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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

News From The Board

We are pleased to welcome 3 new Board members since June of this year.

- * **Sue Dyer** worked at Early Education Services for 22 years, most recently as the Parent Involvement Manager, and has experience with a variety of community organizations.
- * **Kathy Emerson** is a Deputy Director of Head Start programs with Save the Children. She has worked for many years with children and families (and the staff that support them) including as the CIS Coordinator for the Prouty Center.
- * **Frederic Noyes** is a videographer and a parent of young children, among other talents. He has experience in early education, including at an inclusive program Syracuse.

Get on Board

We are excited to be participating in a program run by Marlboro Graduate Center called "Get on Board Windham County (http://gradschool.marlboro.edu/academics/nonprofit/board_trainings/)." This is a program that supports Board development by connecting community members ages 25 to 44 who are interested in learning about non-profit Boards. People participating in the program are called Fellows and they join the Board as non-voting members for 10 months. During that time they participate in meetings and committee work, and also do workshops through the program. We assign a Board member to be a Mentor, and Jon Neurock, our Treasurer, has volunteered to serve in that role. Each participating organization is assigned 2 Fellows, and we are being joined by the following individuals:

- * **Autumn Kendall** graduated from Johnson State College with a BA in anthropology and sociology and a certificate in nonprofit management. She is currently a business manager and is seeking a meaningful career path which could tap into her interests and skills.
- * **Meredith Anton** is a journalist and nonfiction writer based in West Dover who has written for many publications including the Brattleboro Reformer and The Commons. She has also been a college teacher, and recently served as the Hospitality Coordinator for the Brattleboro Literary Festival.

Committees

We have 2 committees forming that are open to people in the community who are interested in working on projects for Prouty.

Taste of the Town -- this will be the 25th Taste of the Town, and it is our grand finale for this event! We want it to make a bigger splash than usual and we need help to make that happen. If you like planning parties, organizing events, getting donations, or decorating among other things this will be a lot of fun.

Capital Campaign – we will be raising money to build the addition and an initial group is meeting to make a plan for implementing a capital campaign. This group will be doing research and creating a framework and timeline for the campaign, as well as identifying and approaching people who might be interested in implementing the plan.

Please get in touch with me (257-7852 x11, chloe@winstonprouty.org) if you would like to hear more about either of these projects.

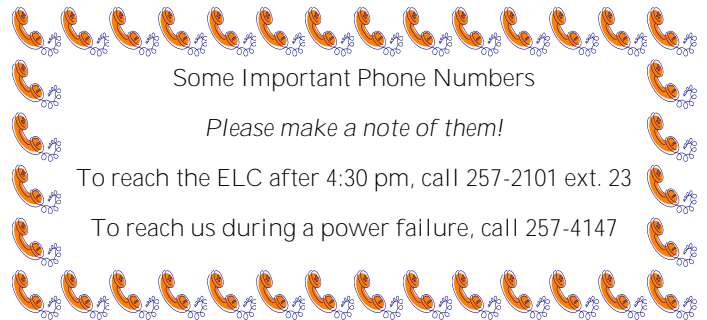
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Wish List

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



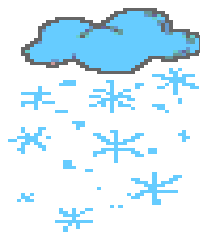
Some Important Phone Numbers
Please make a note of them!

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



Find us on [Facebook!](#)

For Center closings or delays tune in to:
WTSA 96.7FM, 1450AM,online @ www.wtsa.net
WKTV 92.7FM, 1490AM, online @ www.wkvt.com



Please note the phone # to use in case of power failure:
802-257-4147

It's that time of year again when we might close due to weather. We generally try to stay open as much as possible. Please note that we do NOT follow the school schedule, since we do not have the same transportation or required attendance concerns. It is not always an easy call to make, and if you feel unsafe, it is best to stay home, even if the center is open. It is possible that we may remain open and then decide to close early. As always, please make sure we have your updated contact information !
[Decisions are typically made by 6:30am](#)

Management Team

Chloe Learey, Executive Director
Ann Linge, Office Manager
Alissa Bourque, ELC Coordinator
Alison Wheeler, CIS Coordinator
Mary Coogan, Early Interventionist

Board of Trustees

David Dunn (President)	Kathy Emerson
Karen Henry (Vice President)	Heather Golding
Jon Neurock (Treasurer)	Ian Kelley
Sarah Nohl (Secretary)	Frederic Noyes
Sue Dyer	Liz Richards, MD

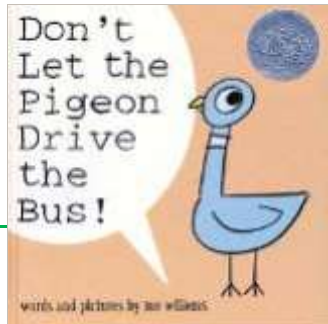


It's time for our Annual Appeal!
While this is one of our largest fund-raisers, it is also an opportunity for us to share our accomplishments of the year and celebrate our wonderful staff, programs, and families.

