

## *EC3 Weekly News – September 4, 2020*

### *Safety First: Fire Drill*

On Thursday, we conducted a center-wide fire drill. All of the classrooms quietly filed outside to our safety spot in less than three (3) minutes! Have you talked with your family about a safety plan for your home? Teach your kiddos the sounds they might hear in an emergency and how to get out safely. Everyone in the household should know where to meet outside. Practice with them a couple times every year.

### *Advisory Council Re-boot*

Before the pandemic shut-down, EC3 was beginning to recruit for participation on its Advisory Council. Now that we're operating again, it's time to revamp and revive this group of parents and staff—and by meeting virtually, it should be easier for people to participate! The purpose of the Council is three-fold:

- To provide advice and support to EC3 administrative and teaching staff;
- To help EC3 implement goals and objectives outlined in its strategic plan, especially in the areas of curriculum and staff recruitment/retention; and
- To identify ideas and resources to support the center's outreach to its own community and to the greater Lansing community.

Beginning in October, watch for more information about how to participate!

### *September Auction*

EC3's annual auction is typically held in April, but this year was quite the exception! However, we still have wonderful classroom art projects and many other items for families to bid on—and we need the revenue more than ever. So we're doing it virtually! Watch your email for a special notice and details later this month.

### *Reminders*

- Time to update clothing in cubbies. Each child should have a complete change of clothing, including shoes—and make sure everything still fits! Be sure to pack long sleeves and pants as the weather is cooling down.
- Enrollment packets with updated contact information and permissions have been emailed to families whose current forms are about to expire; completion of these renewals is due ASAP! Please check your email for a reminder from Enrollsy. If you have any questions, contact Jamie at [jamie.fortin@ec3kids.org](mailto:jamie.fortin@ec3kids.org)

### *Important Dates*

- EC3 Closures:
  - *Labor Day, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020*
- Anniversaries:
  - *Casey Fowler, Ladybug teacher, September 10<sup>th</sup> (8 years)*



■ Birthdays:

- Cheryl Adkins, Program Liaison, September 6<sup>th</sup>

**Weekend Fun**

*Threadbare Mitten Film Festival 2020, Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, online*

An eccentric film festival usually in REO Town, is now taking place virtually. The curated programming highlights the best and oddest films from around Michigan and the world. To learn more and watch online, visit <https://threadbare.festivee.com/>.

*Hurst Planetarium Virtual Shows, Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom, \$5/person*

Enjoy the wonders of the cosmos through virtualized planetarium shows from your own home via Zoom. Each virtual show includes a live night sky tour followed by a unique planetarium show created at the Hurst Planetarium. Each week brings something different with live programs that include Jupiter Up Close, Solar System Tour, Robots on Mars, Planet Nine, and more! Register at <https://bit.ly/3gZLu6O>.

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- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EC3kids/>
- EC3's Family Forum on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1005090623021621/>
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