

# ***ECEC NEWSLETTER***

## ***SUMMER 2014***

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### ECEC Parents -

Welcome to one of the more beautiful seasons in Laramie (yes, we do have a couple of seasons!). As our summer program progresses, we will be participating in many fun, summer activities at our school as well as around the community. Some summer time activities that might be of interest to you and your family:

- Beautiful hikes around Vedauwoo or the Snowy Range mountains
- Laramie Jubilee Days activities (list included on last page of newsletter) July 5 - 13
- Cheyenne Frontier Days activities July 15-27
- Downtown Farmer's Market Fridays from 3-7 pm
- LOCO Farmer's Market at Undine Park Thursdays from 4-7 pm
- Tour the Historic Laramie Territorial Prison
- Huck Finn Fishing Derby July 20th

Regardless of what you choose to do on your free days, we hope that you have a wonderful summer. Please feel free to also spend some time with us for the many events and field trips that your child's classroom has planned. The summer will go quickly, but we are hoping to enjoy each and every moment with your children!

*-Mark*

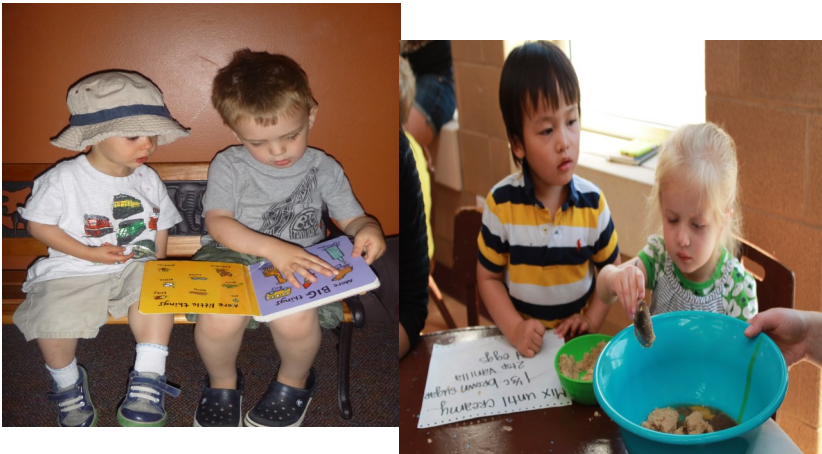


### ***INFANT CLASSROOM:***

The Infant Room has been exploring many different materials from our natural environment! We have explored water, pinecones, pine needles, grass, rocks and tree stumps. Water has been the children's main focus these past few weeks and they have enjoyed exploring it in many different ways using a variety of tools. One of their favorite water activities include scooping and pouring water in to the gutters on the water wall and then watching it move through the different sections of the wall, then doing it all over again. Another favorite activity is exploring water using sponges. The children are enthralled with the way the water drips out of the sponges when lifted out of the water, as well as when they squeeze it out using their hands. We plan to continue to support their interest with water throughout the summer, as well as their interest in buses and trucks. We plan to also include some different sensory experiences with dirt and flour throughout the next month.



## TODDLER 1: CHRISTY



As the weather changes and gets warmer we are enjoying spending a majority of our time exploring our surrounding community. Thus far we have visited the UW track, tree area around the track, and Prexy's Pasture. While on these adventures the children spend their time hunting together for bunnies, bears, worms, and ants. If we just so happen to find any sort of wildlife, as a class we make sure to take extra care of one another as well the creatures we find. As the summer continues, we are looking forward to visiting the dinosaur museum and UW football field.

## TODDLER 2: SHAILA

The children in Toddler 2 have many different interests. They are beginning to discover who they are and what they enjoy doing. As teachers we are observing what they are doing in the classroom and making connections between their activities and trying to understand what they are interested in and why they may be showing interest in those activities and objects. Right now the children are showing strong interest in dramatic play and dinosaurs. Throughout the summer we will be adding and exchanging dress-up clothes and other props to the classroom so the children can further explore taking on different roles and acting out different characters. They enjoy acting out playing dinosaurs. They especially like to roar and stomp like dinosaurs. We hope to foster both of these interests and any other interests the children may show this summer.



