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Winter 2016-2017

PARTNERSHIP POST

The Harnett County Partnership for Children
invites you to

Black TIE & BLUE JEANS

An evening of Dinner, Drinks, Auctions, & Dancing

Friday, March 31, 2017 at 6:00pm-12:00am
The Regency
Dunn, NC

Tickets: \$40 per person
\$75 per couple

**Live Entertainment by:
Black Water Rhythm and Blues**



Creative Curriculum

- Health & Physical Development
- Social & Emotional Development
- Language Development & Communication
- Cognition & General Knowledge
- Approaches Toward Learning



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Here's a neat recipe to for **Puffy Snow Paint**. Kids will be excited to mix the paint and make a winter creation!

Puffy Snow Paint Recipe:

Shaving cream
Elmer's school glue
Peppermint extract
Glitter

Directions:

You will want to begin by popping your shaving cream and glue in the refrigerator. Best if left overnight and then make the paint the next morning. Leave the glue out on the counter for about ten minutes just to get it flowing before you make the paint.

Next, mix equal parts of the chilled glue and shaving cream in a bowl. This is a rough estimate. Sprinkle in glitter. Use as much glitter as you want!. Add a few drops of peppermint extract and mix. Then, finish the paint off with more glitter. Once your creation dries it will be puffy to the touch.

Adult supervision is always recommended. We want our crafts to be fun and safe.



HCPC Drop-off Location for Toys for Tots

As part of our commitment to provide for children from birth to 5 years old, the Harnett County Partnership for Children will be a drop-off station for the Toys for Tots. The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect **new, unwrapped toys** during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

The Harnett County Partnership for Children will be collecting new, unwrapped toys from now until December 9th. Please come to our office, 170 Pine State St., Lillington, to drop off your toy donations. We look forward to seeing you!!



Symptoms of Influenza

Influenza (also known as the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by flu viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The flu is different from a cold. The flu usually comes on suddenly. People who have the flu often feel some or all of these symptoms:

- Fever* or feeling feverish/chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.
- *It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever.*

** Info. provided by CDC website**



As you plan your holiday travels, Safe Kids Harnett County wants to remind you of safety travel tips:

- Remember to buckle up every ride, every time, whether it's the long trip to visit family or around the block to the mall.
- Shopping center parking lots are busier during the holidays. Watch out for distracted pedestrians and drivers who may not be paying attention to you, especially when backing out of parking spaces.
- For parents of teens, remind them to be extra alert during this holiday season, when conditions are more challenging even for experienced drivers.
- Commit to keeping your electronics out of your hand. No text message or playlist is worth the risk.
- If you are headed to a party and plan to drink alcohol, designate a driver or use a car service to make sure you get home safely.
- Expect the unexpected. You never know when you have to stop abruptly, so keep hot foods, large gifts and anything that can become a projectile in the trunk. Remember when traveling in large groups, all vehicle occupants need their own seat belt or car seat, even for short rides.

Safety tips provided by SafeKids Worldwide



National Burn Awareness Week February 5th-11th

The first full week in February is observed as National Burn Awareness Week. Burn Awareness Week teaches kids how to be responsible for their personal safety, and increases family awareness of potentially harmful situations. Here are some statistics:

- Burn Injuries Receiving Medical Treatment Per Year: 500,000
- Burn Cause: 46% fire/flame, 32% scald, 8% hot object contact, 4% electrical, 3% chemical, 6% other
- Fire and Burn Deaths Per Year: 4,000
- Place of Occurrence: 43% home, 17% street/highway, 8% occupational, 32% other

Hot water scalds are the leading cause of burns in children. Playing with lighters and matches in the leading cause of fire deaths in young children. The bulk of these deaths are preventable.

Teach **STOP**, **DROP**, and **ROLL** to children of all ages. If the child's clothes catch on fire, they **STOP** where they are, **DROP** to ground, and **ROLL** over and over until the fire is out.



