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OUR VISION

All Children in Randolph County enter kindergarten healthy & ready to succeed in school and life.

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"Love is not only something you feel, it is something you do."

-David Wilkerson

ALL ABOARD!



Join us for an unforgettable evening under the stars at the rustic and charming Harvest House on April 20th, 2024, as we celebrate the 15th annual Gala for the Children. This year promises an array of delights with a catered dinner that will tantalize your taste buds, an extensive silent auction full of unique finds, a thrilling raffle, and a live auction where you can bid on once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

This gala is not just an event; it's a beacon of hope and support for the children of Randolph County, aiming to ensure every child enters school healthy and ready to succeed. By becoming a sponsor, you're not only securing an evening of joy and community spirit but also investing in the future—the children who will shape tomorrow.

Explore our sponsorship packages today and find the perfect fit for you or your organization. Each package offers exclusive benefits, including prominent recognition during the event, in our promotional materials, and much more. Your support makes a world of difference, and together, we can achieve great beginnings and strong futures for the children in our community.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a significant impact while enjoying a spectacular evening. For more information on sponsorship opportunities and to reserve your spot at the Gala for the Children 2024, please contact us. Let's come together to celebrate, support, and inspire.


We can't wait to share this magical evening with you. Secure your sponsorship and be a part of something truly special.


[Visit the Gala Website](#)


Using The Basics in the Community




Life is a journey filled with opportunities for learning, and we're here to guide you through it. In recent social media posts, we've explored how 'The Basics' can come to life in your community, making everyday outings with your child a rich source of growth and connection.

 **Grocery Store Adventures:** From counting apples to singing about snacks, we've seen how a trip to the grocery store can be a fun learning experience.

 **Fueling Up at the Gas Station:** At the gas station, we've counted pumps, compared car sizes, and enjoyed stories on the go.

 **Park Playtime:** The park is a hub for maximizing love and minimizing stress through play and exploration.

 **Doctor's Office Discoveries:** Even at the doctor's office, we've discovered ways to read, talk, sing, and point to comfort and engage.

Now, we want to hear from you! Share your family's adventures using 'The Basics' in your community. Whether it's a trip to the local library, a visit to a friend's house, or an exciting outing to a museum, show us how you're nurturing your child's growth outside the home.

Send us your stories, photos, and experiences using 'The Basics' beyond your doorstep. Your shared adventures will inspire and connect our community of caregivers. Together, we're creating a supportive network that celebrates the joys of parenthood and early childhood development.

Email us at kradcliffe@randolphkids.org or tag us on social media using #TheBasicsRandolph. Your story might even be featured in our next newsletter!

These principles are stepping stones into the wonderful interactions between child and caregiver that strengthen their bonds. For more information about The Basics Randolph, please click below. If you would like to learn how your organization can help support The Basics Randolph please email **Kim Radcliffe**.

[Visit The Basics Randolph Website](#)

Empower Your Voice: Join the Family Engagement & Leadership Coalition!

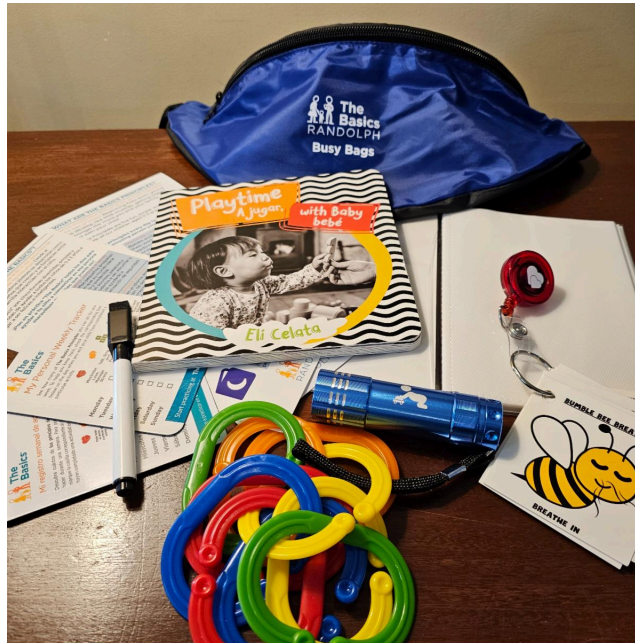


As we celebrate National Family Leadership Month, we extend a heartfelt invitation to parents and caregivers in our community to join the Randolph County Family Engagement & Leadership Coalition (FELC). Your journey as a parent is filled with unique experiences and insights that no one else can offer. The FELC, operating alongside Randolph ChAMPS, provides a platform for you to influence positive changes and ensure our children's futures are bright and promising.

By joining us, you'll collaborate with a diverse group of family leaders, child care providers, educators, and health professionals, all united in their mission to support young families and children. Together, we can create nurturing environments and strong foundations for our youngest community members.

This month, let's honor the role of family leadership in shaping better futures for all children. Reply to this email to learn how you can become part of this vital coalition and make a difference in Randolph County.

Embrace Early Childhood Development with Basics Busy Bags!



Exciting news! We've partnered with the Foundation for a Healthy High Point to launch the Basics Busy Bags initiative. These bilingual bags are filled with resources and activities to support early childhood development.

We're on the lookout for 20 partner organizations in the Archdale-Trinity area that work with families and children aged 0-3. As a partner, you'll receive training, resources, and the opportunity to distribute these valuable bags to families.

