3 - 4/7 Week of the Young Child
- 4/11 Board Meeting 5:45PM Payroll Dept
- 4/17 Staff Meeting 5:30PM
- 4/24 No School - Family Conferences
- 4/12, 4/19, 4/16, 5/3 5:30 - 7PM Circle of Security Trainings



- 4/1 Vance
- 4/1 Tucker
- 4/10 Ash
- 4/14 Eleanor
- 4/14 Xander
- 4/29 Esme

Creative Movement with Ms. Amanda



Starting the week of 4/10 on Tues and Weds through the week of 5/15



MISSION: THIS DANCE CLASS FOR PRESCHOOLERS AIMS TO PROVIDE INCLUSIVE AND DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE DANCE INSTRUCTION FOR CHILDREN AGES 2 TO 5 YEARS OLD. DANCERS WILL EXPLORE BODY AWARENESS AND MUSICALITY THROUGH CREATIVE MOVEMENT SEQUENCES THAT INVOLVE SONG, PLAY, AND IMAGINATION.

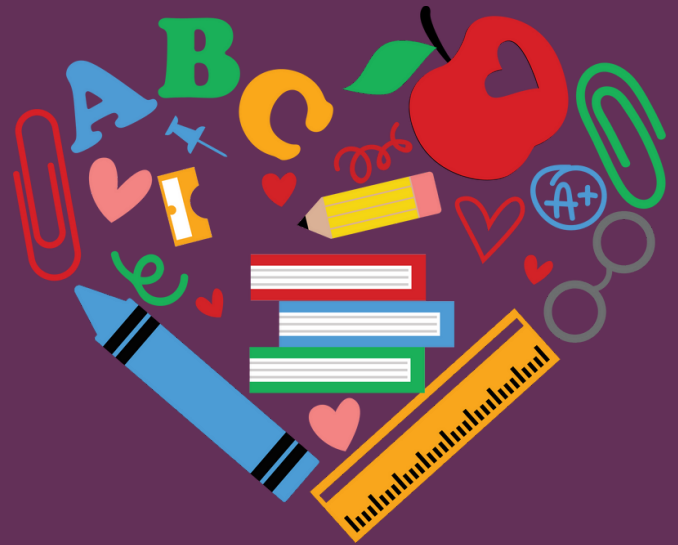
GROUP A: 4/11, 4/19, 4/25, 5/3, 5/9, 5/17
PURPLE ROOM- 9:00-9:30
GREEN ROOM 9:30--10:00
RAINBOW ROOM 10-10:30

GROUP B: 4/12, 4/18, 4/26, 5/2, 5/10, 5/16
SUN ROOM 9-9:30
ORANGE ROOM 9:30-10:00
BLUE ROOM 10:00- 10:30



Celebration of Learning

FAMILY CONFERENCES WILL BE MONDAY, APRIL 24TH! YOUR CLASSROOM TEACHER WILL PUT OUT A SIGN UP FOR TIMES. NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN THAT DAY, BUT THEY ARE WELCOME TO JOIN YOU FOR THE CONFERENCE!



This Week's
Conscious
Commitment:



"I AM WILLING TO SEE MISBEHAVIOR A SIGN OF MISSING SKILLS, AND INSTEAD OF PUNISHING, I WILL WORK TO TEACH THAT CHILD A NEW SKILL."



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Save-the-date



Brittney Cee
Photography

INDIVIDUAL &
CLASSROOM
PHOTOS WILL BE
5/2 AND 5/3

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Week of the Young Child is an opportunity for us to celebrate the importance of early childhood: children, families, teachers, and advocacy. We celebrate with:

MUSIC MONDAY TASTY TUESDAY
WORK TOGETHER WEDNESDAY
ARTSY THURSDAY FAMILY FRIDAY

DID YOU KNOW?

- Children's cognitive, physical, social and emotional, and language and literacy development are built on a foundation of children's positive interactions with adults, peers, and their environment.
- Participation in high-quality early childhood education saves taxpayer dollars, makes working families more economically secure, and prepares children to succeed in school, earn higher wages, and live healthier lives.
- The average wage for child care providers, who are skilled and valuable front-line professionals who have risked their health to provide education and care during a global pandemic, is less than \$13 per hour, with Black and Latina child care workers making even less.
- High-quality early childhood education depends on high-quality early childhood educators who ensure that children, supported by families, have the early experiences they need for a strong foundation.

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT EARLY EDUCATION IN OUR COMMUNITY?

- Educate your peers on the importance of early childhood and its trained professionals
- Keep an eye out for local, state, and federal policies supporting early childhood education - contact your representatives!
- Be a vocal advocate for the importance of access to quality early years education for all kids

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS!

MUSIC MONDAY:

Sing-a-long and Dance Party! Bring classroom or homemade musical instruments! 10AM

TASTY TUESDAY:

Families will help provide ingredients for a school snack/taste test (Individual classrooms)

WORK TOGETHER WEDNESDAY:

Buddy Day! Sun/Orange Rooms, Blue/Green Rooms & Purple/Rainbow Rooms will combine for a service project around DELC!

ARTSY THURSDAY:

Each classroom will decorate a canvas that will be part of a larger all school piece of art!

FAMILY FRIDAY:

Mini polaroid family photos taken at drop off! Family thank you treats!

FAMILY CHALLENGE!

Take photos of you and your family participating in the WOYC themes at home and in the community and email them to Becca! We will create a family display board to show how we all celebrated early childhood!

PLEASE CONSIDER WRITING A NOTE OR BRINGING A SMALL TOKEN OF APPRECIATION TO CELEBRATE K'LEIGH THIS MONTH!

april teacher feature: k'leigh farnsworth

ROLE:

PURPLE ROOM TEACHER!

MEET K'LEIGH!:

I HAVE BEEN TEACHING AT DELC FOR 4 YEARS AND HAVE A DEGREE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY. I AM MORE THAN HALFWAY THROUGH MY ECE LARGE CENTER DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION. I ENJOY PADDLE BOARDING, SNOWBOARDING, SWIMMING, FRISBEE GOLF AND JUST ABOUT ANY SPORT YOU CAN THINK OF.

FAVORITES:

- COLOR: BLUE
- SWEET TREATS: ANYTHING REESE'S
- SNACKS: SPICY RICE CAKE CHIPS
- BEVERAGES: DR. PEPPER, ICED CHAI TEA
- WAYS TO RELAX: READING, LISTENING TO MUSIC, NATURE, PLAYING VIDEO GAMES
- RESTAURANTS: STARBUCKS, RGP'S, NINI'S TAQUERIA
- SMALL GIFTS: KEYCHAINS, STICKERS



MUSIC PERFORMANCE BY FRANK BYRNE (HUDSON'S GRANDPA!)



Durango Early Learning Center Land Acknowledgement

Welcome to the Durango Early Learning Center. We respectfully acknowledge that the school is located in Durango, Colorado, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Ute (Núu-agma-təvə-pə), Diné (Navajo: Naabehó Bináhásdzo), Hopi (Hopituh Shi-nu-mu) Pueblos, Apache and Zuni (Shiwi'ma) People who have been stewards of this land throughout generations. As early childhood care providers and educators of our future generation, it is our responsibility to acknowledge the impacts of the unkind acts that have led to the unfair and inappropriate treatment of people that traditionally lived here and still live here today. We lead by example and share stories of this land that are respectful to the people and the real history of this region. As we teach our children, we strive to nurture a culture that takes responsibility for our actions, and is curious, honest, and inclusive to the diverse backgrounds in our community. #HonorNativeLand