



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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"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."

—Helen Keller

Inspirations

St. Augustine, the fifth-century theologian and philosopher, wrote in his treatise on "Faith in Invisible Things" that someone does not have to be standing before our eyes for us to love them.

Upon reading those words, I cannot help but think of children. Children do not have to be standing before our eyes for us to love them. They don't have to be our own children, or even members of our family. For those of us with big hearts for children, we love children throughout our community and throughout our world for encompassing all that is good and just. We love children for their innocence and inquisitiveness. We love them for their potential and promise. We love them for so many reasons.



As February brings the much-celebrated holiday of love, together, we can

celebrate all the remarkable children in our families, in our community, in our world, in our lives, and in our hearts.

Lisa Hayworth

Executive Director

Blessings Box



In 2020 ahead of the pandemic, we were fortunate to have a Blessings Box installed near our Little Free Library on the front lawn of the Partnership.

This year, the Zooland Civitan Club added replenishing it to their regular community outreach!

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Traveling Rocks

The pandemic put a strain on our ability to connect with each other. Yet, connections are critical to our social and emotional health and growth. This is especially true for our children.

Kristy Umfleet was a guest on Mommy Matters to talk about using traveling rocks to make connections and spread heartfelt happiness.

Click the link to read about it on our blog!



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Family Support Awareness

February is Family Support Awareness Month.



A stable, secure relationship with a nurturing, caring adult is a key factor in young children's development. Children enjoy a better, healthier start when parents and caregivers have the support and skills needed to raise them.

Home visiting and parenting education programs, like our Parents as Teachers program, build protective factors that reduce the risk of abuse and neglect,

strengthen family relationships, and promote children's healthy development.

April Dyer, a family leader member of the Randolph County Family Engagement & Leadership Coalition, had the opportunity to speak on a panel about home visiting programs that support families with young children. She and other parent leaders from across the state discussed access to and impact of home visiting programs available across the state.

DID YOU KNOW? According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, as much as \$5.70 is saved for every \$1 invested in home visiting programs.

NC Pre-K Registration



2022-2023 Applications:

Online Application

NC Pre-K Application (English)

NC Pre-K Application (Spanish)

Penciled In

- **Tues., Feb. 15, 8:15 AM:** Board of Directors
- **Wed., Feb. 16, 11 AM:** Family Engagement & Leadership Coalition

- **Wed., Feb. 16, Noon:** Directors' Institute
- **Thurs. Feb. 24, 1 PM:** Sustainability Committee
- **Thurs., Feb. 24, 4 PM:** Randolph ChAMPS
- **Mon., Mar. 7, 1 PM:** NC Pre-K Committee
- **Wed., Mar. 16, 11 AM:** Family Engagement & Leadership Coalition
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- **Tues. Mar. 22, 8:15 AM:** Board of Directors



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