



Durango Early Learning Center

THE DELC DIGEST

APRIL 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

- 4/8 - 4/12 Week of the Young Child
- 4/9 Board Meeting 5:45PM
- 4/11 Individual and Class Photos
- 4/15 No School - Staff Meeting & Family Conferences
- 5/6 - 5/10 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/27 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day
- 6/19 NO SCHOOL Juneteenth

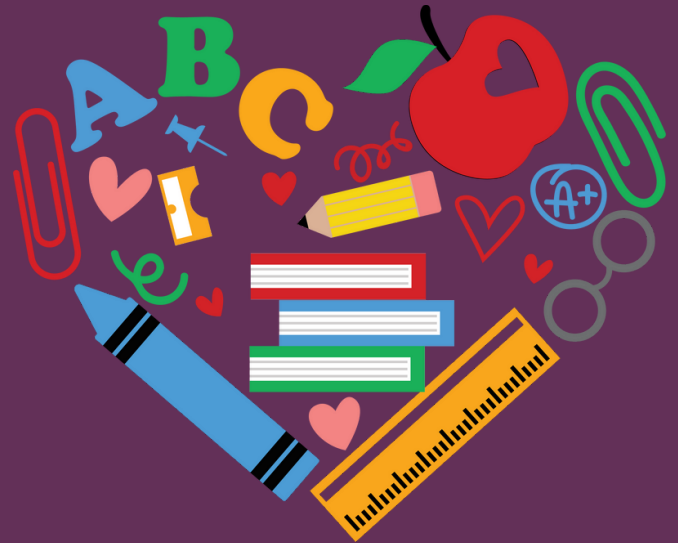
We ♥ family visitors!

Thank you to Aedan Smith's family for celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a leprechaun visit to the Orange Room!



- 4/8 Thomas
- 4/14 Eleanor
- 4/14 Xander
- 4/29 Esme
- 4/30 Tucker

Celebration of Learning



FAMILY CONFERENCES WILL BE MONDAY, APRIL 15TH! YOUR CLASSROOM TEACHER WILL PUT OUT A SIGN UP FOR TIMES. NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN THAT DAY, BUT THEY ARE WELCOME TO JOIN YOU FOR THE CONFERENCE!

BECCA IS ALSO AVAILABLE TO MEET ON 4/15 IF YOU WANT TO CHECK IN! JUST SEND HER A MESSAGE TO SCHEDULE!

SCHOOL PHOTO SCHEDULE THURSDAY 4/11

8:00 Green Room individuals

8:20 Green class photo

8:25 Purple Room Individuals

8:45 Purple class photo

8:50 Orange Room Individuals

9:10 Orange class photo

9:15 Sun Room Individuals

9:35 Sun class photo

9:40 Rainbow Room Individuals

10:00 Rainbow class photo

10:05 Blue Room individuals

10:30 Blue class photo



Kelly Miranda Photography

YOU WILL RECEIVE A PAPER WITH A QR CODE THAT WILL LINK YOU TO ORDERING PHOTOS ONLINE THROUGH KELLY'S WEBSITE! KELLY WILL TAKE PHOTOS OF ALL CHILDREN!



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS!

MUSIC MONDAY:

School Family Time 10:00am

TASTY TUESDAY:

Families will help provide ingredients for a school snack/taste test (Individual classrooms)

WORK TOGETHER WEDNESDAY:

Buddy Day! Sun/Purple Rooms, Orange/Green Rooms & Blue/Rainbow Rooms will combine for spring clean-up around the school and 3rd Avenue neighborhood.

Special Music Performance 10:00AM by Sienna's parents, Scott and Kathy!

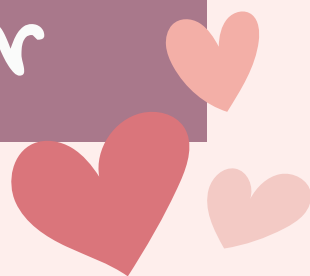
ARTSY THURSDAY:

Each classroom will create spring decorations for the front entryway!

FAMILY FRIDAY:

Mini polaroid family photos taken at drop off! Family thank you treats!

Conscious Discipline Corner



Two positive choices are **NOT** helpful for a child in the overwhelmed state of survival. We know this from our own lives. When we are **STRESSED** out and **OVERWHELMED**, the choice between coffee and tea can push us over the edge, barking, "I don't care. Just give me something." Children, as well as adults, in a survival state require **ASSERTIVE COMMANDS** to be successful.



Mastering the Art of Offering Controlled Choices



WHY
is it important to give children the power to make choices?



Choices allow children to partake in the decision-making process.



Thus increasing engagement and decreasing problem behavior.

Choice Types:



This OR That?



How to do it?



How many?



Who will help?



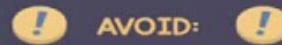
What color?



The **KEY** is to offer a limited menu of choices, all of which you are ok with.



Offering a choice prevents negotiation and will help avoid a power struggle.



AVOID:
Giving choices that are not available.
Giving an empty threat like canceling a major holiday.

What does this sound like?



Would you like to wear your shoes or boots today?



Would you like to walk to the car fast or slow?



Would you like 2 or 3 cookies for dessert?



Would you like mom or dad to read you a book?



Would you like to wear your red or blue shirt today?



We ♥ family visitors!

Aedan Pedersen brought some special guests to visit - his cousin, Mahani, from Nicaragua, and his Grandma Bucky! It's so special to share our school with all our extended DELC family!



Durango Early Learning Center Land Acknowledgement

Welcome to the Durango Early Learning Center. We respectfully acknowledge that the school is located in Durango, Colorado, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Ute (Núu-agma-tvnu-pu), Diné (Navajo: Naabeehó Bináhásdzo), Hopi (Hopituh Shi-nu-mu) Pueblos, Apache and Zuni (Shiwi'ma) People who have been stewards of this land throughout generations. As early childhood care providers and educators of our future generation, it is our responsibility to acknowledge the impacts of the unkind acts that have led to the unfair and inappropriate treatment of people that traditionally lived here and still live here today. We lead by example and share stories of this land that are respectful to the people and the real history of this region. As we teach our children, we strive to nurture a culture that takes responsibility for our actions, and is curious, honest, and inclusive to the diverse backgrounds in our community. #HonorNativeLand