If your organization is passionate about making a positive impact on early childhood development, please reach out to us at kradcliffe@randolphkids.org. Let's work together to nurture young minds and empower families!

Early Educator Day is Coming!



EARLY EDUCATOR DAY

March 14, 2024

**Step Inside a Classroom and Experience
Early Childhood Teaching Firsthand!**

Early Educator Day recognizes and celebrates the essential work of our Early Childhood Educators. We invite the community to see firsthand the valuable contribution to the wellbeing and healthy development of the children in their care.



We are excited about our upcoming Early Educator Day event in Randolph County and would love for you to be a part of it! It will be on March 14, 2024. You will have the opportunity to go into an Early Childhood Classroom and experience what it means to be an Early Childhood Professional. Afterwards, we invite you to join us for lunch to discuss your experience.

Important Update to Our NC

The Average Pay for
Infant/Toddler Teachers
in NC is \$11.65

The Average Pay for
Preschool Teachers in
NC is \$14.67

In NC, 65% of Children
Under Six Live in
Households with Working
Families

An Average of 41% of a
Family's Income is Spent
on Child Care

SIGN UP TODAY!

Contact Scarlet Welborn

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Please RSVP by

March 1, 2024

Want to learn more?

Check out our Website!

www.randolphkids.org

Pre-K Acceptance Process



We're making some updates to our NC Pre-K acceptance process to ensure that every child has the best opportunity to benefit from the program. Here's what you need to know about the new changes taking effect this year:

Starting April 16th, we'll begin placing children in our NC Pre-K program for the upcoming school year. To be considered in this first round of placements, please make sure your application is submitted by April 15th. Placement will initially focus on priority status, with income eligibility taking the forefront. This means families meeting the income eligibility criteria will be considered first for placement.

For our little ones who might not meet income eligibility but bring diversity to our classrooms through other qualifying factors (such as children with disabilities/delays, chronic health conditions, military family children, or those with English as a second language) we won't forget you! Applications for this second round of placements need to be in by June 15th.

We understand life doesn't always stick to a schedule, so we'll continue to accept applications throughout the year. Qualifying applications submitted after June 15th will be placed based on slot availability.

Let's look forward to a school year of making new friends and learning new concepts!

ECE Training Opportunities



March 7 - Wonder Play Series Session II: Experience Joy & Wonder Through Play

Those inquiring minds and little fingers were made to explore, create, investigate and mess-make. The latest brain research agrees...Join us for a night of fun and exploration as we dive into activities that bring joy and wonder to your classroom. Learn how to set the stage for Wonder Play to unfold. It's easier than you think!

[Register Here](#)

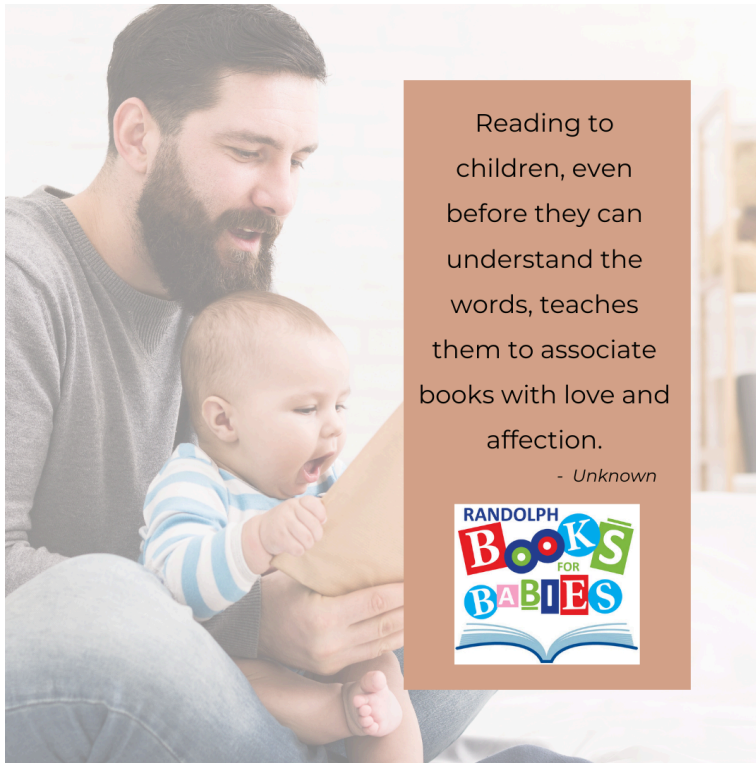


March 21 - Gardening Basics

Classroom gardening can be simple and fun! Plants, like pets have basic needs. First time and seasoned gardeners will explore what plants need to grow. Discover strategies to introduce young children to the wonderful world of gardening. This interactive session will help you jumpstart your Spring classroom's garden with tips, resources, and seeds directly from experts at our local cooperative extension!

[Register Here](#)

Books for Babies Fundraiser Update



Thank You for Your Support! We're thrilled to share that we have raised over \$100 of our \$400 goal to provide essential resources for early literacy to newborns and their families in Randolph County. Your support truly makes a difference, and we can't do it without you! Stay tuned for more updates as we make our way to our goal!

Donate to Books for Babies

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Penciled In

- **Tuesday, March 19, 8:15 AM:** Board of Directors Meeting
- **Monday, March 25, 12 PM:** NC Pre-K Committee Meeting
- **Thursday, March 28, 4 PM:** ChAMPS Meeting



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