



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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"There is an eagle in me that wants to soar, and there is a hippopotamus in me that wants to wallow in mud."

—Carl Sandburg

Inspirations

Reopening our office on July 1 will be a celebration in many ways. We celebrate being this far enough along in the pandemic that we feel we can safely reopen and resume more of our normal functions in a more natural way. We look forward to connecting more readily with the families and other visitors who come to our office. About a week ago, state officials announced technical assistance visits can resume within our child care programs – and this is a welcome return, as well.

As I think about all that has changed since we closed our doors back in March 2020, I'm reminded of Heraclitus's quote: "You can't step into the same river twice." Indeed, much has changed in 16 months – with each of us as individuals, within our organization, within our community, and within the early childhood sector.



As we reopen, we strive to bring forth all the lessons learned in COVID-19 and to always do our best to be a nimble organization that delivers services and programs with the flexibilities required to meet changing needs and circumstances. Yet, there's pieces of each of us that simply can't wait to get back to those closer semblances of normal – seeing our coworkers in person; having the ability to casually ask a colleague what they think about an idea; and getting back some of the synergy of a team whose members can gather under one roof.

Thus, suffice it to say that in reopening, we'll get back to more normal ways. Only, things will never be completely normal; nor should they be as we hold tightly to the reckonings and improvements we had no choice but to make in the pandemic.

In the most compelling way, it feels great to say that come July 1, “we'll be here!” Our doors will be open, and we will be here – same as before, but different, and hopefully better from the experience.

Lisa Hayworth

Executive Director

Reopening Our Offices

Sixteen and a half months after we closed our doors to the public as a result of a worldwide pandemic, we are thrilled to announce that we will be re-opening to the public on Thursday, July 1.

While the work never stopped, we have had the doors locked and minimal staff present at the office as we did our part to minimize the spread of COVID-19. Now that vaccines are readily available and the world is opening back up again, our doors will be open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

in line with NC Department of Health and Human Services, we ask that if you are not vaccinated, you wear a mask inside our offices. Those who are vaccinated do not need to wear masks.



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OR



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NC DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES

International Mud Day



JUNE 29

In 2009 at the World Forum for Early Childhood Care and Education in Belfast, Northern Ireland, International Mud Day was established as a way to connect children to the Earth and soil, and promote exploring through movement and play in wonderfully messy mud!

Each year, it's celebrated near the end of June. This year, we celebrate on Tuesday, June 29.

There are lots of ways you can celebrate. The best way to begin is to, of course, make mud by adding water to dirt.

Don't be afraid to bring or make mud inside, too. And don't be afraid to get nice and dirty.

Build, paint, and "bake" with mud. Splatter it, spread it, and add to it.

Here's a recipe from our June 10 Mommy Matters segment on WGHP Fox 8 morning news.

Mud Sundae

Ingredients:

Dirt
Water
Sand
Rosemary or Lavender
Sand
Sticks
A Rock

Directions:

Add enough water to your dirt to get a very thick mud.

Scoop two heaping spoonfuls into a bowl-like container.

Sprinkle some sand on top.

Sprinkle some rosemary leaves or lavender leaves or flowers on top.

Add a stick or two for garnish.

Place a rock on top for a final touch



NC Pre-K Commercial

We would like to thank Asheboro City Schools, Randolph County School System, RCS Head Start, RhinoLeap Productions, and everyone who starred in our commercial:

NC Pre-K teaching staff

Katina Belcher, Head Start

Venice Lawrence-Smith, ECDC

Enda Lilly, Head Start

Alex Longoria, ECDC

Amber Watts, ECDC

NC Pre-K students at Level Cross

Josue Chay

Blake Davis

Kaiser Justus

Lyla Nordan

Adley Wyrick

Watch the video here and feel free to share in your circles and networks!



Job Vacancy Announcement

Public Education & Early Literacy Assistant (part time)

We're looking for a dynamic, high energy team player to support our Public Education and Early Literacy programs. If you or someone you know might be a good fit, we encourage you/them to apply!

[Job Description](#)

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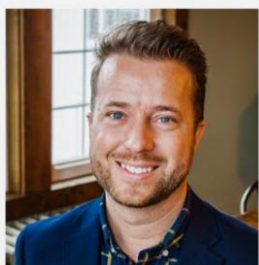
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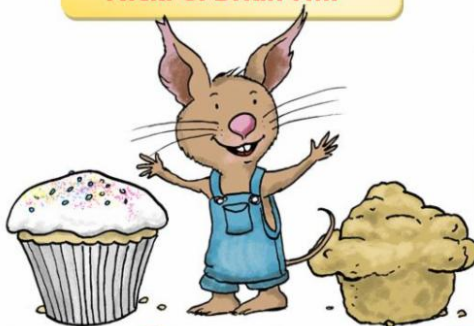


Our Event Chairs
Nicki & Brian Hill

**Online
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Aug. 13-20**



Our Host Wayne Rowe



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Our Celebrity Auctioneer
Busta Brown

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- **Wed., June 23, 12 PM:** Auction Committee
- **Thurs., June 24, 1 PM:** Sustainability Committee
- **Thurs., June 24, 4 PM:** Randolph ChAMPS
- **Tues, June 29, 6:30 PM:** The Basics Randolph Celebration
- **Thurs., July 1, 8:30 AM:** Office re-opens to public
- **Mon. July 5:** Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day
- **Wed. July 21, 11 AM:** Family Engagement & Leadership Coalition



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