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OUR MISSION

Serving as a leading advocate and collaborative resource to provide access to high quality services for young children.

OUR VISION

A community where young children will reach their full health and educational potential.

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION RUN 2015

The Partnership for Children is participating in the Community Foundation Run 2015 on Saturday, April 18, 2015. The fundraiser is sponsored by the Community Foundation of Gaston County for nonprofits and consists of a run/walk and an opportunity for donors to support the Partnership and/or their local charity of choice.

The Community Foundation will be accepting donations through April 24, 2015. Donations designated for the Partnership will be used for Smart Start's Reach Out and Read Program, which will provide parents with resources, assistance and encouragement to assure early literacy opportunities for their children.

Want to run or walk?

The 5K Run Early Bird registration is \$25. After April 10, registration is \$30. Run Day registration is \$35. Registration includes a T-shirt, while supplies last.
The 2K Walk Early Bird registration is \$10. After April 10, registration is \$15. Run Day registration is \$20.

Want to make a donation?

Make your donation online at <http://www.cfgaston.org>, and click on the Donate Now tab. Or make check, cashier check or money order payable to the Community Foundation of Gaston County. Be sure to complete the *Donor form* to ensure follow up. No cash, please. The Partnership will have a booth on Run Day! Come and see us!

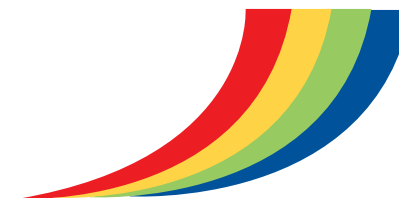
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BOOGIE WITH BOOKS STAY TUNED FOR DATES ON OUR UPCOMING EVENTS!!



Boogie with Books

Every child will receive a free book (while supplies last). There will be activities, storytellers and an Emcee to get the kids up and moving between story times. Join us for a free fun-filled family event! Stay tuned for upcoming dates.

SAVE THE DATES

Apple Festival

Saturday, September 19, 2015

Spooktacular

Saturday, October 31, 2015

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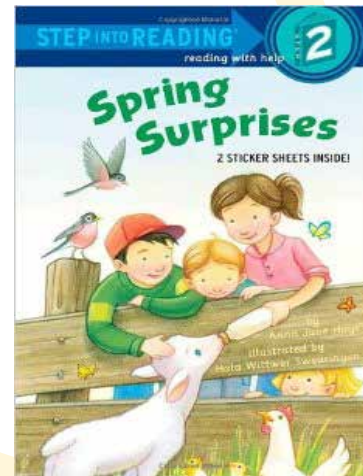
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Spring Book Recommendations



When Spring Comes
By Robert Maass

It's Spring, Dear Dragon
By Margaret Hillert

How Do You Know
It's Spring?
By Allan Fowler

Spring Things
By Bob Raczka

Spring Is Here
By Lois Lenski

It's Spring!
By Samantha Berger

Hooray for Spring!
By Kazuo Iwamura

Wake Up, It's Spring!
By Lisa Campbell Ernst

Adolescent Parenting Program

Jasmine Martin, 18 is just one of the many Mothers involved in the Adolescent Parenting Program in Lincoln County. She heard about the program through her school and is participating so she can learn to be a good parent. "I think the program is good for young girls," she said. "It helps them to learn things like feeding and changing a diaper." Martin is graduating in June and she plans to go back to school in August to become a social worker. Megan Mullins, 17 is also in the program. The program is also helping her get the information she needs for parenting. While learning she is also excited to make new friends.

The Adolescent Parenting Program is open to Lincoln County residents under the age of 21 with a child or children birth through age five. It provides support and services at no charge. Part of the program includes peer group meetings, which helps teens with education, build self-esteem, helps with social skills and offers them the support from others. "The Adolescent Parenting Program is available to help adolescent parents become the best parents they can be," said Amy Ramsey, APP Coordinator. "I love my job because I get to see positive changes occur through education and support."

Each peer group meeting has a different topic, which may include guest speakers. Ramsey also offers home visits every month, which help the parents with goal setting, parenting, education, independence and employment. Many of the parents are referrals from the Department of Social Services and the school system, but everyone is welcome! Currently there are 25 girls in the program, which is funded through the Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties. For more information contact Amy Ramsey at 704-736-8781.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



Congratulations to the following Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Homes for the following:

(Dates from 1/1/15-3/31/15):

Increased Star rating:

- Little Hearts & Hands Preschool increased from Temporary to 3 Star
- Love's Child Care increased from 1 Star to 3 Star

Maintained 5 Star rating:

- G.E. Massey Elementary Pre K