

The Prouty Voice

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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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WE VALUE....

Inclusion

We believe children, families and staff benefit from participating in an environment where everyone feels they belong, where every effort is made to accommodate differences and individual needs, and where everyone's uniqueness is celebrated.

Learning

We believe in fostering a culture of learning. We support children in learning how to be fully themselves. We support families learning how to provide the support, love and education their children need. We support our staff learning diverse methodologies, and experimenting in the classroom and in the community, in an effort to get the best possible result with each child. We never want to assume we have the answers. We want to be in the practice of learning in every moment.

Collaboration

We believe in the power of groups to find solutions individuals cannot. We are committed to investing the time and resources necessary to work with our community partners and our kids' families to ensure that every child has access to the tools they need to thrive.

Persistence

We believe that there is hope for every child and for every family. We are committed to continuously searching for solutions to the most stubborn challenges, to empower families.

Administration

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The Winston Prouty Center is currently looking for a compost bin that we could use for our gardens.

Please contact Angela at
802-257-2101 ext. 10 or
angela@winstonprouty.org

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



Board of Trustees

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Management Team

Chloe Learey, Executive Director
Lisa Whitney, Director of Operations
Alison Wheeler, CIS Coordinator
Mary Coogan, Early Interventionist

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!

24TH ANNUAL KEENE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 18th

Noon till 8:30pm

Downtown Keene New Hampshire

Rain or Shine but let's hope for shine :)

Find more info at pumpkinfestival2014.org



From Resistance to Cooperation: What Punishment ("giving consequences") is Really Teaching Our Children

Parenting Workshop with Bonnie Harris:

Saturday October 18, 10am - 4pm at Hilltop Montessori School

\$75 per person, \$125 per couple

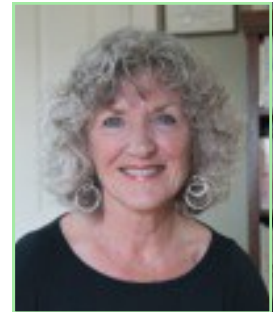
To reserve a spot call 802.257.0500

Bring a bag lunch.

When children misbehave, they are not *being* a problem; they are *having* a problem. When we punish the behavior, we increase their problem and miss the reason for the misbehavior.

In this workshop, parent educator, author, counselor, and child behavior specialist, Bonnie Harris, will show you what punishment does teach and how to gain your child's respect, consideration, and cooperation.

You will learn ways to connect with the root of the behavior, communicate in ways that create healthy boundaries, and use problem solving instead of punishment so children learn to think for themselves, make good decisions, and take responsibility.



BONNIE HARRIS
CONNECTIVE PARENTING

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Volunteer: Teddi Tucci

News from Community Services:

The Children's Integrated Services program at The Winston Prouty Center is a resource for families when they have questions or concerns about their child's development during pregnancy, infancy and early childhood. CIS was created by the state of Vermont to help ensure the success of children and families through early supports and services. CIS is open to all families.

***There are currently 71 children enrolled in the CIS/EI program
*13 new referrals for the month of September in CIS/EI.**



Sending warm thoughts and well wishes to Terrill, one of our CIS nurses.

Jillsen, one of our developmental educators, will be attending a Newborn Behavioral Observation training through the Brazelton Institute this month!



Resources

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| State-wide community resources | Vermont 2-1-1 | 2-1-1 | www.vermont211.org |
| Child care referrals and resources | Windham Child Care Association | 802-254-5332 | 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

802-257-2101

Teaching Staff

EL1: Susan Heimer, Lyn Call

EL2: Katrina Irish, Maggie Sullivan, Martha Rath

EL3: Ana Williams, Kim Jacques, Alfred Hughes Jr.

EL4: Ylan Roy, Amy Fulton

Floaters: Kathy Wright, Michelle Goodwin

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Ext. 22 ana@winstonprouty.org

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Non-Teaching Staff

Liz Martin

Volunteers

Susan Mandell

Fall Fun with EL2



Many of the EL2 families were able to attend the field trip to the apple orchard which made it possible for assistant teacher Maggie Sullivan to take some beautiful photos!

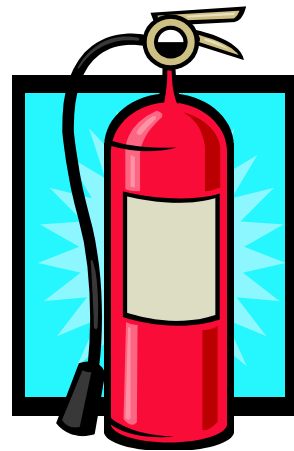


Fire Safety

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. 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, frames, 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 times. Make sure their wheel chairs are easily accessible, and crutches are close by in case of an emergency. ~Alfred A Hughes, Jr.

Check fire extinguishers and know how to use them!

1. PULL the pin
2. SQUEEZE the trigger
3. SWEEP from side to side



Here at Prouty we hold monthly fire drills, usually the alarm is pulled which can be startling and very loud but we also have begun practicing fire drills using verbal commands, such as “Fire Emergency-Evacuate the Building”. It is important that we practice both ways because sometimes you see smoke or fire first before you hear the alarm.

The children get in a line with their classroom and walk out the building and around to the trees near the garden. If families are here during a fire drill, please just follow your child’s class outside. It really only takes about 2 minutes!

Thank you for your help :)



Members of the Brattleboro Fire Department will be visiting the ELC on Tuesday, October 7 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!



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

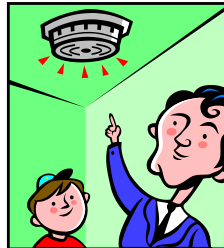
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER the Center will close at 3:00 Wednesday Oct. 1st for a special workshop from 3:00-6:00pm.



October Happenings

National Fire Prevention Month
National Art & Humanities Month
Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Oct 1st ALL Staff Mtg– Center closes at 3:00pm
Oct 8th & 9th School Photo Days
Oct 15th & 22nd ELC Open House
Oct 31st Halloween





Upcoming
Events:

November 5: Center Closes at 3:30 for All Staff meeting

November 10&11: ELC CLOSED for Parent Conferences/Home Visits

November 27&28: Center CLOSED for Thanksgiving

October 2014

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 Staff Meeting Center Closes at 3:00pm | 2 Sierra is ! | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 Ryder is 2! | 7  Fire Truck Visit 10-11am | 8 | 9 James is 3! Wesley is 3! | 10 Kali is 2! | 11 |
| 12 Jackson is 4! | 13 Everett is 3! | 14 | 15 OPEN HOUSE EL1 & EL2 5:15-6:45pm | 16 | 17 Jayden is 2! Arya is 4! | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Jace & Jewels are 2! OPEN HOUSE EL3 & EL4 5:15-6:45pm | 23 Paisley is 2! | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Happy Halloween!  | |