



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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"As we work to create light for others, we naturally light our own way."

—Mary Anne Radmacher

Inspirations

Throughout my youth, autumn drives to the North Carolina mountains were annual events for my family. What a vision! Miles and miles of trees, as far as the eyes can see and then some! Although I am a summer person to my core, the vibrant foliage of autumn always speaks to my soul. For a couple of years now, I hear the term "leaf peeping" as a common moniker for the act of viewing the changing colors. I just chuckle to myself at the term! True to my family roots, I am anything but a mild-mannered, half-in leaf peeper. I'm more like an all-out leaf gawker, a pull-to-the-side-of-the-road-and-stand-in-awe leaf enthusiast! I ask, why just peep at Mother Earth's flamboyance when you can revel in the fancy, fleeting show?



In the weeks ahead, Randolph County trees will boast a spectacular showing of their very own. For me, morning drives to work on Hwy 220 in October and the first weeks of November are breathtakingly beautiful. This autumn, my wish for everyone in our Partnership for Children community is that you have a few peaceful moments to take in the splendor. In our beautiful state, there's no time like autumn! Happy Fall, Y'all!

Lisa Hayworth

Rootle Ambassador



PBS North Carolina, an educational media network, has appointed Randolph Partnership for Children Executive Director Lisa Hayworth to serve as Randolph County's first PBS Rootle Ambassador.

The PBS Rootle Ambassador program takes locally based community members who are strong supporters of families with young children and trains them to use and share the suite of PBS early education resources with families in their communities.

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NC Pre-K Program Coordinator

Randolph Partnership for Children is growing! Thanks to an increase in funding for 2022-23 (the first increase in over a decade), this summer we are adding a brand new position. We are pleased to announce RPC is currently accepting applications for the position of **NC Pre-K Program Coordinator**.

This new position will be responsible for recruiting eligible children, assisting families as comprehensively as possible, and providing coaching and consultation to early educators in NC Pre-K classrooms to ensure developmentally appropriate experiences for NC Pre-K children.

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Lunch & Learn

On October 13 at 11:30, we will have Melissa Radcliffe with us for a hybrid, brown bag lunch and learn on how our community can support the children of incarcerated and returning parents.

Come and find out from Melissa why the number 17,000 is so significant. She will share what Our Children's Place of Coastal Horizons has learned and how to work toward a community where these children are acknowledged, supported, and encouraged to share their stories.



**INVISIBLE SENTENCE:
RECOGNIZING,
SUPPORTING, AND
ADVOCATING FOR
CHILDREN OF
INCARCERATED &
RETURNING PARENTS**

LUNCH & LEARN
WITH MELISSA RADCLIFF
PROGRAM DIRECTOR, OUR CHILDREN'S PLACE OF
COASTAL HORIZONS
OCTOBER 13, 2022
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, HYBRID MEETING
REGISTER AT: RANDOLPHKIDS.ORG/CALENDAR

[More Information and Registration](#)

ECE Training Opportunities

We have some amazing training opportunities coming up for our Early Childhood Education professionals. See below for highlights.



10/6 - Piedmont Forest School Tour

Forest preschools provide children with authentic nature-based education which fosters the development of the whole child, while engendering in them a love of and commitment to caring for the natural world. Join us as we embark on our journey in understanding how we can incorporate some components of forest preschools and enhance our outdoor learning environments.

[More Information and Registration](#)

10/11 - Seeds to Forest Preschools: Follow-Up Session

Sheri Grace, PhD is an early childhood expert, one of the founders of the Piedmont Forest Preschools and will share her vision in how she created a forest preschool. Through her partnership with other educators, children thrive in all developmental areas including STEM, literacy, and language, as well as social, emotional, creative, and physical development. The focus is self-directed play in nature, children are able to develop many skills during each activity. This opportunity integrates learning that 'sticks' over the long term!

[More Information and Registration](#)



Penciled In

- **Friday, October 13, Noon:** LUNCH & LEARN: Invisible Sentence: Recognizing, Supporting, and Advocating for Children of Incarcerated and Returning Parents
- **Tuesday, October 18, 8:15 AM:** Board Meeting
- **Thursday, October 27, 4PM:** Randolph ChAMPS



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