



# Sidewalk Chalk

**Monthly e-newsletter**

## OUR VISION

All children in Randolph County enter school healthy & ready to succeed.

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"Ultimately, my aim is to entertain, and sometimes to enlighten, the child who still lives inside of me. This is always where I begin."

~ Eric Carle

## Inspirations

In celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and in gearing up for our Gala, which is themed around Eric Carle's expansive, lively library of young children's literature, I marvel at the wonder of literacy. Whether it's the really great novel that keeps me turning the pages into the wee hours or the magical stories that capture the minds of our youngest readers, it strikes me that reading is both and at once a superpower and a basic human right.

Reading takes us places we'll never physically get to go. Our love for and investment in our favorite characters parallels the attachment we feel for real friends and family members. In reckoning with just how fundamental reading *really* is in each of our lives, think about how many different things you may have already read today – work reports and emails, directions, road signs, a recipe, instructions, items on a merchant's receipt or in your checking account register, etc. Reading is central to our human existence.



Interacting with a book can be one of the most moving, powerful experiences we encounter as human beings. This is especially so for our youngest children, ages birth to five as nearly 90 percent of a child's brain is formed during this critical period. A parent or caregiver who reads aloud daily to an infant, toddler or preschooler empowers the child through those nurturing, language-rich interactions.

Eric Carle and writers like him have created literary works of art that develop parent-child bonds, promote the child's healthy brain development, and ultimately, help children develop a greater love of reading.

At our Gala on April 6, we will celebrate the power of early literacy and the magic of Carle's imaginary worlds. We can't wait! Hope to see you there.

***Lisa Hayworth***

Executive Director

In celebration of its  
**50th Anniversary, March 20 is**  
**The Very Hungry Caterpillar Day!**



We wish you all the chocolate cake, ice-cream cones, pickles, Swiss cheese, salami, lollipops, cherry pie, sausage, cupcake and watermelon you can eat and never once get a tummy ache.

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY



The  
**COURIER-TRIBUNE**



Happy Birthday to  
**The Very Hungry  
Caterpillar**

who wormed her way into our Estella's  
heart during our bedtime story times!

*Joel & Kristen McClosky*



Happy  
Birthday



**NATALYA MENDEZ**  
— D.M.D., F.I.C.O.I. —  
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Thank you to our [Human Race Team](#) of 33! Through the event, extra donations and corporate matches, we raised \$1157.50. Then, our The Very Hungry Caterpillar themed team took second place in the Spirit Awards competition, garnering another \$250!

100% of the funds raised go directly into the [Books for Babies](#) program, which we are able to provide for new parents thanks to our partnership with [Friends of the Randolph Public Library](#).

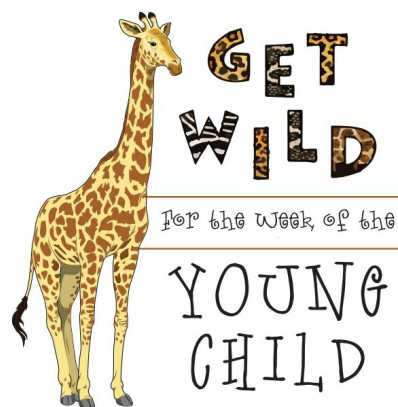
## Children's Puppet Parade

**Friday, April 12**, join Randolph County's youngest citizens in celebration of the Week of the Young Child as we march in the

### **CHILDREN'S PUPPET PARADE**

and then transform Bicentennial Park in downtown Asheboro into a life-size diorama!

- Children will march with their zoo-themed puppets created in their child care programs
- Class puppets will lead the children in their parade march
- Following the parade, NC Zoo will present "Party for the Planet, Spring into Action"
- Children, families & teachers will help members of RhinoLeap Productions create people puppets
- Zoo habitats created by families participating in Creating Crafty Habitats will be showcased in the park and then at the Welcome Center of Randolph Community College through April 23
- Children will help NC Zoo staff rebuild "Willie the Polar Bear"
- Taiko Japanese Drummers and UNITE will perform drum music
- Downtown Asheboro businesses will display Zootopia Project artwork from child care centers



Festivities begin at 9:15 a.m. on Friday, April 12 at Bicentennial Park. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. Activities in the park will go through 1 p.m.

