

EC3 Newsletter – 8/14/2020

The NEW EC3 Newsletter

We strive to provide information that is important to your family. To better serve you, we've decided to make some changes to the EC3 Newsletter as we know it. Instead, we will send a weekly email that simply highlights important reminders and upcoming events for the following week. Beginning in September, we will send a *monthly* e-newsletter with updates and pictures directly from the classrooms. These might include current learning themes, classroom events, and educational resources to help you get a glimpse of what your child(ren)'s day looks like at EC3. If you have ideas for other things you'd like to see, send a message to newsletter@ec3kids.org.

Should Your Child be at School or Home?

Figuring out whether or when to send your child(ren) to school or child care is complicated during a pandemic. Luckily, Emily Oster (author of ParentData blog) has worked closely with Maven Clinic to develop an interactive app that guides you through the process of deciding whether your child(ren) should be at school or at home. You can view her blog and the decision tool at <https://bit.ly/3fYpYim>.

Transition Notices

Early next week, parents of currently-enrolled children will receive the child's transition notice if they are moving to a new classroom in September. Our transition dates are September 14th – 16th. During this time, parents will still drop off and pick up in their current rooms. The teachers will make sure the kiddos get to their new room and back during the day. The schedule for transitions look like this:

- September 14th ~ 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
- September 15th ~ 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (approx.)
- September 16th ~ 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- September 17th ~ Drop off and pick up at the new room!

Parents may ask questions in the office or connect with their child's teacher if need be. Information packets from the teachers will be available in the new classroom.

Annual Forms Renewal

It's that time of the year! Parents of currently-enrolled children will soon receive an email from Enrollsy requiring the annual forms to be completed. Form renewal is a licensing requirement, so it is important that we get 100% participation. Forms to be renewed include parental permissions (including our new infectious disease waiver), health appraisals and immunization records, and food program enrollment. Hard copies of the health appraisal and food program enrollment forms are available in the office.

Weekend Family Fun

Easy Weekend Fun



There are still plenty of things to do in the Greater Lansing area while keeping safe. Has your family visited the River Trail lately? A staff member regularly sees deer and rabbits on her commute! You can also walk a scaled planet path through the solar system. Find out more at <https://bit.ly/3iAJS4I>.

Perhaps you haven't been to the zoo lately; did you know that a baby rhino was born at Potter Park Zoo?! Go for a stroll to see Jaali and the other amazing animals that live there. See more information here: www.potterparkzoo.org

If your family is a little more adventurous, you may want to try canoeing down the river. With canoe and kayak rentals in the heart of Lansing, you can't go wrong! No need to be an expert, they will teach you everything you need to know to have fun safely. Try <https://rivertownadventures.com/> or one of the Ingham County Parks (<https://bit.ly/31Oqvyn>) for more rental information.

Important Dates

- **Friday, 8/14:** Tuition/fee payments due
- **Sunday, 8/16:** Congratulations to **Bev Miller**, Program Director, and **Tristyn Burford**, Food Services Assistant, for three years at EC3!
- **Monday, 8/17:** Happy Birthday to **Ada Scott**, Dolphin teacher.
- **Monday, 8/17:** Congratulations to **Wanda Bancroft**, Bear teacher, for 20 years at EC3!
- **Thursday 8/20:** Happy Birthday to **Mercedes Steward**, Frog teacher

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