



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! The children have been excited to play with some snow on the playgrounds and take walks around campus on these blustery days.

### **PARENT ADVISORY MEETINGS**

All parents are invited to join us for our parent advisory group monthly meetings. The parent group will provide feedback on how the center is meeting family's needs. The advisory group organized the children's items swap that happened last month. 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 will get co-op credit for the meeting, so \$10 credit on your childcare fees. 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 March 4th and March 8th.

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 2018 childcare on your MyLane account.

## **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 \$10/hour for every hour worked and that will be applied as a credit to your account. If interested: see Katheryn.

## **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 8-12, in building 10. There will be an evening reception for the event. The date for the reception has not yet been determined but we will post it as soon as we know the date and time. Everyone is invited and we hope you can join us.

## **FREE TAX HELP PROVIDED BY AARP TAX-AIDE BEGINS FEB. 6**

Free tax help is available during tax season on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, February 6-April 12, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in Haugland Commons, Center Building, Second Floor, Main Campus. This free tax help is first come, first serve and is provided by volunteers with AARP Foundation Tax-Aide.

. For a complete list of documents to bring, visit

<https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/info-01-2011/important-tax-documents.html?intcmp=AE-FOU-TAXAIDE-LOCATOR-IL-DOCS>

. For a list of additional AARP Tax-Aide sites in Lane County, visit

<https://secure.aarp.org/applications/VMISLocator/searchTaxAideLocations.action>

. For specific tax-related questions, contact the IRS at (800) 829-1040 or visit

<https://www.irs.gov/>

## **FOUNDATION ACCEPTING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS UNTIL MARCH 4**

The Lane Community College Foundation is accepting scholarship applications for the 2019/20 academic year. Help us get the word out! Every Lane student, enrolled at least part-time, can apply for LCC Foundation scholarships. \$900,000 is available to award. Scholarships are a form of financial assistance that students do not have to repay. Online applications will be accepted until the deadline of March 4. Complete instructions available at: <https://www.lanecollege.edu/foundation/scholarships>

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# Concerned about your grades?

**Wondering what your options are?**

**Attend a Making Wise Choices Workshop**

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This workshop will provide you with sound advice to make the best decisions regarding your grading options.

Learn about the following:

- How to estimate your term Grade Point Average
- Potential consequences of dropping, auditing, or changing your grading options
- Academic Alert System for credit students
- Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards for students using Financial Aid

**This will help you make wise choices before the final day to make schedule changes for this term by Friday, March 1st 11:59 p.m!**

**Provided by the Counseling and Career Center Faculty**

## Schedule Week 8 in November

2/27 Wednesday - Anthony	8:30 to 10:00	Building 19	Room 248
2/28 Thursday-Jessica	3:30 to 5:00	Building 19	Room 248
3/1 Friday-Jessica	1:00 to 2:30	Building 19	Room 241

To request this information in an alternate format please contact the Center for Accessible Resources at (541) 463-5150 or [accessibleresources@lanecc.edu](mailto:accessibleresources@lanecc.edu) (link sends e-mail).

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MAKING WISE CHOICES WORKSHOP

Thursday, March 21st is the last day of childcare for winter term.

Spring term begins April 1st.

## Extra Clothes for the Classrooms

If you have extra children's clothes at home that you are willing to donate, we need extra in the classroom.

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

## Facebook Page

Come like our Facebook page here 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 Sequoia and Kolten. They have been a lovely addition to our classroom and have managed to find their groove seamlessly.

Picking up where we left off from last term, we have been eagerly listening to the interests that the children have been expressing while in the classroom. As teachers we believe it's important to follow the children's lead, designing the classroom and activities around the children's interests, which is a main focus of our Reggio-inspired philosophy. We are excited to follow their lead and dive deeper into their interests, a couple being dinosaurs, pizza and painting.



Our ECE (Early Childhood Education) students have begun to design and implement activities (marble paint, multi-colored playdough etc.) that speak to the interests of the children and really add to the beautiful flow of our daily routine.

This term the children have been expressing themselves through multiple forms of art mediums. Whether they are hard at work with a paint brush at the easel or making collages with a variety of repurposed materials we seem to be finding the children deeply engaged in their work. We have reintroduced clay in the classroom which has allowed some of our younger children to really hone in on their fine motor development through hand manipulation. We have introduced a weaving loom with fabric strips as another medium to start exploring.





After listening to a conversation some of the children were having about eating out in restaurants we decided to redesign our home area into a pizza parlor. We hope through their play we will learn what specifically interests them about pizza and see how we can build upon their knowledge.



We have scheduled our Parent Event for the afternoon of Feb. 20th. We hope you'll be able to join us for some fun and insight into your child's day.

Teachers: Emma, Shannon, and Joe



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## Starfish

Welcome to winter term.

The starfish have been very busy. We have been taking walks, exploring outdoor school, and learning about the world around us. Using the Reggio Emilia philosophy, we encourage children to expand their theories of how things work, develop an understanding of their roles in the world and develop relationships with people and things in their environment.



