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Our Mission

The Winston Prouty Center for Child Development provides inclusive education and family support to promote the success of children and families.

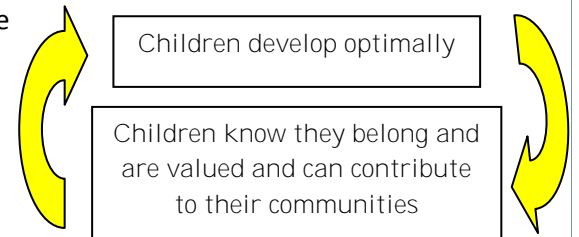
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Note from Chloe Learey, Executive Director

Strategic Plan and the Building

Our Strategic Plan is proving to be a living breathing document that is driving our work. The document is a one page logic model showing our ultimate outcome and the steps we plan to take to help make it happen. Our ultimate outcome is illustrated to the right, and the two elements combine to make one inter-dependent outcome. One cannot happen without the other.



The four goals we identified to work on for now to achieve that outcome are:

- More families have access to quality early education opportunities
- More early childhood professionals are inclusive and practice best teaching methods and develop individualized plans for kids
- More families are competent and confident and able to advocate for their child's optimal development
- More families with children with special needs are able to participate in the community

The plan is on display in the Main Office if you would like to see it.

We have identified strategies to accomplish those goals. Some of the strategies, such as having an infant classroom and creating space for all CIS staff to be on site, rely on having more space, and we have a Building Committee actively working on plans.

Building Plans

The Board of Directors recently voted to complete the first design phase of the plan with Donald Sherefkin as architect. Part of completing this phase will include getting more input from people about how they use the building as a way to inform the design beyond just space requirements. For instance, how often do teachers access the storage closets and why? How often does CIS staff have spontaneous meetings and where do they happen? Where do families end up chatting with one another most? What are the spaces children seem most drawn to and why? These types of questions will help the design support the work we do and how we interact with space and one another. Donald will be talking directly with staff, families and Board members and may do a survey as well. Please stay tuned for details on how to contribute to the process. We greatly appreciate feedback and know that we will build a better Center by having input from many people.

We plan to complete this phase of design within 6 to 8 weeks so that Design Development can begin, and it may be possible for us to consider construction in 2014 if all the pieces come together. This is a very ambitious goal! We hold it as a vision for which to strive, understanding that it may be idealistic and knowing that by holding the bar high and believing in what is possible it is more likely to become real. We look forward to sharing the journey with you as it unfolds.

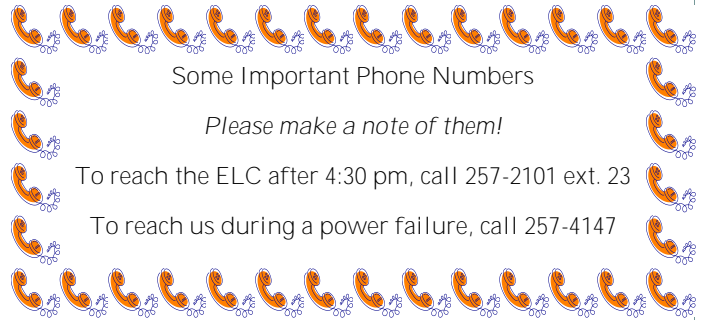
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Wish List

- Boppy cushion
- A double stroller
- Size 2-4T boys clothes
- Size 3T girls clothes



Some Important Phone Numbers
Please make a note of them!

To reach the ELC after 4:30 pm, call 257-2101 ext. 23
To reach us during a power failure, call 257-4147



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Community Page

If you know of an event that may be of interest to the Prouty community, please email ann@winstonprouty.org with details. Thanks!



The 2013 Brattleboro Buddy Walk will begin at 10am on October 5th.

Adults: \$12 Children 1-12 years \$5 Children <1 free.

"Brattleboro Buddy Walk" is a sole proprietorship to promote inclusion for individuals with developmental disabilities and donations are NOT tax deductible.

Proceeds from this year's Brattleboro Buddy Walk will go toward developing an inclusive community center in Brattleboro VT. This center is planned to be established as an inclusive drop-in center for people with disabilities and all interested community members. It will offer classes, socialization and recreation for everyone. The Center will be participant focused and led.

This is not a fundraiser for the Winston Prouty Center.

For more information, please go to www.brattleborobuddywalk.org.



Fall Into Art



Windham Child Care Association's third annual "Fall Into Art" benefit will be held on Friday, Oct. 25 at All Souls Church in West Brattleboro. This year the event will be a silent auction with artwork by over 50 adult artists featured, including potters, woodworkers, glass-blowers, painters, photographers and more. Their work will be displayed alongside framed art by young children in local child care programs. Live music, light food, beer and wine make this a fun way to support Windham County's children and families. Visit www.windhamchildcare.org to see the list of contributing artists, view the art, access artist forms, buy tickets and more.

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News from CIS

Stephanie Thompson, who has been a Developmental Educator with CIS/EI since August of 2011, has announced that she will be leaving Prouty at the beginning of

October to pursue her career as a COTA (Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant). She will be working with school-aged children as well as geriatric patients. We wish her good luck as she follows her dreams!

Joanne Shaw celebrated her 20 year anniversary at Prouty on September 14!

