



Sidewalk Chalk

Monthly e-newsletter

OUR VISION

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

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Everything we do [with the children] inside, we can do outside."

~Katherine Davis
Director of The Growing Place Child Care Center

2020 Brings Focus to Early Education

Happy New Year!

Randolph Partnership for Children is dedicating 2020 to sharpening the focus on early education in Randolph County and beyond. And we have some new ways to do just that as we embark on a new decade!

In 2020, look for:

- **Mommy Matters** segments on WGHP Fox8 Morning news. We'll be featured on the second Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. as we cover topics that impact early childhood and parenting.
- Our own **video podcast** hosted by Executive Director Lisa Hayworth and Director of Marketing and Community Engagement and Outreach Micki Bare. We plan to release the first one in early March.



US Representative Ted Budd visits

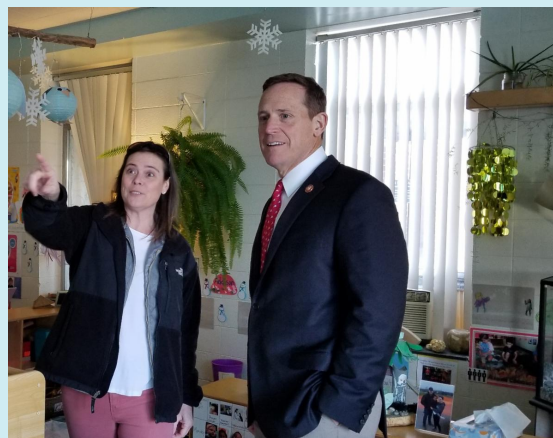
The Growing Place Child Care Center



US Congressman Ted Budd (R-13) visited The Growing Place Child Care Center in Asheboro on Friday, January 17. Director Katherine Davis accompanied Representative Budd and began the tour on the preschool playground. Katherine explained the ShapeNC influence on the outdoor learning space and Representative Budd was able to interact with and observe the children learning through physical activity and exploration.

"I love the outdoors. Anytime you can get dirt under your nails, it's good," Budd said. "It reminds me of when I was growing up in Winston-Salem."

He was also able to visit one of the preschool classrooms, where Davis explained project work and Reggio Emilia philosophy, and then introduced him to the class pets.



Earlier in the day, Keifer Wynn, Field Representative for US Representative Mark Walker (R-6), embarked on an extensive tour of The Growing Place Child Care Center, including all of the classrooms and outdoor learning spaces.

"I enjoyed watching the kids play and seeing what they were doing," Wynn said. "I noticed the level of planning and care that goes into helping a child learn. The work they're doing is important."



During the tours, Katherine discussed the importance of early interactions, including how infants and toddlers use sign language with teachers before they develop speech skills.

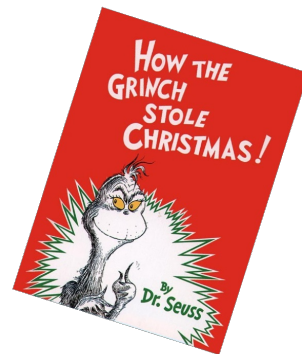
Reggio Emilia philosophy influences were visible throughout the center, with natural and soft lighting, hanging plants, a variety of materials for exploration, and multiple ways for parents to interact with and stay informed about classroom activities.

Read Across America

During our 2019 Giving Tuesday campaign, you identified *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* as Randolph County's favorite Dr. Seuss book with your generous donations. Now, we're placing a copy of that book in every one of our 28 NC Pre-K classrooms. We're going to deliver them by visiting the classrooms during Read Across America Day on Monday, March 2, which is also Dr. Seuss' birthday!

We're working on putting together our team of volunteers who will visit our 28 NC Pre-K classrooms throughout Randolph County, read *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, and present the book to the class.

If you're interested in being a reader on Read Across America Day, let us know by clicking on this button:



[I WANT TO READ!](#)

S.O.A.R.



Just a quick reminder to S.O.A.R. with children into 2020! By limiting fast food, drinking plenty of water, staying active, and reducing screen time, we are supporting healthy development!

Quotes for Good with Justin Kivett State Farm

Justin Kivett State Farm in Randleman continues its Quotes for Good on behalf of Randolph Partnership for Children.

When your business requests a quote from Justin Kivett State Farm, Randolph Partnership received \$10. And there's no obligation for your business other than to request and receive the quote!

Before the holidays, 28 quotes resulting in a \$280 donation to the Partnership.

The New Year is the perfect time to take a closer look at what you're paying for insurance and compare.

Thank you Justin and your staff for choosing to support children and families in Randolph County!

Pictured from left are Lisa Hayworth, Justin Kivett, Cambridge Davis, and Collin Shawver.



Penciled In

- **Tuesday, Jan. 21:** Family Engagement & Leadership Coalition Meeting **11:30 a.m.**

- **Friday, Jan. 24:** GALA Kickoff Breakfast **8 a.m.**
- **Thursday, Jan. 30:** Sustainability Meeting **1 p.m.**
- **Thursday, Jan. 30:** Randolph ChAMPS Meeting **4 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, Feb. 4:** Silent Auction Committee Meeting
Noon
- **Wednesday, Feb. 12:** Hearts for Children **6 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, Feb, 18:** Board Meeting **8:15 a.m.**
- **Tuesday, Feb. 18:** Family Engagement & Leadership Coalition **11:30 a.m.**



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