

KEEP IN TOUCH

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER PARENT NEWSLETTER – December 2025



PRINCIPAL NEWS

First, I'd like to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving! I can't believe it is that time of year already. Thank you for sharing your children with us. Everyone at the ECLC is thankful for each one of them.

Thank you for attending conferences in November. It was wonderful to see and talk with so many of you. As always, we appreciate the support you show your children and our school. Conferences also brought up lots of questions about tablets and video games. Human interaction is always the most valuable type of interaction for a young child. Virtual experiences just don't give the warmth and care that people do. So, instead of tablets: Try **reading, playing, or creating together** as a family — those moments build stronger connections and lasting memories.

Other ideas are:

- 1.) Complete a puzzle or a board game together.
- 2.) Use you phone for music, but have a family dance party.
- 3.) Do a craft or color a coloring page together.
- 4.) Make a baked good together and teach a little about kitchen safety, measuring, or recipes at the same time.

All of these are SO FUN, and your children will remember doing these things with you long into the future! You may even note a visible change in your child's attitude, behavior, and overall well-being.



Reminder:

Thanksgiving vacation will be from November 27th-December 1st. Students will return to school on December 2nd.

Remember that kids do need to dress for the weather. Coats, boots, hats, and gloves are needed at bus stops and for recess. Thanks for your help!



INCLEMENT WEATHER

We have seen some snowflakes, and I am sure that we will see many more. With all the snow comes some possible issues.



Depending on the road conditions, busses could be a few minutes late. The bus drivers do their best with the conditions while placing the highest importance on getting your child to school safely. Please give them a little grace in the inclement weather.

School closings, early dismissals, and 2-hour delay days do sometimes happen. These important announcements will be posted to the district website, emailed, text, and come through phone calls. They are also broadcasted on local radio and television stations as early and as soon as possible. If there is a 2-hour delay, school will open at 10:00 a.m. Buses will arrive two hours later than their normally scheduled time. There will be no Prekindergarten AM classes in the event of a 2-hour delay.

On a 2-hour delay day, the school doors will open at 9:30 a.m. for drop-off.

PTG

The December PTG meeting will be on Wednesday, December 3rd at 8:15 am. We will celebrate Holiday Parties with the children at school on December 22nd.

HOLIDAY NIGHT

Our annual Holiday Night/Title I Night celebration will be Thursday, December 4th from 6-7:30 pm. We will have games, crafts, snacks, literacy games, a storyteller, and a special guest (Santa...shh). This is such a fun, exciting time for kids, we hope you can join us.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



In December, classroom counseling lessons will focus on the topics of Bullying and Safety. The Women's Services Child Abuse Awareness Program (CAAP) will be visiting Kindergarten classrooms only. The CAAP presenters will be at the ECLC on Dec. 8 and 10. Information will be sent home to give more details about the program.

With winter months approaching the cost of holidays, higher utility bills, and increased food prices can place a financial demand on families. Please reach out if your family needs support. The Titusville Area School District works cooperatively with a Community Resource Coordinator, Courtney Master. Courtney is available to assist families with a variety of supportive services. Please let me know and I can make a referral to connect you with the Resource Coordinator.

Happy Holidays!

MUSIC NOTES FROM MISS H

The Kindergarten students are so excited for their concert on December 5th at 1:30 pm! Please have students wear their "Christmas Best" attire to school that day. Doors open at 1:15 pm. If you need handicapped accessible seating, please contact Miss H as soon as possible to make any necessary arrangements. At the conclusion of the concert, students may be signed out in their classrooms. The Kindergarten students will also get to practice being a good audience when they see the high school choir for a holiday performance later in December.



The Prekindergarten students have been working hard! We've learned about instruments like the banjo, fiddle, and musical washboard with Thanksgiving songs. We have so many exciting things planned for December, starting with the Kindergarten concert. The Prekindergarten students will be the audience for our rehearsal the day before the concert and will practice appropriate audience behavior. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out!

HEALTH ROOM HAPPENINGS: IT'S GETTING COLDER!



- Colder weather means we will all be inside more sharing our germs, yuck. Popular germ hide-outs are: phones, shopping carts, sinks, TV remotes, door handles, faucets, and light switches. Use sanitizing wipes and clean these often.
- If you haven't talked to your child's doctor about the flu shot, please don't forget to do that. The flu can be dangerous for our little ones.
- All students entering Kindergarten must have the Department of Health mandated immunizations. If your PreK student does not have all of the required immunizations, you will receive a letter this month. We send this home early to give you time to get this done.
- Clothing - Send your kids to school dressed for weather. They still go outside for recess even if it is chilly. If you need assistance with warm clothes/gear, please let us know. Parts of the school can also be chilly at times, so please keep a sweater or sweatshirt in their backpacks. Please keep a change of clothes in their backpacks for emergencies.

THE PE PULSE FROM MRS. TRICICO

Students have been working hard and having fun with stations in the gym. If you notice your child trying to hang from things, it might be because we practice this through a variety of activities. We are also currently working on sack races, scooter-board gliding, climbing, and spinning on sensory swings.



Please remember that Kindergarten students visit the gym every day and it is important that they have safe shoes to play in. Boots (of any kind) should be avoided, as well as shoes that fall off easily (Crocs, sandals, etc.). If your child must wear boots to school, please be sure to add safe shoes to the backpack!

SAFETY

As busy moms and dads, the mornings can be hectic. You may be in a hurry, but please error on the side of caution if you are driving in front of the building. If you are dropping your child off at the ECLC in the morning, please slow down, drive as far forward as you can, park carefully and on the right side of the road, and be respectful of others. We have **very precious people** being delivered to us. We want everyone to get here safely. Thank you for helping out with this and doing your part. I cannot even express how much I appreciate this.

DECEMBER VACATIONS

Please remember that our last day of school before the holiday is December 23rd. WINTER BREAK will be December 24th-January 4th. Kids will return to school on Monday, January 5th!



A HOLIDAY THANK YOU TO:

1. The staff at the ECLC for their work in classrooms, the office, cafeteria, and on busses.
2. Mr. Stearns and Miss Maseman for their hard work keeping the ECLC sparkling.
3. All the PTG members and volunteers who work so hard for the ECLC's students.
4. All parents and adults that help us with homework, motivation, and discipline.
5. All of the substitutes that help us when we are feeling under the weather.
6. **All men and women serving or who have served in the military.**

Have a Safe and Happy 2026!!

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