

# April



*Happy Birthday!!!*

Ms. Patti 4/9

Ronan M. 4/6

Lyanna D. 04/24

Sonia M. 04/25

Clara M. 04/26

### WCCC closings

The WCCC will be closed on **Monday, April 18** for our annual professional development day.



Please remember to label your child's belongings. This really helps to prevent mix-ups. If you do find that you are missing an item, please let us know right away. This makes it much easier to locate it.



*We hope you all of you have a very happy Easter!*

### ***Drop off and Pick up reminders***

As our enrollment is growing, we are working to have drop off and pick up go smoothly. Here are some ways that you can help.

- Please do not have your child eating or carrying open food at the door. Instead, you may bring breakfast items in a ziplock bag or container to be opened in the classroom.
- Please keep in mind that at peak times, drop off and pick up may be rushed. If you have a question that requires a conversation with a director or teacher, it is better to call between 10 and 3:30.
- Please keep in mind that we can only release your child to those on the pick up form. If you will have someone new pick up your child, please stop by the front desk and add them. Also, if any phone numbers have changed, please change them at the front desk. Do not leave this information in your child's backpack or lunch box.
- For safety's sake, **please take your child's hand in the driveway, on the ramp and on the sidewalk.** We do have cars coming and going and we want to keep our little ones safe.

### **Summer and Fall**

*If you plan to make any changes in your child's schedule over the summer or fall, please let us know as soon as possible. This really helps us to plan ahead.*



## The Pyramid Model for Promoting Social Emotional Competence in Infants and Young Children

Here at WCCC we practice Pyramid Model Practice

### What is the Pyramid Model?

The Pyramid Model is a conceptual framework of evidence-based practices for promoting young children's healthy social and emotional development.

The Pyramid Model for Supporting Social Emotional Competence in Infants and Young Children (Fox, Dunlap, Hemmeter, Joseph, & Strain, 2003) was developed by identifying the evidence-based practices that would:

- Promote the social and emotional outcomes of all children,
- Promote the skill development of children with social, emotional, and behavioral delays to prevent the need for more intensive supports; and
- Intervene effectively when children have persistent challenging behavior.

Pyramid Model practices were identified through a systematic review of the research on classroom promotion, prevention, and intervention practices that have been associated with positive social emotional outcomes and decreases in challenging behavior in young children with and without disabilities. Many of those practices are available here in the user-friendly What Works Briefs.

The Pyramid Model has been tested in multiple research projects and has shown evidence for promoting young children's social and emotional skills and decreasing child challenging behavior.



### Mealtime Reminders

The following foods are choking hazards and may **not** be served to children under four. As we have children under four in each classroom you can help keep all of the children safe by avoiding these items or cutting them up.

- Hot dogs, whole or sliced into rounds
- Whole grapes (cut grapes are fine)
- Cherries with pits
- Popcorn
- Hard pretzels
- Chunks of raw carrots or meat larger that can be swallowed whole

Also, please remember that we do not permit items made with nuts of any kind at the center.



The Week of the Young Child™ 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. This year the Week of the Young Child takes place from April 2-08.

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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.

NAEYC first established the Week of the Young Child® in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life.

During this week, we will be celebrating the educators, children and families that make up the Wollaston Child Care Community. We hope that you will observe the week by planning to spend some time together with your little ones.

Visit <https://www.naeyc.org/> to learn more about the Week of the Young Child.