



## Marysville Early Learning Center - October 2019 Newsletter

# Fall Festival Time

by **Jennifer Cassarino** School Principal

Dear Early Learning Families,

Happy Autumn! We are back into the swing of school after the summer break. Our ELC students are having a great time making friends and learning about their classroom communities. We had our first fire drill and everyone participated; we followed directions, walked in line and all were great listeners. Way to go ELKs! For Hispanic Heritage Month, classrooms have planned special events including fiesta lunches, listening and dancing to cultural music, reading folktales and learning about Hispanic Heritage celebrations. If you have any cultural traditions, pictures, music, food or experiences you'd like to share with your child's class, please contact your child's teacher. Thursday, October 17th is our annual Fall Family Festival Dinner from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. We hope you can join us for this fun, family event. We will have food, a photo booth, activities and plenty of time to play on the playground. We look forward to seeing everyone at the event! Have a wonderful and safe October!

# Kids Corner

By **JoAnn Moffitt** ECEAP Manager

Wow! It is amazing to watch your children become acclimated to the routines of school! Bonds are forming with teachers as classroom communities and relationships are established. The foundation for learning develops through routine and engagement; and the most important part of this is forming relationships. We are excited to form relationships with your children as well as with you. Remember, you are the "driver" in your child's education. Preschool is "Pre-K" and is the foundation for forming the beginning of school readiness. Remind your child when he/she says "I can't" that when something is hard, that means your "brain is growing" and that "I can't" can turn into "I can't yet!". Together, we will embrace a "growth mindset" by fostering a positive climate for learning, where mistakes are opportunities for growth!



# ELC - Two Programs, One Location

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At the Marysville Early Learning Center, we provide both ECEAP Preschool and Developmental Preschool programs. Here's a brief description of what we are doing in each program:

Developmental Preschool: Our Developmental Preschool teachers are working on specially designed instructional strategies for our preschool aged children. Depending on each child's needs, areas of focus may include working on skills such as communication, speech and language, adaptive skills (for example, bathroom routines), or large or fine motor skills such as buttoning or zipping a jacket, picking up small toys, jumping and galloping. Our special education teachers also work on behavioral, social/emotional skills and providing sensory supports for students.

ECEAP Preschool: The Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a pre-kindergarten program is working on kindergarten readiness skills such as number sense, letter writing and letter sound recognition. These are all skills students need to be successful on the WaKIDS whole child assessment that students take the first few weeks of kindergarten.

## ELC Parent Committee

The ELC is having a Parent Advisory Committee called, "ELC Cafe". These meetings will be held once a month on Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30 and childcare will be provided. We will be planning and discussing family events on campus as well as new ideas and interests of the parent group. Mark your calendars for: October 25, November 15, December 6, January 10, February 21, March 20 and April 24 meetings.

### **Upcoming Dates and Events**

- October 17th : Fall Family Festival Dinner at the Early Learning Center
- October 25th: Harvest Party at Cedarcrest Middle School 5-7pm, specifically designed for students with special needs and their families

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