



# 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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"Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgiving, turn routine jobs into joy and change ordinary opportunities into blessings."

—*William Arthur Ward*

## Inspirations



## Generous Donation From Kiwanis



Jim Marlowe presenting check to Lisa Hayworth and Kim Radcliffe.

On October 11, Jim Marlowe, president of the Kiwanis Club of Asheboro, presented Executive Director Lisa Hayworth with a \$2500 check donation to purchase books to distribute during the Asheboro Christmas Parade, scheduled for December 2. Asheboro Kiwanians also volunteer to walk the parade with Partnership staff and assist with the book distribution.

The Partnership appreciates that the Kiwanis Club of Asheboro has been a dedicated partner in the Gift of Reading for many years. We are all excited for the opportunity to return to a traditional style of parade. See you there!

[Read the Press Release](#)

## Volunteer Interest Meetings



We are looking for volunteers to join us in changing the lives of children in our community! We are so grateful for the volunteers we've had in the past and are ecstatic to be able to have volunteers again. With the help of volunteers we are able to expand our reach in the community and provide children with an abundance of new opportunities. We love our volunteers and all the support they provide!

If you are interested in the opportunity to become a volunteer with us, we will be hosting two volunteer interest meetings. These meetings will provide more insight into the work you would perform as a volunteer, as well as provide a space for any questions you may have. These meetings will be held on Friday, November 11th from 12pm to 1pm at the Partnership office, lunch provided, and Thursday, November 17th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm via Zoom. If neither of these dates work for you, reach out to Kim Radcliffe at [kradcliffe@randolphkids.org](mailto:kradcliffe@randolphkids.org) with any questions you may have. We look forward to meeting you!

[Register for In-Person Meeting \(Limited Space\)](#)

[Register for Online Meeting](#)

# Welcome Megan Cornwall



The Partnership is excited to welcome Megan Cornwall as the new Public Education and Early Literacy Assistant. She is a recent graduate from Elon University with a Bachelor's Degree in Strategic Communications.

"My mom has worked at a childcare center my whole life so I have always had a passion for working with children. I have spent countless hours at the center, watching it grow and develop with the help of the Partnership. I was so excited when the opportunity arose to become involved

with the Partnership, especially due to my own personal experience with the organization. I am beyond grateful for the opportunity to pursue my passions and be involved in such fulfilling work!" Megan said.

Join us in welcoming Megan to our team.

## Informative Lunch & Learn

On October 13, Melissa Radcliffe joined us for an engaging Lunch & Learn. She shared many compelling facts about the children of incarcerated and returning parents, such as 1 in every 28 children in the United States has an incarcerated parent.



She shared information on things to consider when working with these children and their families, including preparing parents for re-entry, what the child knows about where their parent is, and the difficulties that are faced after incarceration. Also included in the presentation were simple actions that attendees could do to further educate themselves. We appreciate the time Melissa took to share her expertise and recommend that everyone take a moment to visit [Our Children's Place](#) to learn more about the ways you can support children of incarcerated and returning parents.

## ECE Training Opportunities

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



### 11/5 - Playing with the Elements (Earth, Wind, Fire, and Water)

Please join us as we playfully explore the elements of Earth, Wind, Fire and Water. Participants will investigate open-ended creative methods of incorporating elemental play and exploration in programs and curricula, using approaches employed in the play work profession. This workshop is for both formal and informal educators as well as any professional who works with children and young people in outdoor settings. Please dress for the weather since the workshop will take place outdoors.

[More Information and Registration](#)

11/16 - Educator Support Series -

## Teacher Self Care

Happy teachers have happy students and happy families. As teachers, we can't be in the classroom in our most total capacity to teach/care for our children if we are not in our most total capacity ourselves. In this training, participants will explore ways to reduce/manage classroom stress, build a healthy school climate, and engage in mindfulness techniques.

[More Information and Registration](#)



### FULL TRAINING CALENDAR

## Penciled In

- **Wednesday, November 16, Noon:** Randolph County Family Engagement & Leadership Coalition
- **Thursday, November 17, 4PM:** Randolph ChAMPS
- **Monday, November 21, 1PM:** NC Pre-K Committee Meeting
- **Tuesday, November 22, 8:15 AM:** Board Meeting
- **Wednesday, November 23-25:** Closed for Thanksgiving



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new & gently used books  
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