



Marysville Early Learning Center - January 2020 Newsletter

It's a Brand New Year

by **Jennifer Cassarino** School Principal

Dear Early Learning Center Families,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a relaxing and restful winter break with your families and friends. As we begin January, we head into the most important academic stretch of the school year. January, February and March are typically when children make the most strides, growth and achievements. We are watching for kindergarten readiness skills to emerge with our 4 and 5 year olds and developmental milestones to be met by our 3 year olds. Children's school attendance during this time period is important since we are building on foundational learning and skills in the areas of early literacy and math (for example recognizing letters and counting).

Kindergarten is right around the corner for many of our 4 and 5 year olds and we are looking forward to kindergarten registration in March. Mark your calendars for February 6th from 5:30 - 6:30 for an opportunity to meet your neighborhood Elementary School Principal here at the ELC at our Kindergarten Readiness event. We are excited to get students registered for Kindergarten and are available to help you with the registration process. After the February 6th event, feel free to connect to one of our Family Support Coaches if you need assistance filling out the paperwork. Thank you!

Kid's Corner

We are so excited to begin a new year! January is often a time of "renewal" as we set goals that we want to achieve. Just as you may set goals for yourselves with your family support coaches, we also set goals with you for your children. In order for your children to make gains academically, you can help them by ensuring that they are getting adequate sleep as this is like putting "gas in their tank" and helps them be ready to learn.

You can talk with your students about making “green zone” choices at school. These choices look like: quiet voices on the bus, following adult directions, staying with the group, problem solving with friends and trying Preschool work even when it's hard!

Your support and efforts with your kids do not go unnoticed! You are our partners in their lifelong journey of learning! Happy New Year!

by **JoAnn Moffitt** ECEAP Manager



ELC Café

Please join us for our ELC Café on Friday, January 10th from 9:30 - 10:30. This is an opportunity to hear about what's going on at our campus from the Principal and a Family Support Coach. This month we will meet our Program Manager and will be talking about our math curriculum. We will share 3 lessons with parents that kids are learning in all of our classes. We always welcome children to the ELC Café and have coffee, snacks, childcare and a Spanish interpreter available.

Nutrition Night

On Thursday, January 16th we will be hosting a Family Nutrition Night from 5:30 - 6:30. Come and hear a nutritionist talk about childhood nutrition and fun ways to prepare food with the family. Megan will share fun, family friendly recipes that will interest even picky eaters. A snack will be provided at this event. Kids are welcome to attend a Spanish interpreter will be provided.

Upcoming Dates and Events

- January 10th 9:30 - 10:30 ELC Café
- January 16th Nutrition Night 5:30 - 6:30
- NO SCHOOL: January 20th (Martin Luther King Day), 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 27th
- February 6th Kindergarten Readiness 5:30 - 6:30

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