



As a Reggio-inspired early learning center, the Lane Child and Family Center philosophy is based on the core principles of respect, responsibility and community.

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## **Director's Corner~ Katheryn Blair**

Dear parents~

Happy winter term! Winter term has been somewhat blustery outside but still an oasis in our classrooms. The children have been excited to take walks around campus, play with ice chunks on the playground, and cultivate their friendships. Some staffing changes in the center: Ashley is no longer working in the Seal's classroom and instead is attending a University to get her Bachelor's Degree. We wish her well! Chris is now in the Seal classroom all day instead of only in the morning. Kathleen is now working in the Sea Turtle classroom. Welcome, Kathleen!

### **OPENINGS IN THE CENTER**

We have some openings in both the Seals and Sea Turtle classrooms. So, please tell your friends, neighbors, and classmates all about us!

### **PARENT ADVISORY MEETINGS**

All parents are invited to join us for our parent advisory group monthly meetings. The parent group provides feedback on how the center is meeting family's needs. The advisory group organized the children's items swap that happened last year. The meetings are scheduled the first Wednesday of the month from 12:00-1:00 in the large observation room in building 26 (Room 314) between the Starfish and Sea Turtle's classroom. You get co-op credit for attending the meeting; \$15 credit on your MyLane account. Please feel free to bring your lunch to the meeting.

### **CHILD'S CLASSROOM SCHEDULE**

The classroom schedule that your child is currently on will be their schedule for the year (through spring term) unless we receive a new billing card with your new desired schedule.

\* If you intend to change your child's schedule for spring term a new billing card must be turned into the office between February 24th-28th.

Desired schedules will be accommodated upon availability.

\* Also, if your child will not be attending spring term, a 2 week written notice is required to avoid additional charges.

### **TAX INFORMATION**

Here is the tax ID for Lane Child and Family Center: 93-0546223

You can find the amount you paid for 2019 childcare on your MyLane account.

### **PRESCHOOL PROMISE:**



# Preschool Promise 2020-2021: How to get an application\*

## What is it?

Preschool Promise offers free, high-quality preschool for children ages 3-4 who are income-eligible, in various classroom settings throughout Lane County.

**Applications will be available in the late spring for Fall 2020 enrollment consideration.**

## How do I get an application?

Submit your contact information at this link to request an application once they're available:  
<https://cutt.ly/prepromrequestform20-21>

*To qualify for consideration, the specific age and income guidelines are listed in the request form.*

## If eligible, is my child guaranteed a spot?

Every year, there are more applicants than spaces available.

Applying does not automatically enroll your child, and applying doesn't mean your child will get a spot in the program.

## I applied last year & didn't get in. Do I need to reapply?

**Yes.** All applicants who are not currently attending the program need to reapply.

Please contact 541.741.6000 or email [preschoolpromise@unitedwaylane.org](mailto:preschoolpromise@unitedwaylane.org) with questions, or if you need help filling out the request form above.

\*All information given is subject to change and will be updated as revisions are made to Preschool Promise program standards and State rules.



## CO-OP IN CLASSROOMS TO HELP PAY CHILD FEES

You can pay off up to \$600 a term (based on your child's schedule) by working in the classroom. Receive \$15/hour for every hour worked and that will be applied as a credit to your account. If interested, see Katheryn. Email: [blairk@lanecc.edu](mailto:blairk@lanecc.edu)

## ART SHOW

We will be hosting an art show displaying art work from children in all three

classrooms. The children's work will be displayed at the Bamboo Lounge from April 13th-17th, in building 10. There will be an evening reception for the whole family on Wednesday, April 15th from 5:00-6:30. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited and we hope you can join us.

**FOUNDATION ACCEPTING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS UNTIL MARCH 3rd**

The LCC Foundation scholarship application is open for 2020/2021.

There are scholarships available for every major, every background, and a range of GPAs! Lane students who will be enrolled at least part-time in 2020/2021 can apply. Complete a simple online application to be considered for over \$1 million in scholarships. Apply today at <https://www.lanecc.edu/foundation/scholarships>.

Submission deadline is March 3rd. Contact: [scholarships@laneccfoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@laneccfoundation.org)



# **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LANE STUDENTS**

**When in doubt, fill it out!**

**Complete your LCC Foundation  
scholarship application at  
[LANECC.EDU/FOUNDATION/SCHOLARSHIPS](http://LANECC.EDU/FOUNDATION/SCHOLARSHIPS)**

**Application Deadline: March 3, 2020**

To request this information in an alternate format, email the  
Center for Accessible Resources (CAR) at  
[AlternateFormat@lanecc.edu](mailto:AlternateFormat@lanecc.edu)

Thursday, March 19th is the last day of childcare for winter term.

Spring term begins March 30th.

## Picture Day

Lifetouch will be here Wednesday, 2/26 to take photos of all children. If your child doesn't attend Wednesday mornings, you can bring them to the large observation room between 9-11:30 to get their photo taken.

Please bring book donations to the Child and Family Center office. Feel free to take a free book as well!

## Facebook Page

Please like our Facebook page and see adorable photos of your children in action:

<https://www.facebook.com/Lane-Child-and-Family-Center-at-LCC-623143661129095/>

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## Sea Turtles

Hello Sea Turtle parents! We are delighted to see so many familiar faces and are very happy to be welcoming our new friends Ahyren, Deegan, Laith and Logan. They have been a lovely addition to our classroom and have managed to find their groove seamlessly.

