



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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"Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering 'it will be happier'..."

—Alfred Lord Tennyson

Inspirations

Happy 2023, good people! The new year brings fresh new beginnings for growth and countless possibilities to adopt better habits and eschew bad ones. People's resolutions intrigue me and often inspire me. This year, there seems to be a great focus on 23 in setting our goals and aspirations. One of my classmates has resolved to spend 23 minutes out-of-doors each morning before beginning her work day, in order to increase her mental flow. I can see where that would make for a very productive start to the day. A good friend has resolved to try 23 new foods or recipes in 2023, and I'm hoping I get to taste-test several of her selections!



If you are in search of an impactful resolution for yourself in this new year, I enthusiastically suggest that you resolve to spend 23 minutes in the next few weeks learning about any one of the Partnership for Children's comprehensive programs or service areas. Ask me or any member of our team to help you do a deeper dive into our world of early literacy, elevating family voice, helping professionalize the field of early education, and much more. Let's grow together in 2023!

-Lisa

Randolph Arts Guild Grant Award



The Partnership was awarded a \$3000 grant by the Randolph Arts Guild to support early childhood educator training and children's activities in preparation of Week of the Young Child's 2023 Art Explosion.

Funds from this grant will be used to provide training by master teachers to local early childhood educators on how to incorporate mixed media materials into art activities with young children. Additionally, children from local centers who have applied and been approved will have the opportunity to go on a field trip to enjoy getting to create mixed media art in child-focused art environment.

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Happy Retirement, Andee!



Amy Cubbage, Andee Edelson, and Lisa Hayworth.

On Friday, January 20, the Partnership and many more came together to celebrate the next chapter for Andee Edelson. After 17 years of mastering the role of Director of Child Care Services, Andee has decided to try out the role of retiree. We hope you join us as we wish Andee the best.

If you were not able to come to the celebration, but would like to contribute to Andee's scrapbook with a page, a note, or memory please reach out to Kristy Umfleet at kumfleet@randolphkids.org.

The Impact of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library

RANDOLPH COUNTY DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY IMPACTS

2022 PARENT SURVEY FINDINGS

Percent of Families Reading Daily with Their Children

Before: 34.65%

Now: 54.39%



51% of families surveyed said they would not be able to purchase the same type of books without the program.

PERCENT OF FAMILIES USING A READING STRATEGY

I CHANGE MY VOICE TO SOUND LIKE ANIMALS OR PEOPLE TO ANIMATE THE STORY.

Before Enrolling: 76.47%

Now: 85.07%

I POINT TO PICTURES OR OTHER CLUES TO HELP MY CHILDREN UNDERSTAND NEW WORDS IN THE BOOK.

Before Enrolling: 84.33%

Now: 92.17%



I ASK MY CHILDREN QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STORY.

Before Enrolling:

64.56%

Now: 82.04%

I POINT OUT OR POINT TO TEXT OR LETTERS AS I AM READING A BOOK WITH MY CHILDREN.

Before Enrolling: 75.95%

Now: 86.69%

PERCENT OF FAMILIES WHERE CERTAIN ACTIONS OCCUR

Your children see you or other adults in your household reading.

Before Enrolling: 57.74%

Now: 73.71%

You reference ideas from the books you have read with your children when engaging in day to day activities with them.

Before Enrolling: 46.34%

Now: 69.76%

You engage in storytelling with your children without books you read with them.

Before Enrolling: 50.75%

Now: 64.68%



ECE Training Opportunities

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

2/2 - In the Spirit of the Atelier: Dialogues with Materials

Join us for an evening of atelier exploration led by three featured master artists, each highlighting their own area of artistic expertise!

[More Information and Registration](#)



2/16 - Challenging Behavior Support Series: Developmentally Appropriate Behavior; But I'm Supposed to Act Like This!

Children use many different kinds of behavior as they grow and test their skills. Some of these behaviors, although appropriate for their developmental age, are still very challenging for teachers.

This session focuses on understanding when children can be expected to acquire certain social/emotional skills and guides participants toward understanding, respecting and responding to developmentally appropriate behaviors.

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FULL TRAINING CALENDAR

Penciled In

- **Tuesday, January 24, 8:15AM:** Board of Directors Meeting
- **Wednesday, January 25, 12PM:** Auction Committee Meeting
- **Thursday, January 26, 4PM:** Randolph ChAMPS Meeting
- **Thursday, February 16, 1PM:** Sustainability



Committee Meeting

- **Tuesday, February 21, 8:15AM:** Board of Directors Meeting
- **Thursday, February 23, 4PM:** Randolph ChAMPS Meeting

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