



Positive Happenings

Early Childhood Programs

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Early Childhood Programs celebrated the 46th year of Week of the Young Child.
- Early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life.
- The needs of young children and their families have never been more pressing.

Week of the Young Child

During the week of April 24th, the Early Childhood Programs celebrated the 46th year of Week of the Young Child™. This is an annual celebration hosted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers and families. We were so excited for a week long celebration of our youngest learners!

The purpose of the Week of the Young Child™ is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. It also recognizes that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life. The Week of the Young Child™ is a time to plan how we—as citizens of a community, of a state, and of a nation—will better meet the needs of all young children and their families.

More than ever before, we know the importance of children's earliest years in shaping their learning and development.

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The Week of the Young Child™ is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibilities, and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences the type of early environment—at home, childcare, school, and in the community—that will promote their early learning.

During the week, we had a wall for parents to write down what they love about ECFE and their child. We also had a photo booth set up with fun props for families and staff to use. Parents were urged to share them on the Forest Lake Area Schools ECFE Facebook page, including the hashtag #ECFE.

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