We have been eagerly listening to the interests that the children have been expressing while in the classroom. What we have observed is our children exploring animals and their roles as predators or prey which lead us to a walk to the Science Building. We will build on this interest and explore animal research projects.



This term we are looking to use textiles in our art and experiment with natural dyes. We have reintroduced our large weaving loom with fabric strips and started working with these strips on smaller weaving boards. We are looking for a variety of textures and materials to use in our weaving so PLEASE check to see if you have anything that might work laying around at home!

The Magnetic Tiles continue to be a strong focal point in our class. While exploring and interacting with these tiles and one another the children are developing their knowledge of spatial awareness, learning to problem solve, and develop critical thinking skills; all the while strengthening their language by communicating and negotiating with each other in the sharing of these materials.

While on our walk to the Science Building there was some curiosity from the children about where the elevator was in the building. After looking for signs we asked a passerby who happened to know and the children were ecstatic to check it out. They really enjoyed squeezing all the children and adults into the small space and listening to the motor while the elevator moved. We will conduct an "Elevator Hunt" to explore the many elevators around campus and using a campus map, we will track and mark our progress.







We are excited to see where this exploration leads us.  
Our Family event will be March 4th from 2:30-4:00.

Emma, Shannon, and Kathleen

\*Chris is now a teacher in Seals, please welcome teacher Kathleen back to Sea Turtles

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## Starfish

Welcome to Winter term!

We would like to welcome our new family to the Starfish class. Oscar, parents Alexis and Brian and sister.

Our class has been busy building with the blocks, making ramps for the cars, marbles, balls and anything else that rolls. They also have been making homes for animals and people. Heidi has been working with a group of children making launchers with wood, glue, rubber bands, tape and paper. Nipa has been a great support with the children who need one on one throughout the day. This really helps bring calmness and balance to the classroom.





Some children have been interested in numbers, days of the week, what is going to happen today, tomorrow and what happened yesterday, so Marsha introduced the calendar to them. We write down things that are happening or are going to happen in the day, week, and month. The children look daily to this. As we hope you the parents take a glance, read and talk with your child about Starfish happenings!

One of our Advanced ECE Students Candy shared her culture with us: "Chinese New Year" the year of the Rat. We made decorations, cooked muffins, ate noodles with chop sticks and learned a few Chinese phrases. If you have any parts of your culture you would like to share, please feel free to talk with one of the teachers. We would love to hear from you.



We have had a few visitors come into the classroom: Sally Sneeze shared about the importance of germs, washing hands and taking care of yourself when not feeling good. Emily from BRING shared a story and brought in some recycler worms for us to touch, explore and draw.



When we are outside, the children love to ride the bikes, play chasing games and find worms and bugs.



Our ongoing project is building a community among one another and the outside world beyond the LCC campus.

~Marsha, Heidi, and Nipa

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## Seals

Welcome to the Seal's winter term! While it may be wet, cold and blowy outside, inside we have warm friendships and cozy interactions happening. Our returning children have been welcoming and helpful as our new children adjust to our group.

Last term, we noticed that the dollhouse area was well used and sometimes, there just wasn't enough room. This term, we repositioned those pieces to an open shelf and added other props to extend the children's ability to follow their interest. Wow! They have carried the idea of home and family to neighborhood! This is a good example of how children's learning builds on previous knowledge. This is called "scaffolding". This kind of small world play also allows children to explore social interactions in a safe way by using the play people to create situations and dilemmas and practice solving them. Language opportunities abound as scenarios are played out.



In our newly developed Pattern Studio, we've allowed for next steps in this interest that is in it's second year. It's exciting to watch how deliberate the patterning is growing; please take a moment to enjoy the photos of our work. Patterning is, of course, important in math but it's also a pre-reading and pre-writing skills development opportunity. Letters are patterns made with lines, circles and half circles. Words are patterns and many children begin to "read" by recognizing common words (in familiar books) such as; the, we, mom, and dad.



With our oldest, we've come to the age of negotiation and awareness of the importance of shared rules and common goals. It's true that some of those negotiations sound more like arguments than debates but it's also good practice and they are beginning to help each other. We introduce and use common language for problem solving, including visual cues as needed.

Transforming remains a high interest. Please note the window display across from the computer to see how the pieces of our day interact and intersect, using common interests to tie skills together. This is an example of using "webbing" in curriculum planning.

We do go outside several times each day and with Oregon's ever-changing weather the need for a spare set of clothing is high. Please ensure your child has a full set of clothes, including socks, available in their cubby.



Thank you for sharing your wonder-full and curious children with us, we look forward to our future discoveries!

Please join us for our parent event: March 4th, 8:45-10:45 for a continental breakfast and crafting party.

Karyn, Amy, and Chris

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### **Free books for your child if you live in Eugene (delivered to your home)**

#### Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

It sounds almost too simple to be true, but by reading regularly with your children during their preschool years, you are giving them the biggest boost toward a successful education that they will ever get.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library can help! Every child who lives in the City of Eugene can receive a new book each month by mail from ages birth through four. Free!

The books are a gift to keep. All you have to do is read to your children - which will make a huge difference for their futures and the future of our community!

<https://www.eugene-or.gov/2692/Imagination-Library>

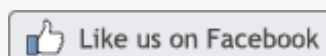
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