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March 2023 Newsletter

Announcements

This month **ECCLPS** would like to feature Kyah Buchholz-Loos. Kyah is one of our Board members, and has just been elected Board Treasurer.

She graduated from UNC, her favorite hobby is her two children and husband, and has been a valued staff member at Logan County DHS for 8 1/2 years. Even though she has her hands full, she still makes time to be involved with our fundraisers, be present at meetings, and helps out in many other ways. Kyah, you are appreciated and valued at **ECCLPS** too! **THANK YOU** for all you do.



ECCLPS News

Stephanie has been on a roll! **ECCLPS** received a grant from Healthy Child Care Colorado, to provide a **Pyramid Model Colorado** training for a small group of early Educators (that have already been selected). It is a 45 hour training, and will start in March for 18 weeks. She has trained for nine months to become a Certified Facilitator and Coach, and is so excited to bring this to Northeast Colorado as one of the first cohorts.

Way to go Stephanie! If you are interested in this opportunity for the future, please contact her at ecclps.edwards@gmail.com





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Save the Date

March is **National Nutrition Month**
National Reading Month
March 3 - **Employee Appreciation Day**

March 3 - **First Friday Concert**
130 S. 4th St. Sterling www.facebook.com/FPC.Sterling **Orpheus Club Young Artists**
12:05 - 12:35 PM

March 8 - **Food & Culture Fair @ NJC**
Bank of Colorado Event Center Auxiliary Gym
4:00 - 7:00 pm 970-521-6854

March 9 - 14 - **RE-5 Spring Break**
March 10 - 17 - **RE-1 Spring Break**
March 10 - 17 - **RE-4J Spring Break**
March 13 - 17 - **Haxtun Spring Break**
March 13 - 17 - **Holyoke Spring Break**
March 13 - 17 - **Julesburg Spring Break**
March 13 - 17 - **Ovid Spring Break**

March 18 - **FRC Wearin' o' the Green Gala**
5:30 PM NJC Ballroom (Tickets available at FRC)

March 20 - *First Day of Spring!*

March 27 - **ECCLPS Partner Meeting**
ECCLPS Office 100 Broadway Suite 14
11:50 AM - 12:50 PM

March 27 - **ECCLPS Professional Development Training** ECCLPS Office 100 Broadway Suite 14
6:30 - 8:30 PM **Jeannette Abshire** from Integrated Learning Academy will present on **"Brain Gym Training"**

April 7 - 10 - **Fleming Spring Break**

April 15 - **Back to the 80's** (reservation required)
Sedgwick County Fairgrounds 970-474-9977

April 22 - **Baby Bear Hugs Annual Gala & Auction**
"Wish Upon A Star" Red Willow Main St. Yuma

Be sure to listen to **KPMX 105.7** the **second Wednesday** of each month at **9:00 AM** to get the latest news about what's happening at **ECCLPS!**

Licensing Tidbits

When doing CPR, First Aid, and medication administration, please check and make sure the person teaching the class is verified on the Vendor's list. That list can be found on the Office of Early Childhood website.

<https://cdec.colorado.gov/training>

NEW and EXCITING

Child Care Licensing is moving to a strength-based approach using the indicators in the Environment Rating Scale Tools which are incorporated in the Colorado Shines Rating. At supervisory inspections I will be giving feedback on a few of the things I see happening in your room. Although I am not a certified rater, I am excited to be able to share the quality things I see happening in your programs.

Scholarship and Funding Sources

NJC

<https://www.njc.edu/scholarships/northeastern-ece-collaborative-cu-denver-scholarship>

<https://www.njc.edu/scholarships>

<https://www.njc.edu/scholarships/northeastern-rex-and-doris-monahan-memorial-t-prep-scholarship>

If you have college credits and want to get your degree, contact Vanessa Soliz to “Finish What You Started” 970-521-6672 or vanessa.soliz@njc.edu

Outside NJC Sources

<https://ecclacolorado.org/scholarshipsandgrants/>

<https://ecclacolorado.org/ruralrun>

<https://ecclacolorado.org/backtowork>

<https://ecclacolorado.org/teachscholarships>

<https://ecclacolorado.org/fcchgrant/>

<https://www.coecstimulus.com/what-am-i-eligible-for>



Even though the first round of applications for **UPK** is closed, parents are still able to get your child in the system for when the second round opens. We do not have a date for this yet, but we will send out notification when we do. Watch your email and our Facebook page.

ECCLPS is hiring for the
LCO UPK Facilitator
position.

If you or someone you know may
be a good fit, please email
resume to

ecclps.sharp@gmail.com
970-526-2440

Family Support & Education

[Positive Parenting: Discipline vs. Punishment](#)

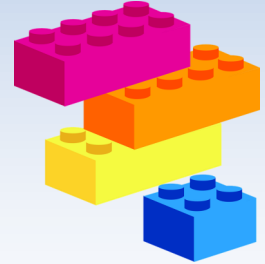
[A Parent's Role](#)

9 Early Learning Activities

<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/learning-at-home-9-early-literacy-activities>

Earth Day Activities at Project Learning Tree

<https://www.plt.org/educator-tips/earth-day-activities/>



Learning and Development

Professional Development Ideas, Topics, and Activities

<https://teambuilding.com/blog/professional-development-ideas>

Whether you work with a staff or alone, there's some great ideas here, in a fairly short read

<https://www.virtualvocations.com/blog/telecommuting-survival/fun-professional-development/>

[Written Emergency Plan - Video](#)

Health and Well Being

Stimulating Play to Feed Children's Brains

<https://busytoddler.com/toys-into-activities/>

How does nutrition affect the developing brain?

