



Durango Early Learning Center

# THE DELC DIGEST

## APRIL 2024

### IMPORTANT DATES

- 4/7 - 4/11 Week of the Young Child
- 4/8 Board Meeting 5:45PM
- 4/17 Individual and Class Photos
- 5/5 - 5/9 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/26 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day
- 6/19 NO SCHOOL Juneteenth
- 6/30 - 7/4 NO SCHOOL SUMMER BREAK



- 4/3 Renik
- 4/4 Naomi
- 4/23 Ms Rebecca

Thank you, Ms Kamie, for coordinating with Animas High School to have their music students perform for us. They taught us about the different instruments, and we got to try them! Also, one of the students was a DELC alum!



# Coffee Fundraiser

ORDER FORMS WITH CASH OR CHECK MADE OUT TO DELC DUE 4/25  
COFFEE DISTRIBUTION ON 5/2

**\$17 PER  
1 LB BAG**

**CHOICE OF :**

- COLORADO BLEND (MEDIUM)
- EASY RIDER (ESPRESSO)
- COSTA RICA (LIGHT)
- BRAZIL (MEDIUM/DARK)
- DECAF



# Celebration of Learning



FAMILY CONFERENCES WILL BE THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF APRIL! YOUR CLASSROOM TEACHER WILL SEND SIGN-UP TIMES.



# Kelly Miranda Photography

YOU WILL RECEIVE A PAPER WITH A QR CODE THAT WILL LINK YOU TO ORDERING PHOTOS ONLINE THROUGH KELLY'S WEBSITE! KELLY WILL TAKE PHOTOS OF ALL CHILDREN! BECCA WILL SEND OUT THE PHOTO SCHEDULE WITH TIMES NEXT WEEK!

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**Week** of the  
**Young Child**™

**APRIL**  
**7 - 11**  
**2025**

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS!**

### **MUSIC MONDAY:**

Orange Room will rotate between classrooms to show off the new musical instruments, and Ms. Becca will play a few songs on the piano!

### **TASTY TUESDAY:**

Preschool yogurt snack bar and Toddlers will “Taste the Rainbow” of fruits and veggies!

### **WORK TOGETHER WEDNESDAY:**

Buddy Day! Sun/Purple Rooms, Orange/Green Rooms & Blue/Rainbow Rooms will combine for different activities together!

### **ARTSY THURSDAY:**

Each child will decorate a paper square for an all school “quilt” to hang in the front entryway!

### **FAMILY FRIDAY:**

Family thank you breakfast of fruit and bagels! School Family Time will be 10:00am in the Sun Room!

# AFTERNOON CLUBS: Rainbow Beading

After we read a book about the water cycle and how rainbows form, we made our own rainbows by sorting through a mix of beads and stringing the matching colors to the corresponding pipe cleaners!



## Physical Development and Health

- 3.1 Develop hand strength and dexterity.
- 3.2 Develop eye-hand coordination
- 3.3 Manipulate a range of objects,
- 3.4 Manipulate writing, drawing, and art tools.

## Social and Emotional Development

- 5.2 Maintain focus and sustain attention with minimal adult support.
- 5.3 Persist in tasks.

## Science Knowledge and Skills

- 1.2 Engage in scientific talk.
- 1.5 Make simple observations, predictions, explanations, and generalizations based on real-life experiences.

## Literacy and Knowledge

- 3.1 Ask and answer questions and make comments about print materials.
- 3.2 Retell stories or information from books through conversation, artistic works, creative movement, or Drama.

## Mathematics Knowledge and Skills

- 4.5 Understand and use language related to directionality, order, and the position of objects, including up/down and in front/behind.

# Conscious Discipline Corner



## Two Positive Choices

Asking a child, "Do you want to clean up or do you want to go to time-out?" is **not truly a choice**. Instead, ask, "Do you want to pick up the blocks or the baby dolls first?"

You still **meet your goal** of a clean room, and you shift from manipulating children to helping children **practice decision-making**.



Two positive choices are **NOT** helpful for a child in the overwhelmed state of survival. We know this from our own lives. When we are **STRESSED** out and **OVERWHELMED**, the choice between coffee and tea can push us over the edge, barking, "I don't care. Just give me something." Children, as well as adults, in a survival state require **ASSERTIVE COMMANDS** to be successful.



Former DELC Assistant Director and Teacher, Stephanie Milner, was our community member, who picked all the numbers for DELC's first annual lottery!





Thank you for supporting our DELC teachers in attending the Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference!



It was a wonderful opportunity for learning new ideas, reinforcing the quality care we already provide, and getting some awesome staff bonding time!!

### 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-rǣ), Diné (Navajo: Naabeehó 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