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Newsletter

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Seeds of Learning

Early Care and Education Center

What's Happening at Seeds This Month?

Can you believe January has already gone by us! February is going to be filled with lots of fun events!!

February 9th we are having another family potluck. Come join us for a fun filled evening of crafts and yummy food. Please sign up in advance on the Family Involvement Board so we know how many to plan for. We will see you there!!!

Come join the Parent Advisory Committee February 13th @ 5:30 PM. The Parent Advisory Committee has many active members but are always looking for more members. Childcare is provided during the meeting.

The local Daisy Troop will be at Seeds February 14th and 15th to sell girl scout cookies.

February 21st Miss Christine from the library will be in the Ladybug and Dragonfly rooms reading stories. February 28th she will be visiting the Butterfly classroom. We love having the Library come to us when we cannot walk over due to the weather.

Seeds of Learning will be closed February 23rd for a professional development training day.

The last week of February the teaching staff will be handing out progress re-

ports. If you would like to schedule a parent/teacher conference please talk to your classroom teachers.

New Health forms on all children are due February 20th. (new form attached)

Guess what I am learning???



Cierra is practicing her fine motor skills and learning colors and shapes!

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Special Dates:

- February 9th- Family Potluck @ 6:00
- February 13th- Parent Advisory Meeting @ 5:30
- February 14-15th- Girl Scout Cookie sales
- February 21st- Dragonfly and Ladybug Library Day
- February 23rd- Closed for Professional Development
- February 28th- Butterfly Library Day

Parent Advisory Committee

The Parent Advisory Committee is excited for a new year and fresh ideas! We are brainstorming new ideas for the spring fundraiser and would love to hear your thoughts.

The Little Black Dress is

Seeds of Learning's annual fundraising event. The event this year will be March 3rd at the Ross Aragon Community Center. (See Page 2 for more information). The Parent Advisory Committee is in charge of the tear down/clean up crew for the Little

Black Dress affair. If you would like to help please sign up on the Family Involvement Board. Parents are receiving **DOUBLE** hours for helping.

Hope to see you at the next meeting February 13th @ 5:30 PM.

Little Black Dress

On Saturday March 3rd Seeds of Learning Early Care and Education Center will host its annual fund raising event. Back by popular demand is "A Little Black Dress Affair", a dressy evening for women only. From 5:00 - 8:00 pm we will transform the Community

Center into a magical, musical experience where you can "Kick Up Your Heels". We will have a silent auction of things ladies love, and Mary McKeehan will be our mistress of ceremonies, engaging the audience as only

she can do! Tickets are on sale in the office. Mom, Grandma, Aunts gather your girlfriends and have a fun evening!



Kid's Say the Funniest Things

Teacher: "What is an author?"
Child: "a stranger"

Playing Go-fish
"Do you have a hippie-potomus?"

Child: "I am not calming my body down!"
Teacher: "Why?"
Child: "I like it wild!!!"

"How do you spell your both-er's name?"
"I think it's Q,R,S and T,U,V."

Child: "I can say monkey in Spanish."
Teacher: "Oh yea? What is it?"
Child: "Monkey in Spanish"

Child singing "I've got peas like a river in my soul"

Hardship Tuition Assistance NOW AVAILABLE!

Great News! Seeds has received money for tuition assistance during these tough economic times! **Please apply even if you don't think you qualify!** If you qualify, you have to re-submit a letter every month (no later than the 25th of the month before you need assistance) to be approved. Assistance cannot exceed 50% of your current monthly tuition amount. Parent Involvement hours are doubled during the months you receive assistance.

*Each family can only apply 3 times (total) NO exceptions

Bumblebee News

The Bumblebees started off the new year welcoming all our new friends. Learning all the new names has also been fun as we clapped to our names and used rhyming sticks to tap the letters in our names. We also made name collages and glued pictures to

them.

The Bumblebee's have loved learning all about winter and we even decorated snowmen. We also had fun ice fishing and learning polar bear songs.