## Relay for Life 2019

This year's Relay for Life event will be held at Victory Junction. Included in this year's



**SAFE KIDS**  
RANDOLPH COUNTY

RELAY FOR LIFE  
Saturday, May 18, 2019  
4:00 PM to 10:00 PM  
At Victory Junction

Free Car Seat Inspections, A Hot Car Demo,  
Bounce Houses, Games, Activities, Food  
Trucks, Vendors, Live Music, Educational  
Opportunities And Lots More!

event are activities for [Safe Kids Day](#).

Visit the Partnership booth at Relay to register for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, pick up NC Pre-K information and applications, and more!

Child care providers are also eligible to participate in the new [Schools Vs Cancer](#) program, which provides resources and the potential to earn up to 10% for supplies.

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## It's all Online!

There is still time to take part in the 2019 Gala for the Children planned for 6:30-10 p.m., **Saturday, April 6, 2019 at AVS Catering & Banquet Centre!**

**GALA for the CHILDREN**  
*A Night with Eric Carle*

And it's really easy to get what you need. Visit our [Square Online Store](#) to purchase Gala Tickets, Raffle Tickets and even sponsorships!

Our 2019 Raffle is once again a weekend getaway at the French Quarter Inn in Charleston, SC. The \$3500 package includes a private carriage tour, a private helicopter tour for two with champagne, and a private yacht sailing tour of Charleston Harbor. Raffle tickets are \$20 each and only 500 will be sold!

## Charleston Perspectives



Thank you to our generous 2019  
Gala for the Children sponsors!

Presenting Sponsors \$3000  
***The Very Charitable Caterpillars***

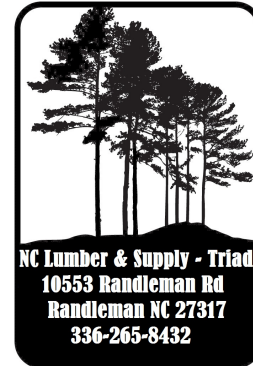


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— DMD, FICOI —  
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*The Very Lavish Ladybugs (\$1,200)*



*The Very Splendid Spiders (\$750)*

Four Saints Brewing Company (BEER SPONSOR)

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Pam Hill, Clerk of Court

Carolina Pharmacy

Bill & Ann Hoover

Valvoline Express Care Car Wash & Quick Lube

*The Very Considerate Crickets (\$350)*

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Randolph Pediatric Dentistry  
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High Point Veterinary Hospital  
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Trinity Furniture  
Uwharrie Investment Advisors  
Dr. Stephen & Kelly Gainey  
Modern Woodmen of America / Lily Ritch \* Helen Davis  
Beck & Associates  
Zooland Civitan Club  
First Bank  
Timken Asheboro Plant  
BB&T  
Trollinger Construction Company

*Interested in sponsoring* **A Night with Eric Carle?**

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*Penciled in*

- **Wednesday, March 20:** Director's Institute  
*noon*

- **Friday, March 22:** Board of Directors Meeting **8:15 a.m.**
- **Monday, March 25:** NC Pre-K Meeting **noon**
- **Tuesday, March 26:** Week of the Young Child Planning Meeting **3 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, March 27:** Directors Meeting **noon**
- **Thursday, March 28:** Silen Auction Committee Meeting **noon**
- **Thursday, March 28:** KidsReadyNC Meeting **4 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, April 2:** Grant Review Committee Meeting (off-site) **12:30 p.m.**
- **Saturday, April 6:** Gala for the Children **6:30 p.m.**
- **Friday, April 12:** Week of the Young Child parade & activities in downtown Asheboro **9:15 a.m. (parade at 10 a.m.)**
- **Tuesday, April 16:** Professional Development Committee Meeting **noon**
- **Wednesday, April 17:** Director's Institute **noon**
- **Friday, April 19:** Board Meeting **8:15 a.m.**



*Help us put kids first in Randolph County!*

**Donate**

new & gently used books  
new infant blankets  
diapers

**Shop**

We're connected with Amazon Smile, so when you shop and select Randolph County Partnership for Children, you're helping to raise money for literacy programs, parent support, early childhood professional development and NC Pre-K right here in Randolph County!



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