



Durango Early Learning Center

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OCTOBER 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

- 10/7: Staff Meeting
- 10/12: Fall Grounds Clean up 10am
- 10/14: Board of Director's meeting 5:45pm
- 10/20 NO SCHOOL Teacher Professional Development Day



10/7- Ms. Nae Nae

10/8- Joy Chew

10/10 - Oscar Rains

10/10 -Veda Rains

10/12 - Avery Hennon

10/15 - Luke Tolle

10/16 - Raffa Brooks

10/19 - Ms. Misty

10/24 - Oliver Rossi



We had such a great school family time this month, celebrating birthdays and dancing. We know how much Kids need to move their bodies and it turns out that if you give them some good music, they can boogie on down better than Earth, Wind, and Fire!!!

FREE CAREGIVER WORKSHOPS



UNDERSTANDING YOUTH MENTAL WELLNESS

September 30th
5:30-7:15pm
at Pine River Library
Bayfield

with Genevieve Travis, MAEC,
MSW, LCSW

PROTECT YOUR PEACE

Building Healthy Relationship Dynamics

October 7th, 5:30-7:15pm
at Pine River Library
Bayfield

with Liza Williams, Domestic
violence Services Advocate and
Lisa Donelan, MA, NLC

In partnership with:



FINDING COMMON GROUND WITH YOUR YOUTH

October 9th, 5:30-7:15pm
Team Up office, Durango

with Rachel Turiel,
Nonviolent Communication
Coach

DON'T MAKE IT WEIRD: BEING WHO YOU NEED US TO BE

October 15th 5:30-7:15pm
at the Hive DGO
Durango

with Vale Zins, MSW, LSW

In partnership with:



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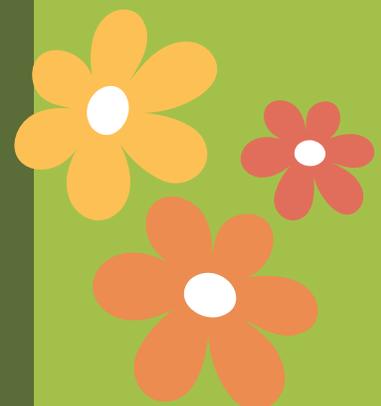
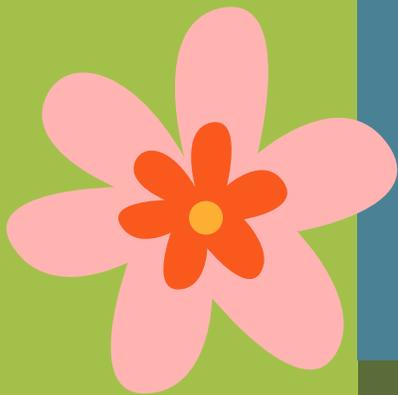