We're glad it finally snowed be-

cause playing outside has been so much fun learning to dress and undress. We had fun turning our classroom into a bakery. We decorated and painted muffins and cookies. We searched for gingerbread men and learned a new song called "Five Little Donuts."

Butterfly News

BRRR!! We are keeping busy during this snowy, cold season. The Butterflies have been learning a lot about babies and being big brothers and big sisters. Many of our friends have or are expecting a new family member. Congrats to all you expecting parents!

In turn we are learning about zoo animals and their babies, and how not all are called the same name as their mommy and daddy.

We have been doing a lot of sledding and indoor dance and exercise. We love to dance to the Hap-

py Feet CD. There are so many talented dancers and singers in the Butterfly room. We will soon be forming a new rock band theme!

Dragonfly News

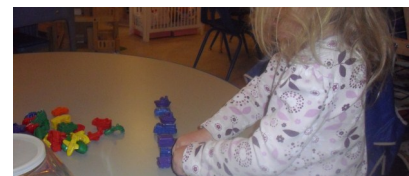
The Dragonfly class had a great time transitioning to a new class, new friends, and new teachers. It has been successful. This month trains have held our interest. We are learning spatial awareness as we get creative with laying down tracks over and under objects. We interact together and prac-

tice sharing.

Pagosa is a great place for winter sports and the Dragonfly Kids know it. We have built snowmen, gone sledding, and pretended to ice fish. The fun never stops.

As we fly into February, we are learning about feelings and what

they mean. Our feelings can even come in colors just like Dr. Seuss's "My Many Colored Days."



Chloe's learning to count, pattern and sort!

Ladybug News

Hello Ladybug Families! January has come and gone so quickly. January was filled with snow, sledding, Hawaii, Chinese food, Dinosaur school and Ms. Christine came to visit us from the Library.

Pagosa got snow and we hit the sledding hills every opportuni-

ty that we could (with or without sleds). Outside we had snow, but inside we learned about Hawaii. Thank you Aubrie for bringing in all the fun Hawaiian props. Wally and Dina from Dinosaur school are back and helping the children learn about feelings and

developing friendships.

Ms. Suzy is back! Yeah! We are glad to have her back. We would like to thank all the parents that participated in our Chinese New Years potluck! Well...here comes February!

Parent Reminders

- Don't forget to sign your snack in on the In-kind donation log in the classroom.
- Please have snow gear daily for your child. We go outside if it is 32 degrees or warmer outside.
- New Health Forms Due February 20th.

We are on the Web and Facebook
www.growingseeds.org

The Board of Directors would like to introduce 2012 board roster.

- President—Julie Simmons
 (Community Volunteer and Business owner)
- Vice President—Pam Barsanti
 (Community Volunteer and Realtor)
- Christina Lucero—Secretary
 (Community Volunteer and Banker)
- Michael Beckel—Treasurer
 (Community Volunteer and CPA)
- Susan Thorpe—Member
 (Community Volunteer and Early Education Professional)

What's Happening in Pagosa This Month? (as far as we know)

Wolf Creek Local Days: February 1st, 5th, 15th and 29th

"A Night to Remember" Our Savior Lutheran Fundraiser:
 February 10th (For more information call 731-3512)

"One Love" The Nuturing Center Fundraiser: February 11th
 (for more information call 403-9611)

"Soup for the Soul" Hospice of Mercy Fundraiser: February 16th

Winter Fest: February 16-20th (for more information call 264-2360)

Snowman Stomp Snowshoe Romp: February 18th (for more information call 946-5001)

3rd Annual Pagosa Penguin Plunge: February 19th (form more information call 264-2360)

"Heart Beat Ball" Pagosa Springs Medical Center Fundraiser: February 25th (For more information call 731-8877)

Happy Birthday

Lilah	Feb. 3rd	age 3
Angelina	Feb. 4th	age 5
Rio	Feb. 8th	age 3
Miss Ellen	Feb. 9th	age ?
Chloe	Feb.16th	age 3
Skyler	Feb. 16th	age 2
Miss Angie	Feb. 16th	age ?
Miss Meggie	Feb. 21st	age ?