<https://www.zerotothree.org/resource/how-does-nutrition-affect-the-developing-brain/>

9 Types of Foods to Fuel Brain Development

<https://www.mother.ly/food/nutrition/brain-foods-for-kids/>

The Importance of Nutrition in Early Childhood

<https://www.kidsclubchildcare.com.au/the-importance-of-nutrition-in-early-childhood/>



Sign up for Colorado Department of Early Childhood Newsletter

<https://mailchi.mp/state/colorado-department-of-early-childhood>

ECCLPS will be hosting a “**Car Seat Check Up**” event in April. We will partner up with some of the other agencies in town, along with Law Enforcement and the Fire Department. We will have certified technicians to do the inspections. If you have the paperwork that goes with your seat, please bring it. We can also check for recalled seats.

[Conscious Discipline](#)

Free resources for parents and care givers. There is so much information here, prepare to spend some time. If you are struggling with behavior issues, there are lots of great tips and suggestions to help you connect with your little ones.

[Zero to Three](#)

There are volumes of information to help you understand the challenging behavior children can display, and strategies to help you deal with them. (The search feature is very helpful here. I searched “behavior has meaning” for these results.)

[Vroom](#)

Parents and Providers

Are you familiar with “Vroom”? It is another brain building program for children birth through age 5. It is based around conversational turns and “back and forth” with your child. They provide lots of free printables with ideas on how to provide the back and forth even with infants, plus an app that you can access any time.

Phillips County Chamber Meeting
4th Wednesday of the month @ Noon
970-854-3517

Sedgwick County Chamber Meeting
1st Thursday of the month @ Noon
303-885-6953

[Check out all Logan County Events here](#)
[Sedgwick County Events](#)
[Phillips County Events](#)

Do you have an item you’d like us to share? Send us an email ecclps.miranda@gmail.com with “Save the Date” in the subject line. (Must be received by the last week of the month, for the following month’s newsletter.)

ECCLPS is now offering the **Child Care Read Program!** If you’re interested in us coming to your Center, School, or Home please call 970-466-0778 or email

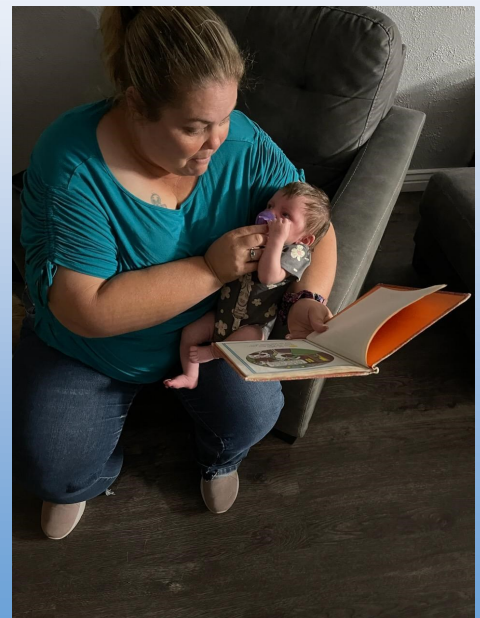
[Mary Pennock](#)

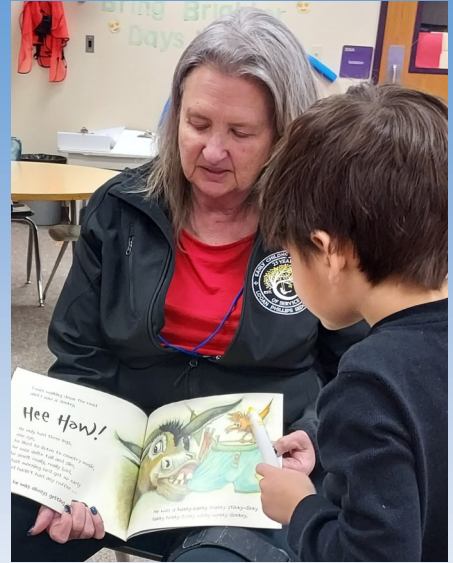
We are also gearing up for **Mother/Father Read.** If you are interested in signing up for this free program, please contact Mary and we’ll get you on the list!



National Read With Your Child Day pictures

February 14, 2023 - Thank you to all of the adults that take the time to read with children, you make the world a better, brighter place to reside! Please read with your children every day! Thank you Dolly Parton for all you do for our youth! www.imaginationlibrary.com





Any Time is a Great Time to Give Where You Live

ECCLPS

Accepts and appreciates donations throughout the year!

If you would like to donate, go to:

[ECCLPS Colorado Gives](#)

~ECCLPS TEAM~

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday 8:30 - 5:00

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