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Marysville Early Learning Center - November 2019 Newsletter

November Indigenous Cultural Celebrations

by **Jennifer Cassarino** School Principal

Dear Early Learning Community,

We are very excited to have several opportunities to learn about and celebrate our Native Salish and Tulalip Indigenous community's heritage this month. On November 6th, we will hold an afternoon assembly, led by an ELC parent and tribal member who will showcase the Tulalip tribal celebrations and demonstrate native drumming, singing and dancing. Throughout the month, each ELC classroom will incorporate Native American cultural activities into their curriculum. At the ELC we embrace students' cultural backgrounds and would like to partner with families to highlighting your child's cultural heritage in the classroom. If you have ideas you would like to share, please reach out to your classroom teacher; they will be more than happy to help highlight your child's cultural identity in the classroom.

Financial Education Night

Come listen to a Financial Planner discuss ways to make and stick to a budget, and even have room for savings! Child care is provided! Wednesday, November 6, 5:30-6:30 pm.

Kids Corner

By **JoAnn Moffitt** ECEAP Manager

As a Pre-School, part of our mission is to get your children ready for kindergarten. In doing this, we partner with you, as you are your child's first and most important teacher. While we are addressing academics through our different curriculums (Math, ECHOS science, Writing, Language and Social Emotional/Second Step), we are also working alongside you in addressing the "whole" child. The "whole" child approach includes getting your child's medical and dental appointments done within the first 30 days of enrollment. Please let us know if you need assistance in getting this requirement met. We are also scheduling our teacher and family support visits (remember there will be 3 visits with the teacher and 3 with your Family Support Coach). We are excited to walk alongside you in meeting your child's needs!



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. Preschool teacher Sarah Stoops shares, "In our classrooms the preschoolers are learning about Mat Man, a character developed by the 'Handwriting Without Tears' curriculum. This stick figure is formed using straight lined sticks and curvy sticks that also form uppercase letters. It promotes the development of pre-writing skills because it makes letter formation meaningful and fun."

ECEAP Preschool: The Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a pre-kindergarten working on kindergarten readiness by emphasizing whole group and small group instruction. Last month, teachers were doing studies on trees, hibernating, apples, and pumpkins! Students have been drawing self portraits as well as beginning writing in their "yellow books" (talk to your teachers about this at your conferences). Gross and fine motor skills are being developed as well as problem solving skills. Students are negotiating play opportunities with their friends (e.g. in one class the teacher set up a "Pumpkin Stand" and students were taking turns operating the cash register to "check out" their purchases!) You are welcome to come volunteer and check all of this out!

ELC Parent Committee

The ELC now has a Parent Advisory Committee Meeting called, "The ELC Cafe". These meetings will be held once a month on Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30 and childcare and a Spanish interpreter 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: November 15, December 6, January 10, February 21, March 20 and April 24 meetings.

Upcoming Dates and Events

- November 6th: 5:30 - 6:30 - Financial Planning Night
- November 15th 9:30 - 10:30 - ELC Cafe
- NO SCHOOL November 20th - 29th - November Conferences and Thanksgiving
- Read More on Our Website: <https://www.msd25.org/o/early-learning-center>