Congratulations and Thank You!!



Sally and Terrill attended a Breastfeeding Symposium called "The Secrets of Baby Behavior." Sponsored by the Vermont Department of Health, the Vermont Breastfeeding Network and the Vermont Lactation Consultant Association, the training focused on reading an infant's cues and understanding an infant's normal sleep patterns and the six infant states of arousal and awareness (Quiet Alert, Active Alert, Crying, Drowsiness, Quiet Sleep and Active Sleep) to help address parents' misinterpretation of infant behavior that may lead to early breastfeeding cessation.

Early Intervention staff will be attending a training (sponsored by State-wide EI and EEE) focused on recent revisions to the Special Education Part C (birth to age 3) and Part B rules.

Mary has just received approval as a Specialist II Instructor in Vermont's Northern Lights Instructor Registry.



Wish List

We are always on the lookout for quality, gently used baby

 items such as slings, front carriers, backpacks, safety gates

 and breastfeeding pillows.

Resources

State-wide community resources	Vermont 2-1-1	2-1-1	www.vermont211.org
Child care referrals and resources	Windham Child Care Association	802-254-2887	www.windhamchildcare.org
WIC	Vermont Department of Health	802-257-2880	www.healthvermont.gov
Mental health and substance abuse services	Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS)	1-888-888-5144	www.hcrs.org
Housing and other services for people in poverty	Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)	802-254-2795	www.sevca.org
New Moms Network (Dawn Kersula, MA, RN)	Brattleboro Memorial Hospital	802-257-8278	E-mail: dkersula@bmhvt.org www.bmhvt.org
Local event listings and information	Parent Express	603-352-1234	www.sentinelsource.com/parent-express/

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Apple Picking



Work Day and Cider Pressing Party

Parents, children and friends joined us on Saturday morning, September 28, to work in our gardens and press cider. We dug a bed for a flower garden across the front of our building, cleaned out the very healthy and BIG weeds from our parking lot circle, and spread composted manure on our vegetable garden. We took a break from our work to press cider with a wooden cider press using apples that the EL3 class gathered on a recent field trip to Green Mountain Orchards. The weather was beautiful, the cider absolutely delicious and the workers were enthusiastic. As one person said at the end of the day: "This kind of community day is a special gift to all who participate." Thank you to everyone!

~Lynn Wetterhorn, EL3 Teacher



Fire Safety

October is National Fire Safety Month. To establish a safe environment, check smoke alarms on every floor and replace batteries once a year if needed. Check fire extinguishers on all floors, and know how to use them: pull the pin, squeeze the trigger and sweep from side to side. Teach the children if their clothing catches on fire, to stop, drop and roll. Be aware of exit signs, escape routes, and know how to test doors, knobs, frame, and use the back of the hands. Be alert to three fire detection devices: smoke, heat, and flame. Smoke rises, which can make you choke, but cleaner air is closer to the floor, so crawl low. Participate in monthly fire drills. Children with disabilities need easy access to their equipment at all time. Make sure their wheel chairs are easily accessible, and crutches are close by in case of an emergency. Pass the child off to another person in an emergency.

~Alfred A Hughes, Jr.



At Prouty, we hold monthly fire drills.

The alarm is startling and loud, but the children do so well with getting outside and meeting on the field near the garden. We try to hold the drills at different times during the day so everyone can get used to going outside right when the alarm sounds—even if shoes are off or snack is waiting on the table!



Members of the Brattleboro Fire Department will be visiting the ELC on Tuesday, October 8 from 10-11. The kids get a chance to see the firefighters up close, with and without their gear. Then they get to climb onto the fire truck!



Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871. According to popular legend, the fire broke out after a cow - belonging to Mrs. Catherine O'Leary - kicked over a lamp, setting first the barn, then the whole city on fire. However, recent research has helped to debunk this version of events.

In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The President of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a national observance during that week every year since 1925.

Each year, there is a different theme. This year's is "Prevent Kitchen Fires" and you can find ideas for activities and more information at www.fpw.org.



The Center closes at 3:30 on the first Wednesday of each month for Staff Meeting.



Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate
 The first one said, "Oh, my it's getting late."
 The second one said, "There are witches in the air."
 The third one said, "But we don't care!"
 The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run."
 The fifth one said, "I'm ready for some fun!"
 Wooooo, went the wind
 And out went the light
 And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight!

October Happenings

National Down Syndrome Awareness Month
 LGBT History Month

October 6-12: National Fire Prevention Week

- 5 World Teacher Day
- 14 Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day
- 26 Make a Difference Day
- 31 Halloween

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November 6: Center CLOSED at 3:30 for Staff Meeting
 November 8 & 11: ELC CLOSED for Parent Conferences/
 Home Visits

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Skylar is 3! Happy B-day, Kim!	2 Center Closes at 3:30 for Staff Meeting	3	4	5
6 Ryder is 1!	7	8	9 James is 2! Wesley L is 2!	10	11 Joshua is 3!	12
13 Everett is 2! Eli is 2! Mikayla is 5!	14	15	16	17 Arya is 3!	18	19
20	21	22	23 Paisley is 1! Corey is 2!	24 Happy B-day, Ylan!	25	26
27 Ryan is 3!	28	29	30 Tyler is 5!	31  Happy B-day, Jocelyn!		