



ELIZABETH MASCIA CHILD CARE CENTER

Newsletter Spring 2017



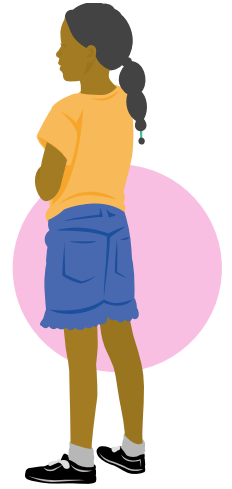
WINTER IS OVER - Technically Speaking!

Mother Nature sure knows how to surprise us!

After a relatively mild winter, we made up for the moderate weather with three storms, cold rains, biting winds and remarkably chilly temperatures.

On the days we were able to, the children used the playgrounds with gusto.

Now that it is April, onto spring, sunshine, warmth, and lots of outside time!



THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS

Running a childcare center is a very expensive endeavor. Our tuition alone cannot sustain the cost of our operations.

Therefore, we depend on the generosity of others to help close the gap between our income and our expenses.

Monies raised are instrumental in providing quality programming and services to our EMCCC community.

A significant source of our sponsorships comes via Center fundraising. Our Board of Directors oversees the Fall Gala and the Spring Golf Outing, anonymous donations, as well as our Annual Appeal.

Our new grant writer, Mariadora Saladino, is fundamental in our efforts to obtain grant money. Thus far this year, we have been fortunate to receive much-needed funds from the Thomas and Agnes Carvel Foundation, the Curran Foundation, Entergy, M & T Charitable Trust, Jewish Community Trust, Jacob and the Eugenie Buckley Foundation.

Thank you to our families and all our participants in the Genevieve Gift Wrap Sale, the Scholastic Book Fair, Class Pictures, Portraits, Ashley Farms' Broadway Café, and Box Tops for Education.

**SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 19, 2017
EMCCC GOLF OUTING
SALEM COUNTRY CLUB, NORTH SALEM, NEW YORK**



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SUNDAY
APRIL

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back by popular demand

SAVE THE DATE

RIVERTOWN ROAD RALLY

A unique scavenger hunt to benefit the
Elizabeth Mascia Child Care Center



\$75.00/person

Dinner, Music & Prizes

First car out at 2:30 PM

Follow directions, find clues and find the secret location final party,
with dinner, music and cash bar!

RESERVE EARLY FOR TIME SLOTS & FREE DRINK

WHAT TO BRING:

FUN team of 4 (per car) **Flashlights & Pens**
Smart phone or digital camera **Cell phone, GPS/Map**

<http://www.masciachildcare.org/events/>



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The following is an excerpt from our Parent Handbook:

1. How is your program helping children develop self-control and learn acceptable forms of social behavior?

We teach peaceful, non-violent negotiated solutions to conflicts and in problem solving. We promote this approach in our classrooms at all times. Positive discipline is the method by which children learn self-control and to assume responsibility for their actions. The process of learning self-control and accepting responsibility is an important part of the overall curriculum.

2. What are your program's expectations for the behavior of children?

We work diligently with the children to not hurt other people or destroy property. Additionally, we work with the children to not strike, scratch, bite, or kick each other or any adult. We work with the children to use language that is respectful of others.

3. How do you and your staff share these expectations with the children?

Clear and consistent age appropriate and developmentally appropriate limits and rules are set and observed within each classroom group in order that children learn to compromise, negotiate, and wait turns, and eventually share and play cooperatively. This is done by frequently and consistently talking, explaining, and setting a positive example with the children.

4. How do you and your staff help children resolve conflicts?

Adults appropriately modeling positive behaviors do more to teach conflict resolution than does constant setting of rules and a negative approach. Promptly, classroom staff members positively intervene when conflicts arise, using the conflict as a learning opportunity, to guide the children towards an appropriate resolution.

5. How do you and your staff encourage children to find acceptable ways to problem solve?

Children are positively rewarded for respecting each other. Children are praised frequently for the positive things they do. Negative actions are promptly and consistently addressed in a positive manner. Each child is given the amount of adult attention he or she needs to work through a problem and to learn solutions for the future.

6. How do you and your staff ensure that solutions are carried out?

Staff members work diligently to present a fair and consistent approach to positive discipline. Appropriate solutions are established and carried out in relation to the child's action and without prolonged delay. Open lines of communication are maintained to ensure consistency of approach in regards to the home and the classroom.

7. How do you and your staff set up the environment to foster positive interaction and reduce conflict?

Each classroom is set up as a user-friendly positive environment. Items that the children should not handle or need permission to handle are out of their reach. Multiple items of interest to the children are stored in each room in several areas to reduce temptation, promote sharing, and turn taking. Classroom staff members strategically position themselves in the room or playground to promote a harmonious environment



Register Now!

Summer Camp



Arts & Crafts, Swimming, Sports, Field Trips, Cooking,
Reading Program, Special On-Site Activities & Events

Campus Includes Playground, Tennis Courts, Basketball Court & Softball Field

Breakfast - Lunch - Snack Provided

July 5th to August 25th
6-12 year olds • 7am-6pm Weekdays

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TODDLER HAPPENINGS

The toddler groups have been busy all winter long. Here are some highlights:

- ❖ Visits from Nature of Things
- ❖ Visits from Delores (Music)
- ❖ Setting up an indoor gym/obstacle course/driving the cars/basketball/balls
- ❖ Celebrating Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day
- ❖ Storytime
- ❖ Gluing
- ❖ Puzzles
- ❖ Potty learning
- ❖ Visiting the three's classrooms
- ❖ Washing babies and other toys
- ❖ Enjoying new toys: dolls, people, blocks, animals
- ❖ Learning new songs

PRESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Here are some activities enjoyed by the 3's Classes:

- ❖ Easel painting
- ❖ Baking
- ❖ Celebrating St. Patrick's Day and Valentine's Day
- ❖ Pajama Day
- ❖ Winter Animals
- ❖ Hibernation
- ❖ Rainbow Art
- ❖ Snow Play
- ❖ Finger painting

Here are some activities enjoyed by the 4's Class:

- ❖ Exploring colors
- ❖ Weather Unit
- ❖ Fairy Tales
- ❖ Sensory art projects
- ❖ Sequencing
- ❖ Special St. Patrick's Breakfast (green eggs and green ham and green bagels)
- ❖ Dr. Seuss's Birthday
- ❖ Pajama Day
- ❖ Learning sign language
- ❖ Magic milk experiment
- ❖ Baking magical muffins