## PRESCHOOL 1: JACLYN



Many emerging interests have surfaced in P1 this summer! The interest that keeps resurfacing is experimentation with light and shadows. Our first observation of the kid's interest in lights and shadows came when the children were using flashlights to look through jars. The experiment quickly turned into looking at what types of shadows we could make with our bodies! This led us to try tracing shadows of our bodies on large paper and then decorating them with natural materials.

Since tracing our own shadows, we have used the overhead to look at transparent shapes projected on the wall, shadows of felt animals/people/cars etc., and shadows of cup structures! We are excited to keep experimenting with the different things we can learn about the effect that light has on creating different types of shadows/projections!

## *PRESCHOOL 2: ADINA*

We are in full summer mode and loving it! We are spending as much time as we can outdoors playing, exploring and learning. Some of our favorite activities are sidewalk chalk, digging in the sandbox and taking indoor activities outdoors. We have also talked about bugs and spend outdoor time looking for bugs and worms. Mud day was a huge (and messy) hit!

We really enjoy taking field trips. We have gone to the UW track and to the concerts at the Simpson Plaza on campus. We will continue to take many field trips throughout the summer.

We have also welcomed two interns to our classroom. Taylor and Casey are both doing a great job and will each be taking on the lead teacher role for four weeks. We hope to have many fabulous adventures this summer!



## *SCHOOL-AGE: KRISTA*



This summer in the school age room we have a lot going on. We want to keep the kids busy and engaged. Each week we like to plan one science project, one cooking project, and one planned group game. Throughout the week we complete multiple art projects. We also go on a field trip every afternoon. Be sure to check emails and weekly news letters for more information on upcoming field trips and projects.





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## LARAMIE JUBILEE DAYS July 5-13, 2014

### Enjoy Laramie's Hometown Celebration with Activities Throughout the Week!

#### Friday, July 4th

Freedom Has a Birthday—Washington Park

#### Saturday, July 5th

9 AM Kids Horse Show, Albany County Fairgrounds

#### Sunday, July 6th

10 AM Ranch Rodeo, Albany County Fairgrounds

#### Wednesday, July 9th

7 PM Junior Bull Riding, Albany County Fairgrounds

#### Thursday, July 10th

11-2 PM Wyoming State Celebration, Wyoming Territorial Prison State Historic Site\*

6-10 PM Live Music, Downtown Laramie

7 PM Mr. T Extreme Bull Riding, Albany County Fairgrounds

10:30-Midnight Sean Curtis, Live Music, Downtown Laramie

#### Friday, July 11th

6-9 AM Jeff Thompson Pancake Breakfast hosted by DLBA, North Depot Park, Downtown Laramie\*

7 AM PRCA Rodeo Slack, Albany County Fairgrounds

3 PM Farmer's Market, Downtown Laramie\*

Maurice's Fashion Show, Downtown Laramie\*

3-6 PM The Flashbacks, Live Music, Downtown Laramie Stage

6:30 PM PRCA Rodeo Performance, Albany County Fairgrounds

6:30-8:45 PM Barely Gettin' By, Live Music, Downtown Laramie

9:15-Midnight Sean Curtis, Live Music, Downtown Laramie

#### Saturday, July 12th

10 AM Parade, Downtown Laramie

11 AM Hits 106 Chili Cook-off, Downtown Laramie\*

11 AM-3 PM Laramie Cowbells BBQ, Downtown Laramie\*

ACPE Ice Cream Social, Ace Parking Lot

Rotary Horseshoe Tournament, Washington Park

12-2:30 PM Live Music to be announced, Downtown Laramie Stage

12-11 PM Carnival, Downtown Laramie

1-6 PM Downtown Laramie Brew Fest, North Depot Park, Downtown Laramie\*

1 PM Queens Luncheon, Hilton Garden Inn & UW Conference Center

3-5:30 PM Roustabouts, Live Music, Downtown Laramie Stage

6:30 PM PRCA Rodeo Performance, Albany County Fairgrounds

#### Sunday, July 13th

10 AM-3 PM Jubilee Fest on the Iverson Lawn, Laramie Plains Museum\*

1 PM PRCA Rodeo Performance, Albany County Fairgrounds