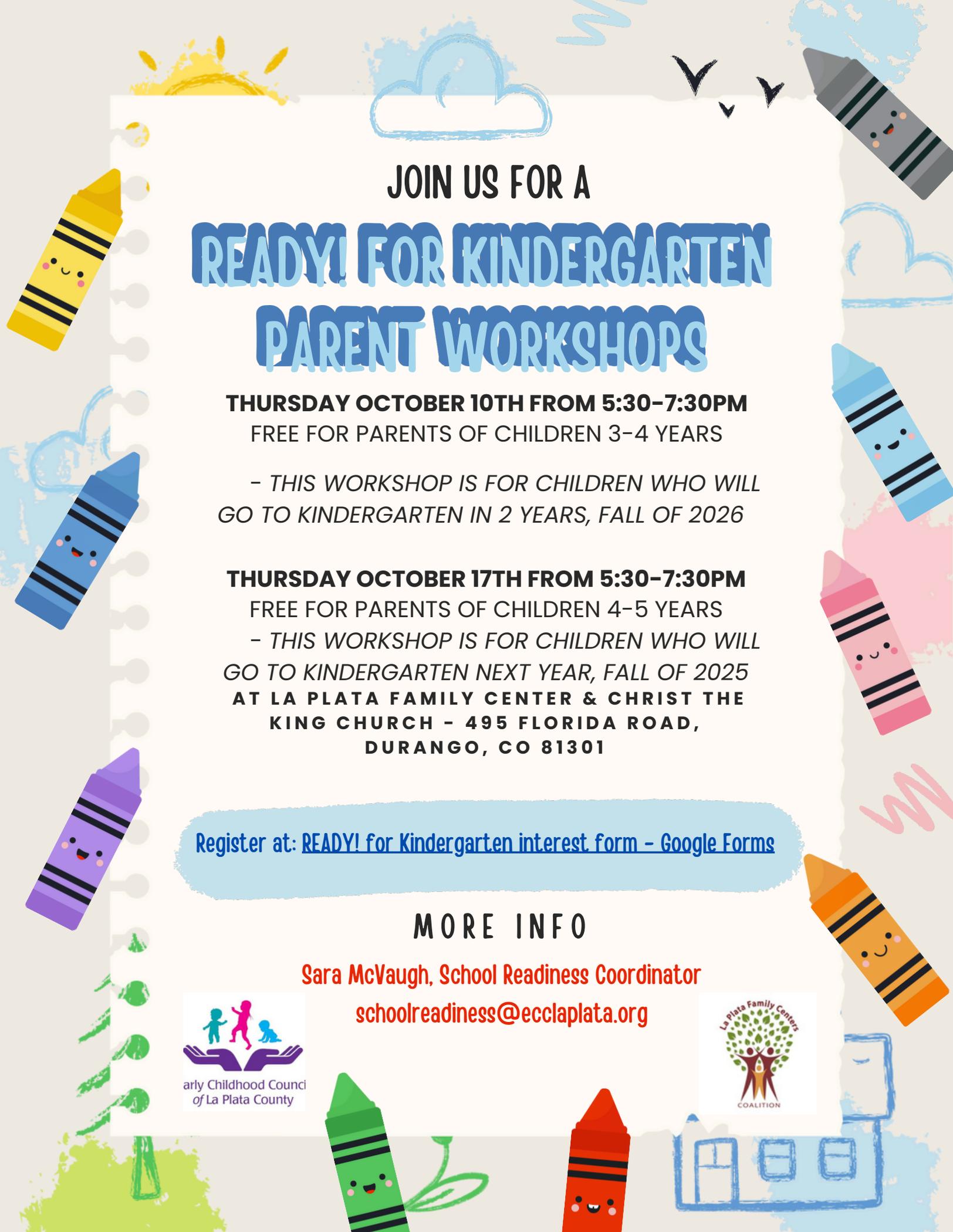
QUESTIONS? EMAIL CAROLINEH@TEAMUPSW.ORG

Celebration of Learning



LOOK OUT FOR A MESSAGE FROM
YOU CLASSROOM TEACHER ABOUT
FIRST QUARTER CHECK-INS AND
GOAL SETTING!





JOIN US FOR A

READY! FOR KINDERGARTEN PARENT WORKSHOPS

THURSDAY OCTOBER 10TH FROM 5:30–7:30PM
FREE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN 3–4 YEARS

– *THIS WORKSHOP IS FOR CHILDREN WHO WILL
GO TO KINDERGARTEN IN 2 YEARS, FALL OF 2026*

THURSDAY OCTOBER 17TH FROM 5:30–7:30PM
FREE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN 4–5 YEARS

– *THIS WORKSHOP IS FOR CHILDREN WHO WILL
GO TO KINDERGARTEN NEXT YEAR, FALL OF 2025*
AT LA PLATA FAMILY CENTER & CHRIST THE
KING CHURCH – 495 FLORIDA ROAD,
DURANGO, CO 81301

Register at: [READY! for Kindergarten interest form – Google Forms](#)

MORE INFO

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AFTERNOON CLUBS: Mosaics

We used colored tiles to make mosaics! Did you know that Mosaics originated in Mesopotamia?



Colorado Early Learning Guidelines

Physical Development and Health

- 3.1: Develop hand strength and dexterity.
- 3.4: Manipulate writing, drawing, and art tools.

Social and Emotional Development

- 4.2: Appropriately handle and take care of classroom materials.
- 5.2: Maintain focus and sustain attention with minimal adult support.
- 5.3: Persist in tasks.

Mathematics Knowledge & Skills

- 4.2: Correctly name basic shapes (circle, square, rectangle, triangle) regardless of size or orientation.

Approaches to Learning

- 1.6: Be willing to participate in new activities or experiences even if they are perceived as challenging.
- 2.2: Approach tasks, activities, and play in ways that show creative problem solving.

Farewell Party Pictures



We said, "Goodbye" to Ms. Becca and our decades old playground with our Board of Directors, teachers, parents, and alumni students. We will miss Ms. Becca but we sure are ready for an updated playground!!! Thanks to all of you for your support.

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-tamv-rm), 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