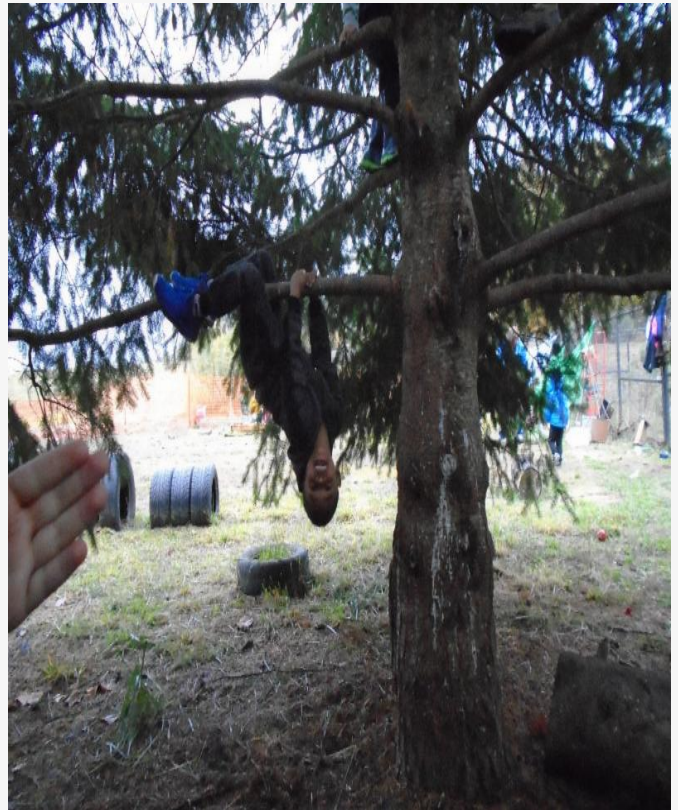
The starfish class will be taking walks most Tuesday mornings. Walks are a wonderful way for children to learn about their world and our campus offers so many resources. Our goal is to leave the classroom around 9:30 and be back by 10:45. Please plan to arrive early enough for your child to come with us. If you need to arrive later than 9:30, please sign your child in and come join us. We will leave our phone



number so you can contact us.

We will be going to outdoor school (the natural area next to our play yard) on Mondays. Because this area can be seen from our classroom and the play yard the children can look through the window or fence and see the array of birds that visit the area. At outdoor school, the children use science tools such as bug catchers and magnifiers so they can find small creatures and examine them. The children have many questions about the small creatures they collect. Because bugs are small, the children often ask, "Where is the mommy/daddy?" Another question children have is "Will it bite?" Outdoor school provides them with opportunities to learn through experience. Another plus is that the children play differently when there are no trikes, balls, and climbers. It is interesting to see the children use their incredible imaginations to create their own games.

One of our long term projects is creating work to be displayed at the Bamboo Lounge (a campus art gallery located in building 10). One of the key beliefs of a Reggio Emilia approach to teaching is that children express themselves "through the hundred languages of children". To this end, the children will be exploring a variety of art media such as sculpture, textiles, photography, creative dramatics, collage, photography and paint. The children's work will be displayed at the Bamboo Lounge from April 8-12. There will be an evening reception for the event. The date for the reception has not yet been determined but we will post it as soon as we know the date and time. Everyone is invited and we hope you can join us.



Another key component of the Reggio approach is that it is child centered and

children take the lead in what they want to learn. Information about children's interests is gained through detailed teacher observations of children at play. The teachers then discuss and reflect on what they have observed. We have been observing the children at play and an underlying theme in their play is the subject of power. This power can take the form of "super power", "magical power", or real power such as the power of rattle snake venom, the power of a lion, or the power of their muscles. We are interested in seeing where this interest in power leads the children and how we as teachers we can facilitate their knowledge of power in its' many forms.

We look forward to a great term.  
Amy, Heidi and Marsha

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## Seals

Our Winter term has begun, somewhat blustery outside but still an oasis in our room. We have welcomed several new children. We spent a week or so renewing relationships and remembering our routines and we're ready to dig into a term of discovery and fun!

After observing our group, we noticed a lot of children exploring blocks differently than where we left off in the Spring. One of the benefits of our Reggio Inspired program is that children stay with their group and teachers most of the time. This lets us explore more deeply into topics of interest over a longer time. When we left off in Spring, most children were exploring velocity and trajectory in the block area. We started there but soon noticed that the interest had shifted into building structure for the wood channels rather than the act of making things move. We transplanted our marbleworks to our "up" shelf, as the children call it, and opened up our block area, adding another supply of blocks and some variety shapes. Children have been building structures that are high and wide. We've taken some photos of their structures and have created a "Block Project Book" that is living on the block shelf. This lets children look back on what they have done and supports extension of their work. Some of the older children are beginning to document and even plan out a structure in drawing.



We've also seen some more purposeful use of clay to create structures and representations. Again, this is building on experiences from last Spring. Giving children enough time to thoroughly explore a material allows them to progress to the next steps.



Our younger group may still be a bit on the periphery of these activities but that gives them the chance to learn by observation. In addition to our focused projects, we've had plenty of sensory play such as water and sand. We also noticed the interest in the home play at the end of the term; it seemed a little crowded at times. We've extended it by creating the Imagine Aerie Annex on the other side of the room. The area by the door will remain a place the younger

children can enjoy playing family while the Annex will allow a changing environment to explore community activities such as a grocery store and animal hospital.

We are going to be participating in a campus wide Art Show early in Spring term. We are working on several projects. Some children are doing watercolor paintings. Some are working in wire and some are building sculptures. Some are working on a group canvas painting project. The group canvas is layers of paint atop layers of paint with photographs of the way it looks as it unfolds. The children notice bits of their work that has been partially covered by next layers; it's a representation of how children scaffold one skill upon another as they grow.

We would like to invite you to join us on a Dance Studio adventure for this term's family involvement activity. We are finalizing the date and time. You can either meet us here and walk over or meet us at the Dance Studio over in the PE building. We've chosen this activity because we want to support active play as a vital part of children's healthy lives. Also, it's a lot of fun to throw giant balls, fling scarves and watch it all in the mirror wall! More details to come.

As always, we couldn't be who we are without our amazing children and families. Thank you for sharing a bit of your lives and hearts with us!



Chris, Karyn and Nipa

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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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