



Eleanor Whitmore Early Childhood Center

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Building A Foundation
for Learning



New School Year Brings Change and Growth to Center

The 2017-2018 school year is off to a great start at the Eleanor Whitmore Early Childhood Center! The East Hampton Union Free School District's prekindergarten program at the Center has expanded to four groups, so we have

added a new classroom by repurposing the staff room, and hired a new teacher. All of our teachers and children from the toddlers to junior prekindergarteners, and the Pre-K, gather weekly each Monday for an all-school meeting that includes stories, singing, sharing, and more.

Our Healthy Harvest, music, and swim programs continue, and this year we are welcoming after-school volunteers to present special programs and activities. We look forward to continuing our Parent Outreach discussion nights in English and Spanish, our Guest Reader program and some new initiatives. Stay tuned!

A LOOK BACK at EWECC EVENTS



EWECC's **Annual Golf Outing** fundraiser took place on Sept. 14 at the Maidstone Club in East Hampton. Thanks to all the participants!



Our first **Concert on the Porch** took place in August, featuring Mama Lee, Rose, and Paul Gene. It was a great summer night with fantastic music and tasty bites from the Sammy's and Mr. Softee food trucks.

Also in August, the **Artist-Writers Softball Game** drew a crowd and raised money for the Center and other nonprofits. We appreciate the support!



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We welcome volunteers and guests. Give us a call to arrange for a visit!



Social Groups Teach Skills

Activities led by Jacqueline Rambo, EWECC's school psychologist, are helping children practice friendship and caring for others, and learn other social skills. Our social-emotional curriculum is supported by grants from the Yale Child Study Center and the Devereux Center for Resilient Children, and includes ongoing assessment of children's growth.

Healthy Harvest Hones in on Learning

Initiated last year, our Healthy Harvest gardening program, presented in cooperation with Share the Harvest Farm, has been developed to closely align with the Center's "Big Day for Pre-K" curriculum and incorporates math, science, and language learning through free play and direct instruction.

Based on research in child development, the comprehensive curriculum builds on children's natural curiosity and drive to explore the world around them. The teaching and learning standard is aligned with early learning standards, including New York State's Common Core.



SHOW YOUR SUPPORT COMING UP: OUR ANNUAL APPEAL

Children, families, and the community of East Hampton all benefit greatly from our nonprofit early education center, which provides a solid start, through our academic and social-emotional curriculums, and all-day care, for toddlers through Pre-K students. We rely on your support for our annual fund-raising efforts in order to continue providing these crucial services at affordable rates for working families. Please contact us by phone or at development@ewecc.org about tax-deductible donations.



We're planning a great East Hampton Village Fall Festival day in Herrick Park on October 21. EWECC will be organizing the Costume Parade!

SPOTLIGHT:

MEGHAN PAYNE, EWECC'S NEW PRE-K LEAD TEACHER

With 80 prekindergarteners enrolled in the East Hampton Union Free School District's preschool program provided by EWECC, we added a fourth group this year and hired Meghan Payne as lead teacher. Ms. Payne comes to us with extensive teaching experience, most recently at the Amagansett School, where she was a special education teacher for the last three years. After completing education studies at St. Joseph's University and classes in social work at Stony Brook, she served as a 1:1 aide at the Child Development Center of the Hamptons. Ms. Payne, a self-described "huge outdoors person," and conservation-minded, loves animals. She is an ARF volunteer, and keeps ducks and chickens at home that she hatched from eggs. A mother of three young children (a kindergartener, three-year-old, and 1 1/2-year-old), she lives in Springs. Ms. Payne is loving her Pre-K group and the supportive community at the Center.