



Durango Early Learning Center

THE DELC DIGEST

OCTOBER 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

- 10/11 Board Meeting 5:45PM at Payroll Dept
- 10/16 NO SCHOOL - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/ FAMILY CONFERENCES
- 10/31 School Family Time & PJ Day
- 11/1 Hallo-Clean! 9:30AM
- 11/22 - 11/24 NO SCHOOL FOR THANKSGIVING BREAK

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 10/7 Ms. Nae Nae
- 10/9 Ms. Becca
- 10/17 Walter
- 10/17 Beckett
- 10/19 Ms. Misty
- 10/21 Theo



DELC surveys families and staff annually in May/June. Based on the feedback, we create a program plan to set goals and document action steps! Becca will share via brightwheel our current QIP plan as well as the family survey results. This will also be available on display in the front entryway!

Movement with Ms. Amanda

TUESDAYS

10/3

- Sun Room 9-9:30
- Orange Room 9:30-10:00
- Blue Room 10:00-10:30

10/10

- Purple Room- 9:00-9:30
- Green Room 9:30--10:00
- Rainbow Room 10-10:30

10/17

- Sun Room 9-9:30
- Orange Room 9:30-10:00
- Blue Room 10:00-10:30

10/24

- Purple Room- 9:00-9:30
- Green Room 9:30--10:00
- Rainbow Room 10-10:30



Family Conferences 10/16

Reminder: DELC is CLOSED 10/16 for staff professional development in the morning and family conferences in the afternoon. Your classroom teacher will reach out with available times. This fall conference focuses on how your child is adjusting to the new school year and for setting goals for the school year!



COLORADO SHINES
START EARLY START STRONG
QUALITY EARLY LEARNING

COSHINES
QUALITY
RATING

What is Colorado Shines?

A Colorado Shines rating (Levels 1-5) means that a program is licensed, in good standing and meets health and safety standards. It also means that the program is regularly reviewed by state officials. Programs with higher ratings (Levels 3-5) have gone through a process to demonstrate high-quality programs and practices in the following areas:

- Supports children's health and safety
- Ensures the staff are well-trained and effective
- Provides a learning environment that teaches children new skills
- Helps parents become partners in their child's learning
- Has good leadership and business practices

What does this mean for DELC?

DELC currently is rated a Level 4! Ratings are valid for 3 years, and our current rating expires 12/31. We are up for renewal during the months of October and November. The rating process includes classroom evaluations by an outside entity - Clayton Early Learning - using the environmental rating scale tools - ITERS and ECERS, surveys to family and staff, and documentation of different quality factors. Having a COSHINES rating is required by many of our grant applications that fund our monthly tuition scholarships.

How can I help?

You will be emailed a family survey where results are tallied directly by the COSHINES team. We need a minimum of 26 families to participate. If you are a new family and unsure of different programs we offer, reach out and ask! Be on the look out for the survey link this month. All surveys must be completed by the middle of November!

Conscious Discipline Corner

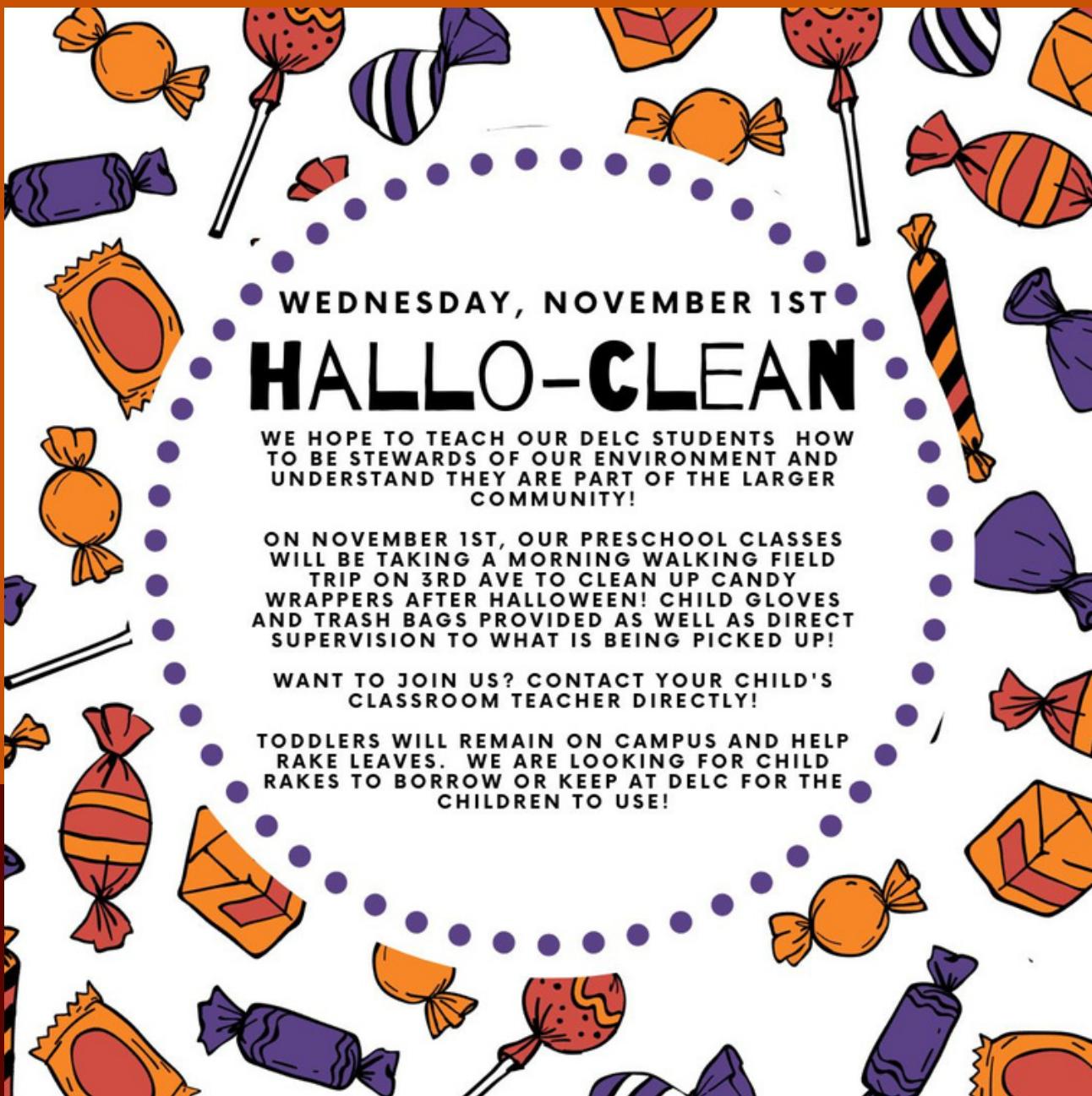
Conscious Discipline's Brain Smart Start consists of four activities designed to get children and adults in the optimal brain state for learning and problem-solving. These components include an activity to Unite, an activity to Disengage Stress, an activity to Connect and an activity to Commit.

Brain Smart Start

1. Unite - chant or move together
2. Connect – I ❤ You Rituals
3. Disengage Stress - BREATHE
4. Commitment – To keep Safe

Benefits of a Brain Smart Start

- A **connection** with others and the feeling that "I am part of something bigger than myself."
- An **activated prefrontal lobe**, bringing impulse control, empathy, problem-solving and all higher thinking skills.
- A personal commitment to be **the best "you" possible**.



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-agha-tłvñ-pę), Diné (Navajo: Naabéehó 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