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Harnett County

Over a year ago, The Harnett County Partnership for Children (HCPC) launched the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library is a unique early year's book gifting program that mails a brand new, age-appropriate book to enrolled children every month from birth until five years of age, creating a home library of up to 60 books and instilling a love of books and reading from an early age. At the current time, over 600 Harnett County Children are participating in the Imagination Library, which is amazing! Parents and caregivers are encouraged to enroll their children, who are under the age of five, for this wonderful program. For additional information about the Imagination Library Program, please visit www.imaginationlibrary.com or the HCPC Website www.harnettsmartstart.org for details.





Come & CHILL with us!



Harnett County Public Library
(Lillington)-

Friday, December 2nd @ 10:00

Angier Public Library-

Friday, December 9th @ 10:30

Dunn Public Library-

Friday, December 16th @ 9:30

Join Ms. Dollie for a COOL children's yoga class!



Get ready for yoga poses,
breathing exercises,
games, and lots of music

Children Ages 3-5

Call or register at the front desk



Toy Safety Tips

The gift giving season has begun and kids everywhere are eagerly waiting to see what toys they are getting. Toys and games are tons of fun for kids and adults. Whether your kids are working on a puzzle, playing with building blocks or even inventing their own games, here are a few things to think about to help them stay safer and have a blast.

- Consider your child's age when purchasing a toy or game. It's worth a second to read the instructions and warning labels to make sure it's just right for your child.
- Before you've settled on the perfect toy, check to make sure there aren't any small parts or other potential choking hazards.
- Keep a special eye on small game pieces that may be a choking hazard for young children. While these kinds of games are great for older kids, they can pose a potential danger for younger,
- curious siblings.
- After play time is over, use a bin or container to store toys for next time. Make sure there are no holes or hinges that could catch little fingers.



2016-2017 HCPC Programs

Child Care Subsidy

Through Child Care Subsidies, qualifying families can ensure their children are safe and well-cared for while at work. For more information, contact the Department of Social Services (910) 893-7500.

NC Pre-K



NC Pre-K is a pre-kindergarten program for at-risk four year olds designed to help prepare children for kindergarten through a curriculum-based, classroom style learning environment. The goal of NC Pre-K is to reach at-risk children and give them a chance to grow socially and educationally before entering kindergarten.

For more information, contact HCPC (910) 893-2344.

Parent Education Child Care

Parent Education Child Care is offered to parents who attend Central Carolina Community College to help pay for child care. For more information, contact Keisha Petty (919) 718-7276.

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Support for Inclusion

The Support for Inclusion Activity will provide consultation, training, and resources to child care providers and families with children zero through five who may have developmental, behavioral, or social and emotional challenges in the classroom. The inclusion specialist will utilize the Social and Emotional Foundations for Learning (CSEFEL) Pyramid Model.

Please contact Inclusion Specialist [Amy Rackley](#) at 910-893-2344 for additional information.

WAGES

This program provides educational-based salary supplements to qualifying teachers, directors, and family child care providers.

Contact Allison Miller (919) 967-3272.

STEP Program

Through the STEP program, Early Childhood Program Specialists work one-on-one with child care centers and homes to increase star-rated license.

Support– *Leadership support and training*

Technical Assistance–*to increase or maintain Star Rated Licensure*

Evaluation Tool– *Action plans and grants for classroom improvement*

Professional Development– *Education plans and tuition reimbursement*

For more information, contact Lynda Turlington (910) 893-2344.



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Partnership Pulse



...Keeping with the steady rhythm of early childhood education in Harnett County

To learn about upcoming trainings and events related to early childhood education.

Visit www.harnettsmartstart.org to sign up.

The Partnership Post

A quarterly newsletter will be available electronically on the HCPC website. Call (910) 893-2344 to request a hard copy in the mail.

Get Involved!

- ⇒ Make a tax deductible contribution
- ⇒ Serve as a board member

To learn more about getting involved, please contact us at (910) 893-2344 or visit www.harnettsmartstart.org.

Thank you for your support!

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for young children and
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