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Open Enrollment Spring 2022

We have multiple openings for 2-5 year-old children. The Infant/Toddler classroom is accepting applications for the waiting list for birth-2 year-old children.



Job Opportunities Paid Training

We are looking for individuals who enjoy working with children and are eager to participate in an entry-level training program. Successful candidates will earn a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential with the ability to become a qualified early learning teacher for 3-5 year-old children.



Center Closures March 25th

"Despite the forecast, live like it's spring."
- Lilly Pulitzer

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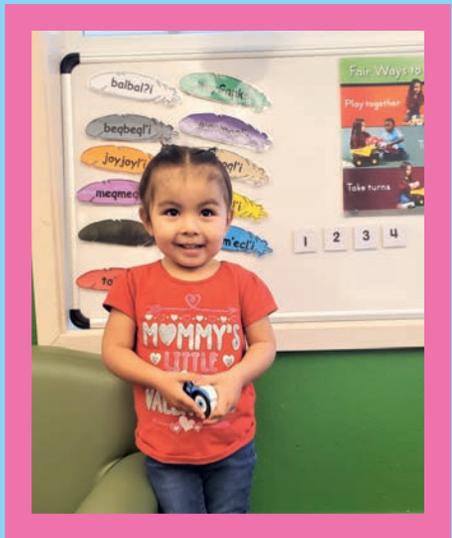
March is here and with it comes the unpredictability of our lovely Oregon weather. We hope this finds you well as we move closer to spring. It has certainly been a busy new year for ECDC as we have opened all three available classrooms to serve children and are increasing enrollment numbers to serve more families in the community. As spring looms closer, don't forget to set your clocks forward for daylight saving time on Sunday March 13th. As daylight saving time begins, it robs us of an hour of sleep yet gives us the illusion of having more daylight in the evenings based on what time our clocks show.

ECDC is still looking to hire for several positions, including several teacher assistant positions and a center director. We are thankful that Jana DeGarmo has been able to step into a role of leadership and serve as program manager in the interim period. ECDC is excited to welcome another new face to our team as well. Kaelee Barrick has recently been hired as a teacher-trainee as a part of the CDA career pathway program, funded by the Administration for Native Americans. Kaelee is a Klamath Tribal member and brings community, cultural and child care experience to our team. Please join us in welcoming her to the new position.

Beginning in March, we are implementing monthly family meetings center-wide as a way for you all to stay informed about what's going on in class and share your thoughts and suggestions for classroom activities. For the time being, these meetings will be offered virtually through Zoom, likely during the evening hours on weekdays. Please make sure that your email address is up-to-date with us to be sure you are receiving these important communications. Our next family meeting has been tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday March 30th at 5:30pm**. The Zoom link will be sent out by email the week and day of the event.

Classroom Corner woyGanks (green) Room - Teacher Terri & Kristie

Our woyGanks classroom has been changed into a temporary transition classroom; opening it's doors to 2 year-olds in addition to 3-5 year-olds to best serve the needs of our families. Younger students will remain in this classroom until they turn 5 and head to Kindergarten to promote continuity of care and allow them to build strong caregiver relationships. Since recently reopening with the younger cohort of students, woyGanks has been working on establishing classroom expectations and routines as well as building increased self-help skills and refining potty training. As this cohort of students develops and needs increasing challenge, the classroom routines and activities will change to accommodate the students where they are developmentally.





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Classroom Corner Continued *joyjoyli (orange) Room - Teacher JJ & Eunice*

Our infant and toddler room has had one student transition to preschool in February, making room for another student to start in March. Our younger students are working on building strength as they progress in physical development in order to walk independently. They are mastering crawling and are getting more confident in their mobility. Several students are continuing potty training and having great success with limited accidents. Our oldest toddler is refining social skills and independence that will allow him to voice his needs when he transitions to preschool in a few short months. In the picture (right), several students work with a teacher to shape different objects and shapes out of soft pipe cleaners.



m'ecm'ecli (blue) Room - Teacher Kootsie & Laurice



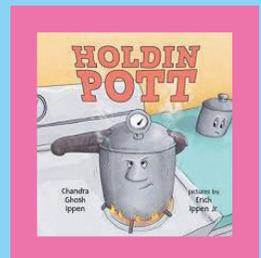
The m'ecm'ecli classroom has gotten off to a great start since it's opening in November of 2021. The first learning unit focused on teaching and reinforcing the classroom expectations, building relationships with staff and peers, as well as developing self-help and social skills as the students settled in to the new class. Moving forward, m'ecm'ecli is beginning a unit on recycling and students are learning about different uses for recycled materials. They are also learning about making healthy food choices and engaging in nutrition activities weekly. We had a successful first family information session, offered through Zoom, with a good turnout and even a few student faces as well. Families were able to get questions answered and share some ideas about activities they would like to see in class or participate in for family engagement activities. Thank you to those of you that were able to join us on Zoom and share your thoughts on the m'ecm'ecli classroom. In the picture (left), several students work with tools at the sand table.

Free Training Opportunity

A great family training opportunity has been shared with us from several neighboring tribes that is open for enrollment now until March 30th, with the first sessions starting in April. "Fatherhood is sacred. Motherhood is sacred." is an 8-week workshop offered by and for Tribal members and families. It is a culturally-rooted parent training that is based on traditional indigenous beliefs. For those that attend all 8 sessions, raffle prizes will be awarded and you will be entered into a drawing for a grand prize. The training is free and offered virtually through the Zoom platform. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Book Spotlight

Our book spotlight this month is a children's book called *Holdin Pott* written by Chandra Ghosh Ippen. This book sweetly and subtly teaches both adults and children that bottling up emotions – “keeping the lid on the pot” too tight for too long – can be harmful to our emotional health. *Holdin Pott* normalizes and encourages expression and sharing of difficult feelings and emotions. The simple story invites readers to get in touch with their own ways of processing feelings and modeling healthy behaviors for children. *Holdin Pott* provides a great starting point for reflection and conversations with children around difficult feelings.



This book is available in print or Kindle edition for free at: <https://www.tfff.org/select-books/book/holdin-pott>