

KEEP IN TOUCH

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER

PARENT NEWSLETTER – April 2026



NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Mrs. Beck

Spring has sprung. In preparation for the spring weather, the district will participate in the county wide Severe Weather practice drill on April 8th. We will practice our procedures with the students in case of inclement weather. This is just practice. The teachers will discuss this with the students prior to April 8th and show them where to go and what we do in the event of a weather-related emergency. We will handle this delicately with the students.

Spring weather is ever changing, please make sure that students are coming to school dressed appropriately. Shoulders must be covered, shorts must be longer than fingertip length, and **shoes must have backs** (no flip flops or slides – both present a safety issue in PE, recess, and on the stairs). We will be going outside for recess, so please send your children with a coat. If it warms up enough that they don't need one, they can leave them in the building. If it doesn't warm up, they will have their coat with them.

More and more toys, stuffed animals, and gadgets have been coming to school. We ask that these items be left at home. We do not want to run the risk of them getting broken or coming up missing at school or on the bus. Thank you.

We will celebrate “National Wear your PJs to Work/School Day” on April 16th. Everyone can wear their pajamas to school.

PTG

The PTG will be meeting on Wednesday, April 1st at 8:15 am in the school library. This month we will be working on planning Teacher Appreciation Week which is May 4-8.

A “BIG” thank you to The Rink for hosting our second Skate Night of the year. They donated \$316 back to the ECLC PTG.

THE READ-A-THON HAS FINISHED



The Read-A-Thon wrapped up on March 27th. **Tracker Sheets, Pledge Sheets, and donations are to be turned in anytime between March 30th - April 1st.** Certificates and prizes will be passed out once everything is turned in and tallied. This will be around the middle of April. Thanks for supporting the ECLC and our students, all while encouraging reading.

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 1 Read-a-Thon Tracker Sheets, Pledge Sheets and Pledges Due
PTG Meeting at 8:15 am in the Library
- April 2-7 Spring Break – No School
- April 8 Students return from Spring Break
Progress Reports come home
Severe Weather Drill practice
- April 16-17 Kindergarten Registration Days at the ECLC
- April 16 National Wear your Pajamas to Work/School Day!
- April 24 PreK Brown Day
- April 30 PreK Concert 9:30 for AM/1:30 for PM
- May 1 No School for Students



MUSIC NOTES – Miss H

We had such a musical March! All ECLC students got a preview of TMS's production of Aladdin Jr., and I know many were able to attend one of the shows!

The Kindergarten students have been working on identifying and drawing notes and rests, as well as learning many songs for the holidays and special days we have celebrated. Kindergarten students will be learning about the instruments of the orchestra for the next few weeks. PreK students have been working on using their best singing voices, focused listening, and stretching voices to prepare for our concert at the end of April! They have also met some new instruments and continue to practice musical skills. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

PreK Families: Save the Date! **PreK Spring Concert at the ECLC** **April 30, 2026**

9:30am (PreK AM students) and 1:30pm (PreK PM students)
Wear your "Springtime Best"



COUNSELOR'S CORNER – Mrs. Nichols

In April, classroom lessons will focus on coping, problem-solving and healthy ways to resolve conflicts. As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any concerns or any requests for support for your child or family. Happy Spring!

No School on April 2-7, 2026



Kindergarten Registration in-person meetings will take place on April 16 and 17, 2026. However, Kindergarten Registration is ongoing. You are welcome to register at any time. If your child is five years of age before August 1, 2026, you may proceed with registering him/her for Kindergarten or Pre-Kindergarten. If your child is four years of age before August 1, 2026, you may proceed with registering him/her for Pre-Kindergarten. Please know that the ages are just guidelines. We have plenty of students that come to Pre-Kindergarten when they are five and Kindergarten when they are six.

The registration process begins online. Please go to www.gorockets.org, click "Enrollment", and click "Online Enrollment System", and fill out the information requested. Following the online portion of registration, you will be asked to select an appointment time to bring copies of your child's birth certificate, proof of residency (ie. mortgage, lease, settlement sheet, rental agreement, recent property tax receipt, etc.), parent's photo ID, and immunization records into the school or district office. Your child will also need to come to this appointment with you.

If your child is currently a student in Prekindergarten, they will be automatically enrolled for Kindergarten. If your child is currently in Kindergarten, they will be automatically enrolled for first grade.

HEALTH ROOM HAPPENINGS:

- KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IN APRIL:
 - The nurse will need a copy of your student's immunization record with the following required immunizations:
 - Diphtheria and Tetanus - 4 doses with last dose after age 4
 - Polio - 4 doses with last dose over age 4
 - Hepatitis B - 3 doses properly spaced
 - MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) - 2 doses
 - Varicella (chicken pox) - 2 doses, or written statement of history of chicken pox disease
- Spring is coming! Kids will be outside enjoying the warm weather in no time. Please keep your students safe when riding bikes and scooters by having them wear properly fitted helmets, not riding at night, and making sure they are supervised.
- REMINDER!!! If you haven't turned in physical or dental forms for your student, please remember to do so.