



Building A Foundation
for Learning

Eleanor Whitmore Early Childhood Center

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Center Marks 20th Anniversary in 2017

Special events throughout the year will celebrate two decades of a successful program for toddlers through prekindergarteners. Guest readers from the community are sharing favorite stories with our children, and helping to create our 20th anniversary library of much-loved books in order to promote literacy and reading.

Spreading the Word at Village Street Fair



Children and parents learned about the center at our booth at the East Hampton Village Street Fair in May. Children made pictures at a craft table and took

them home in a special EWECC perfectly sized tote!



EWECC Joins School Garden Movement with Healthy Harvest Program

PREKINDERGARTEN LEARNS ABOUT HEALTHY FOOD, GARDENING, SMART EATING CHOICES

With Share the Harvest Farm in East Hampton, the Eleanor Whitmore Early Childhood Center initiated Healthy Harvest, a gardening and nutrition program that brings educators, parents, and community members together to teach young children how food gets to their tables, and why it is so important to eat healthy foods. The Perfect Earth Project in East Hampton provided classroom composting bins with worms that children later released into new raised bed gardens. On weekly visits, Melissa Mapes of the farm read picture books about vegetables and gardening and

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Research, Innovation Mean Professional Support for Parents and Kids

Through the efforts of EWECC's directors and staff, children and families receive comprehensive support of learning and growth.

- EWECC received grants allowing us to work with the Deveraux Center for Resilient Children, dedicated to fostering skills for life success, and the Yale Child Study Center
- Children's social and emotional growth is assessed and nurtured based on developmental research
- Our part-time school psychologist works with teachers and families to guide positive behavior and to address issues
- Parent outreach programs feature workshops and discussions to give families information and tools to guide healthy early childhood development

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helped kids plant cabbage, kale, and other seeds that grew in portable classroom greenhouses. Parents and other helpers showed up to help when Whitmore's Landscaping de-

livered lumber for raised garden beds, and soil. Finally, seedlings were transplanted, watched, and tended. As June school days drew to a close, kale leaves that were harvested went into the blender with other yummy ingredients to make smoothies for tasting.

MORE HIGHLIGHTS...

Honored at our June 3 fundraiser, A Barn Dance at Kilmore Farm, were Maureen Wikane, our center director, and all of our generous benefactors. A good time was had by all!

Graduation ceremonies for EWECC's prekindergarten class of 2017 — the high school class of 2030 — were held on June 26. Off to kindergarten!



-We Welcome You — Please Visit ... It's a Happy Place

As part of our outreach program, the EWECC board hosted community business representatives from People's United Bank to introduce the center's work, goals, and fund-raising challenges. We look forward to sharing our efforts, and our children's successes, with all of you! **EWECC is a nonprofit 501 (C) (3). Please consider making a tax-deductible donation.**