Community Page

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

The Eric Carle
Museum of
Picture Book Art



In The East Gallery

Seriously Silly: A Decade of Art and Whimsy by Mo Willems

June 22, 2013 - February 23, 2014

Seriously Silly: a Decade of Art & Whimsy by Mo Willems marks 10 years of the artist creating picture books. IN this time Willems has emerged as one of the leading figures in the genre. Comprising nearly 100 works, the exhibition surveys the full range of his prolific output from the award-winning Knuffle Bunny series to Elephant and Piggie.

Support for *Seriously Silly: a Decade of Art & Whimsy by Mo Willems* has been generously provided by Disney Publishing Worldwide.

BRINGING THE FARM TO SCHOOL
Growing healthy children & communities

- \$354,599,266** in school food dollars was invested in local communities in the 2011-2012 school year.
 - That's a lot of fresh money!
- 38,629 schools** are buying local foods for the school cafeteria.
 - Money invested in agriculture has a positive economic impact on rural and urban communities.
- 56% of schools** say they will buy more local food in the future.
 - Recent growth in rural plant-based proteins, grains, meat, poultry and eggs.
- 21,008,254 students** are learning to make lifelong healthy eating choices.
 - With farm to school programs, kids are more likely to eat their fruits and vegetables and try new, healthy foods.

Local foods span the school meal tray:

- 30% Fruit
- 29% Grains
- 15% Poultry
- 9% Dairy
- 7% Eggs

Healthy habits take root: Beyond serving local foods at mealtimes, schools are planting gardens, visiting farms and turning the cafeteria into a classroom.

THE FARM TO SCHOOL CENSUS

The department has coordinated an effort to help school programs track their progress and an estimated 12,000 public school districts across the country. Agriculture is a vital food source responsible for a total resource need of over 80%.

HUNGRY FOR MORE?
www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/census/

Theatre Adventure Fashion Show:

“Putting on our Finery.”



Friday, November 15th @ 7pm

West Village Meeting House

29 South St. Brattleboro, VT

Featuring our own Susan Mandell

with Alfred Hughes Jr. as the

Master of Ceremonies!

Come support inclusive theater as they celebrate their 10th anniversary! The evening will include live music, fabulous fashions, delectable desserts and wild and zany surprises!

Audience members are invited to attend in your own splashy finery. Come be part of a fashionable, cheering, and rambunctious event!

Tickets: \$10, \$15, \$20, \$25, \$50— your choice in support of NEYT’s inclusive theater program. Tickets include an amazing array of fine desserts.

Event Sponsors:

Vermont Children’s Trust Foundation,
Green River, and Brattleboro Ford-Subaru

WVMH is wheel chair accessible.

An ASL interpreter will be present as well.



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Volunteer: Teddi Tucci			

News from CIS

Mary, Jocelyn, and Jillsen will be attending a training on November 7th, in Hartford, CT.

The Power of Play:

“Effective Play-based Therapy and Early Intervention”



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.



We have a family who lost their belongings and home in a fire and now have a new place but need help getting some home essential items! They are looking for the following:

- *Couch and/or Recliner
- *Queen or Full Sized Bed
- *Sheets for Queen or Full
- *Towels
- *Kitchen Table & Chairs
- *Dishes, Pots, Pans

If you have any of the items above or something else you would like to donate, please speak with Alissa or Angela. Thank You!

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/

Early Learning Center

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Floaters: Kathy Wright, Lyn Call., Martha Rath

Non-Teaching Staff

Liz Martin

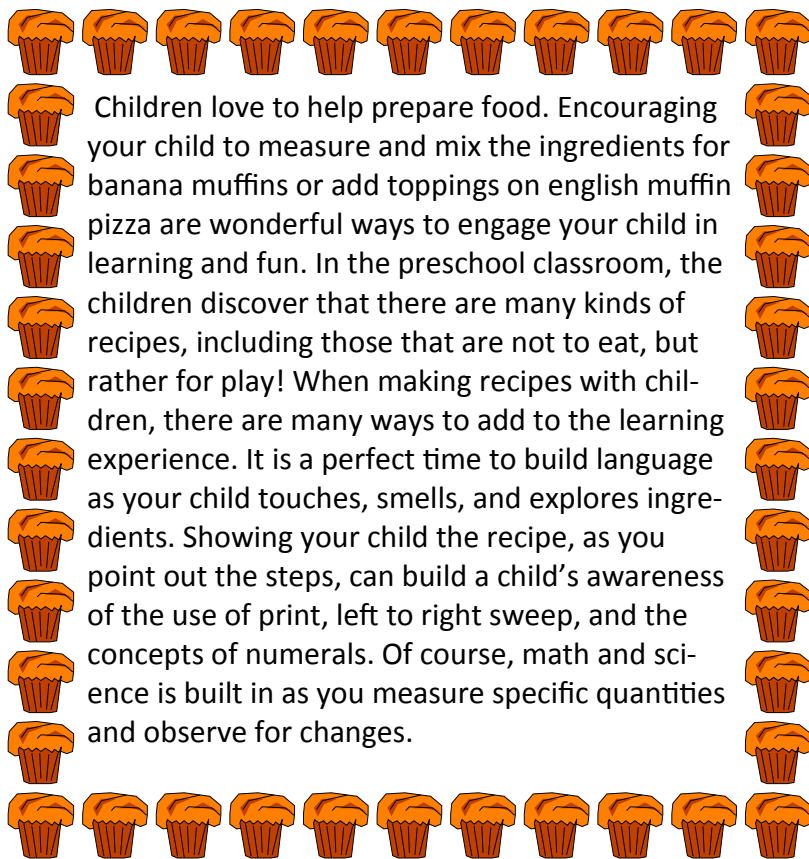
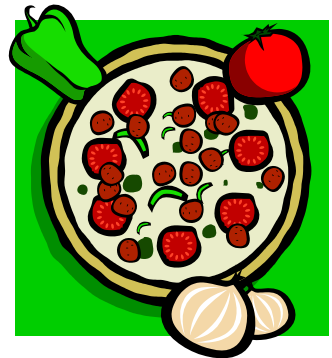
Miles Shaw

