



Durango Early Learning Center

# THE DELC DIGEST

## DECEMBER 2023

DURANGO EARLY  
LEARNING CENTER

# COLORADO GIVES DAY!



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Help us reach our goal  
of \$25,000!

# Meet Salama!

Please welcome Salama Patrick to our DELC family! Salama is our new DELC intern. She will be training to become Early Childhood Teacher qualified and working in the Rainbow Room under the mentorship of Ms. Callie! Salama moved to Durango last month from New York City. She has a degree in Fine Arts and has experience as a teaching assistant in an elementary school summer program, nannying, teaching theater, and coordinating children's events!



## Important Dates



- 12/4 - 12/5 HEARING SCREENINGS
- 12/12 BOARD MEETING 5:45PM AT RE(LOVE)
- 12/11 - 12/15 WINTER WONDERLAND WEEK
- 12/18 - 1/1 WINTER BREAK



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# WINTER WONDERLAND WEEK

MONDAY 12/11

DECORATE SNOWFLAKES  
FOR FRONT ENTRYWAY DISPLAY

TUESDAY 12/12 | 10:00 AM  
SCHOOL FAMILY TIME

WEDNESDAY 12/13 | DURING AM RECESS  
OUTDOOR SNOW STATIONS

THURSDAY 12/14 | SNACK TIME  
SNOWMAN SMOOTHIES &  
BUILDING MARSHMALLOW SNOWFLAKES

FRIDAY 12/15 | 10:00 AM  
PJ DAY! ALL SCHOOL STORY TIME & HOT CHOCOLATE!

Winter  
break



12/18 -  
1/1



# Conscious Discipline Corner

Teachers use an assertive tone to teach children boundaries and to communicate clear expectations. The focus is on what we want the child to do instead of what they are doing wrong. Teachers provide them with a script of what to do or say differently in difficult social situations in order to teach them missing interpersonal skills.

## Assertiveness

Assertiveness is the skill that emerges from the **Power of Attention** and teaches others how to treat us.

Instead of passively asking children, "Could you please be nice?" or aggressively yelling, "I told you to be nice!" we can **assertively** say, "When you want a toy, say 'May I have a turn?' and hold out your hand like this." Assertiveness says, "Your voice has **power** and I see you and hear you." It teaches others how to treat you with **respect** and how to set boundaries in a healthy way.

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## Survival State Skill of the Week:

### A = Assertiveness

Assertiveness uses the voice of "no doubt" to **communicate clearly** and focus vigilantly on the behaviors we desire. Focusing on what **we want** generates encouragement and safety. Focusing on what we don't want generates discouragement and fear.

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### 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-tǣvǣ-ꞑǣ), Diné (Navajo: Naabeehó Bináhásdzo), Hopi (Hopituh Shinu-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