

# SALIDA EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER NEWSLETTER

March

2024



## EVENTS AND REMINDERS!

- March 6th & 7th– SECC CLOSED for home visits
- March 15th–24th– SECC CLOSED for Spring Break. Classes resume on March 25th!!
- KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION will begin next month. We will give you guidance on how to complete registration. To be eligible for Kindergarten, students must be 5 years old on or before August 1st!
- Get your taxes done for FREE with VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)! Call 719-458-0055 to schedule an appointment!



**'THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS BEING THE PERFECT PARENT. SO JUST BE A REAL ONE'**

**~SUE ATKINS**





## GUESTS AND VISITORS!

We have so many fun things going on at our school!

1. Tyler from Parks and Wildlife

Tyler brought in skulls and hides to teach us about animals who live in our back yard!

2. The Creede Theater will be back on March 27th to perform their NEW SHOW of the tiny tour for us.

3. Miss Lynette will be teaching music and movement to all of our classes this March thru April!

Ask your child about these fun events going on. It's a great way to talk about school at home!



## WINTER CLOTHING

A big THANK YOU to the Salida Elks Lodge. They donated over 70 winter clothing items. Please don't forget in years to come that we have hats, gloves, jackets, snow pants, and boots if your child is in need!



## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Wow, it is March already, and with it comes the hope of spring which only makes play time more fun at ECC! A reminder that our teachers will be conducting spring home visits on March 6th and 7th. Home visits are required for our Head Start funding and are an important part of our program. They are an opportunity to build a stronger connection with your child and your family. Research indicates that the stronger relationships teachers have with families the better the outcomes are for children. Thank you in advance for welcoming our teachers into your homes and engaging in these important conversations! Our teachers are working to build more I Love You Rituals into their classroom practices. I Love You Rituals are another tool from our social and emotional curriculum, Conscious Discipline, and are intended to build loving connections between young children and the adults who care for them. If you are interested in learning more, please connect with your child's teacher or our family services team. For those families whose children are kindergarten bound (5 prior to August 1st), know that we are working closely with Longfellow Elementary to plan activities for families to support this transition. Please watch for additional information. Lastly, we are working on staffing for next school year. If you or someone you know might be interested in joining the ECC team, please connect with me. As always, reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or creative ideas to better support young families in our community!

-Principal Theresa Gilson







Presents...

# RAISING CHILDREN

## Made Easier



## Conscious Discipline

### VIRTUAL PARENT NIGHT

with Amy Speidel

**THURSDAY, March 21st, 2021**

**Virtual Training 7:00pm - 8:00 pm**

**Language that Guides Children in a Positive Direction**



Scan QR Code to register or follow link:

[Register Here](#)

Please register by noon the day prior

At the request of the presenter, registration will be capped at 40 people. Residents of Chaffee County and the state of Colorado will be prioritized. Zoom link will be sent to registrants the day of the event.

*The Chaffee County Early Childhood Council is dedicated to meeting the needs of young children and families, prenatal through age 8, and those who serve them. For more information, like us on Facebook, visit [www.ccecc.org](http://www.ccecc.org) or call 719-221-5114.*

# FREE Cough & Cold Medicines



During this Cold/Flu/COVID season,  
***Colorado Medicaid*** will cover  
over-the-counter cough and cold  
medicines for children under  
**11 years of age.**

*To order your FREE medications,  
scan the QR code below.*







# HAVE TAX QUESTIONS?

## WE CAN HELP

Get Ahead Colorado is here to help you get the most out of your taxes.

- Learn how to get the Child Tax Credit or the Earned Income Tax Credit to put extra money back in your pocket.
- Find free, in-person tax help in your area.
- File your tax return securely online or on your smartphone for free.



Get started at [www.GetAheadColorado.org](http://www.GetAheadColorado.org) or call 2-1-1







## **DO YOU NEED HELP COVERING YOUR RENTAL DEPOSIT?**

**Are you a Chaffee resident with a good rental history?  
Do you earn less than 100% of area median income?**

**You may be eligible for Chaffee Housing Authority's  
Rental Deposit Guarantee Program (RDGP).**

**The RDGP partners with landlords to provide tenants  
up to \$1,500 in security deposit assistance via an  
interest-free payment plan agreement.**

**Contact Chaffee Housing Authority  
at 719-920-3497**



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