Volunteers

Dora Ferrante

Susan Mandell

..Cooking with Kids..



Children love to help prepare food. Encouraging your child to measure and mix the ingredients for banana muffins or add toppings on english muffin pizza are wonderful ways to engage your child in learning and fun. In the preschool classroom, the children discover that there are many kinds of recipes, including those that are not to eat, but rather for play! When making recipes with children, there are many ways to add to the learning experience. It is a perfect time to build language as your child touches, smells, and explores ingredients. Showing your child the recipe, as you point out the steps, can build a child's awareness of the use of print, left to right sweep, and the concepts of numerals. Of course, math and science is built in as you measure specific quantities and observe for changes.



Here are a few favorite art and science recipes from the EL4 classroom:

GLUPPER

1 cup white glue

2 cups water

food coloring (I use coloring paste for cake decorating, Michaels has this!)

1 ½ teaspoon borax powder

*Borax is a laundry soap and can be found at the Brattleboro Food Co-op and some grocery stores.)



Slimy and fun, your child will thank you for being brave enough to make this! *Combine the white glue, 1 cup of water and the food coloring and stir until blended. In a separate bowl mix 1 cup very warm water with 1 1/2 teaspoons borax powder. This part is an adult job! Stir until dissolved.

Slowly pour the borax mixture into the glue mixture and stir constantly for 2 minutes. It will be hard to stir as it gets “clumpy.” After 2 minutes, use your hands to knead the sticky glupper until it is smooth and stretchy. Store in an airtight container.

*****Note, please wear a smock/old t shirt when playing this as it will stick to clothing. Also, it is definitely not for hair, so please supervise and enjoy!

Favorite Play dough

If you have never made your own play dough, you are in for a treat! This is soft and so soothing! Add a drop or two of essential oils or spices if you would like an extra sensory treat! You will need the following ingredients: 2 cups plain all purpose flour, 2 tablespoons vegetable oil, 1/2 cup salt, 2 tablespoons cream of tartar (buy in bulk spice section at the co-op), 1 1/2 cups boiling water (adding more in increments if needed), and a few drops of glycerine (optional-adds more shine!)

METHOD– Mix the flour, salt, cream of tartar and oil in a large mixing bowl. Next, add the boiling water stirring continuously until it becomes a sticky, combined dough. Add food coloring and glycerine (both optional). Allow it to cool down then take it out of the bowl and knead it vigorously for a couple of

Quick and Easy Ornament Clay



These are BETTER than the salt dough ornaments!!

Mix the following ingredients, and when it is cool to the touch, it is ready to use! Use a flat plate to press the dough (it might stick to a rolling pin.) Cut the shapes with cookie cutters and if you have rubber stamps, you can use **them to press into the soft clay before baking.** Don't forget to use a **thin** straw or paper clip to make a hole in the top so you can add string to hang it later!

1/2 cup cornstarch * Bake at 175 degrees until dry, flipping over from
 1 cup baking soda time to time
 3/4 cup water



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



ALL School Feast & All School Sing
Wednesday Nov. 27
 More Info to come !

November Happenings

Native American Heritage Month
National Homeless Youth Awareness Month

- 10 National Heroes Day
- 11 Veterans Day
- 21 National Adoption Day
- 28 Thanksgiving



Don't forget to change your clocks BACK as Day-light Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 3.

Upcoming Events:

- November 6: Center CLOSED at 3:30 for Staff Meeting
- November 8 & 11: ELC CLOSED for Parent Conferences/ Home Visits
- November 28 & 29 Center CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday

November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Sonya is 3!	2
3 Juniper is 3!	4	5	6 Center Closes at 3:30 for Staff Meeting	7	8 ELC CLOSED for Conferences	9
10	11 Michael is 2! ELC CLOSED for Conferences	12	13 Robert is 1!	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Happy B-Day Jillsen!	21	22 Abigail is 2!	23
24 Peyton is 4!	25	26	27 All School Feast! 11-12:30 pm	28 Center CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday	29	30