



Spring Conference Recap

Check out [Issue 3.6](#) for some helpful phrasing, other newsletter links, and more!

It has been so wonderful taking time to sit down with some of you to discuss your children in particular and the program in general. Thank you to everyone who was able to have a conference; please remember that anyone is welcome to reach out at any time to schedule one and that we will be offering another round during the Fall semester.

It is always very helpful to us to get to know what parents are experiencing outside of school with our students. As all of us know, early childhood is a unique time full of wonder and plenty of frustrations! One of the main advantages of having your children in a program like ours is the practice they get with very high social expectations.

That being said, it is typical that much of the impressive maturity we get to see at school takes more time to translate into the safe place of family and home. We hope that our newsletters, daily check-ins, and conferences help provide families with some resources to encourage these skills outside of school.

We feel so privileged to work with families that prioritize their children. The thoughtfulness of

the parents' reflections on their children shared in the conferences were very balanced. While all of our students are of course incredibly sweet, we are glad that the families recognize areas in which they would like to challenge and encourage growth for their children.

At this stage of development, it is important to look at all of it as a series of experiments; just because something sometimes works does not mean that it always will, try different tactics, note what's not working and try something different, go back and try something that did not work a few weeks ago, reach out to other parents for new ideas, different caregivers will have different styles and if they are effective for them that is ok!!

We know that it is more work to have your student prepared to attend an outdoor program. It seems everyone truly values what a unique opportunity it is to have such young children outside so much!

Thank you to all of you who take on the efforts to label, clean, and pack everything that our students need to be successful in all kinds of weather. The parent Facebook group seems to be a great way for you all to share thoughts, ideas and we have loved how many items are being handed down and shared through school, keep it up!

Field Day!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Saturday, April 23

Field Day: 2-4 pm Fund Fest: 5-7 pm

Our family field day and Fund Fest event is quickly approaching and we need your help! We need more volunteers for field day from 1:30-4:30 and the Fund Fest from 4:30-7:30. You can sign up for time slots during either or both of these events to help with various things.

[Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

The field day portion is open to Pisgah Collective families and their friends while the Fund Fest is open to the public!

Please help spread the word!!



FUND FEST!

FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

5-7 PM

LIVE MUSIC WITH WEST FORK FIASCO

FOOD & DRINKS!

ROBIN HOOD BARN SHERWOOD FOREST CEDAR MOUNTAIN, NC

friends PISGAH COLLECTIVE



ROOTED AND SERVICE DAY

We are so grateful to those of you that were able to come participate in the launching of our RootEd grant projects as well as helping with many different service day tasks around the property! Thank you everyone!

Community Happenings

Kindergarten Readiness Rally

Thursday, April 7 from 4-6 p.m.

Join local kindergarten providers and other community partners for family fun, school registration information, and free resources at the Transylvania Recreation Department.

Natural Play Dates

Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

April 6, 20, 27 at Brevard Music Center

April 13 at Pisgah Ranger Station

This is a free natural play program for children ages 2-6 with their parent/caregiver! This will continue in May!

Important Dates

- **CLOSED: Spring Break**
April 11-18 (re-open Tuesday)
- **Field Day + Fund Fest**
Saturday, April 23
- **Summer Paperwork/Deposits DUE: April 29**
- **SY 22-23 Paperwork/Deposits DUE: May 11**
- **Appalachian Heritage Day**
Saturday, May 14
Be on the lookout for more info!!
- **Last Day of Spring Semester**
Afternoons: Thursday, May 12
Mornings: Friday, May 20
- **Summer Sprouts (a.m.)**
June 6 - August 5
- **Summer Seedlings (p.m.)**
June 14 - July 28

**IT STARTS WITH US:
BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF CHANGE**

**SAT., APRIL 23, 2022
9AM - 1PM EST**

VIA ZOOM



NORTH CAROLINA'S



**EARLY CHILDHOOD
FAMILY LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE**



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THE FIRST 200 PARENTS TO REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE WILL RECEIVE A \$100 STIPEND TO ATTEND!

Spring Payment #4 Due:

Wednesday, April 6

Spring Payment #5 Due:

Wednesday, May 4

(morning sprouts & afternoon seedlings)