



FEBRUARY 2023

HCPC CONNECTIONS

HARNETT COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN



HELLO, FRIENDS!

Ahh, the month of love! February, however, is more than just heart shaped cards and candy! There is so much to be learned and celebrated alongside the young children in our families and communities. From Black History month to Valentine's Day to Children's Dental Health month, we hope you will take the opportunity to show love for our family, friends, and community.

Also make plans to join us throughout the month for Ready to Grow Playgroups, Circle of Parents, Zumbini, Nursery Rhyme Yoga, and a special Valentine's Day Ready to Grow Playgroup!



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **February 1st:** Ready to Grow Playgroups and Circle of Parents commence their new schedules for 2023.
- **February 3rd:** Open Play Fridays begin at Family Connections.
- **February 6th:** Zumbini begins at the YMCA in Cameron.
- **February 14th:** Valentine's Day themed Ready to Grow Playgroup





HCPC MISSION:

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for young children and families in Harnett County, through community based programs focusing on health, education, and family support.

HCPC STAFF:

- Tara Fish**, Executive Director
- Dollie Adcock**, Healthy Activities Specialist
- Janine Bogwicz**, Community Outreach Coordinator
- Jordan Ellis**, Family Support Specialist
- Debbie Fann**, Fiscal Specialist
- Whitney Heath**, Family Support Specialist
- Melanie Jacobson**, Early Childhood Program Specialist
- Carmen Martell**, Lead Family Support Specialist
- Kim Polinski**, NC Pre-K Program Support Specialist
- Amy Rackley**, NC Pre-K Program Support Specialist
- Lynda Turlington**, Early Childhood Program Coordinator
- Lena West**, NC Pre-K Program Support Specialist
- Katie Willoughby**, Family Support Specialist



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Want to be a part of HCPC and our mission?
Visit <https://harnettsmartstart.org/hcpc-employment-opportunities/>
to view current job opportunities or scan the QR code here:



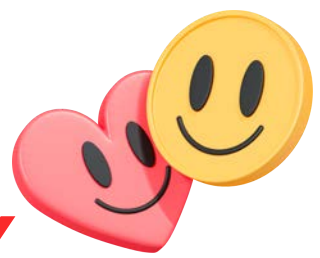
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TODAY TO RECEIVE
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Drop off or mail your completed form to:

Harnett County Partnership for Children, Attn: DPIL, 170 Pine State St, Lillington, NC 27546



Dolly Parton's IMAGINATION LIBRARY Official Registration Form *(one per child required)*

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PLEASE PRINT

Child's FULL Name: _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____ Sex: M F Phone: _____
MONTH DAY YEAR

Parent/Guardians Name: _____

Child's Home Address: _____

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

Mailing Address: _____
(If Different) ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

Email Address: _____

"This child is a resident of YOUR TOWN, USA" _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

**Sign up your
child today!**

Simply fill out the form and mail to:

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A LOOK BACK AT JANUARY:



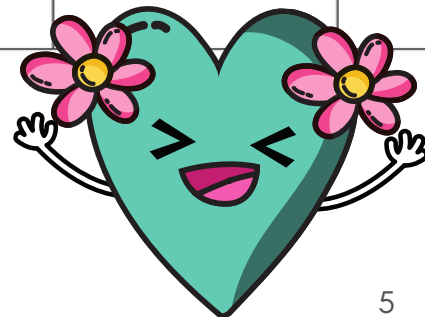
February

-  - Lillington Ready to Grow Playgroup (RTG)
-  - Erwin Ready to Grow Playgroup (RTG)
-  - Spanish Speaking Groups
-  - Open Play

-  - Nursery Rhyme Yoga
-  - Circle of Parents (COP)
-  - Zumbini

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Circle of Parents

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Sharing Ideas Sharing Support



Parenting is joyful, but can also present difficulties and challenges.

Feel empowered, supported, and strengthened as you attend weekly Circle of Parents' meetings. Join other Harnett County parents/caregivers at our Circle of Parents' group.

- SPANISH-SPEAKING CIRCLE OF PARENTS
TUESDAYS @ 2:30PM / 170 PINE STATE ST. LILLINGTON
- LILLINGTON MORNING CIRCLE OF PARENTS
THURSDAYS @ 9:30AM / 170 PINE STATE ST. LILLINGTON
- LILLINGTON EVENING CIRCLE OF PARENTS
THURSDAYS @ 4:30PM / 170 PINE STATE ST. LILLINGTON

To register, email familysupport@harnettsmartstart.org or call 910-893-2344.



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Círculo de Padres



Es una dicha ser padres, pero también presenta dificultades y desafíos.

Siéntase empoderado, apoyado y fortalecido mientras asiste a las reuniones semanales del Círculo de Padres. Únase a otros padres/proveedor de cuidados del Condado de Harnett en nuestro grupo de Círculo de Padres.

- CÍRCULO DE PADRES DE HABLA HISPANA
MARTES @ 2:30PM / 170 PINE STATE ST. LILLINGTON
- LILLINGTON CÍRCULO DE PADRES- MATUTINO
JUEVES @ 9:30AM / 170 PINE STATE ST. LILLINGTON
- LILLINGTON CÍRCULO DE PADRES- NOCTURNO
JUEVES @ 4:30PM / 170 PINE STATE ST. LILLINGTON

Para registrarse, envíe un correo electrónico a familysupport@harnettsmartstart.org o llame al 910-893-2344.



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HEALTHY HABITS FOR HARNETT

FEBRUARY CLASSES



Nursery Rhyme Preschool Yoga Time



Children Ages 3-5

REGISTRATION



SCAN ME

Hey Diddle, Diddle & Humpty too,
I can't wait to do yoga with you!



Harnett County Public Library (Lillington)- Friday, February 3rd at 10:00

Angier Public Library- Friday, February 10th @ 10:00

Dunn Public Library- Friday, February 17th at 10:00

Coats Public Library- Wednesday, February 22nd at 10:00

Erwin Public Library-Friday, February 24th at 10:00



NEW LOCATION

zümbini

with Ms. Dollie



Zumbini classes will now also be held
at the Saleeby YMCA located at 107
Carletta Cage Drive in Cameron, NC!

February 6th @ 10am & 11am

February 8th @ 10am & 11am



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED* | SPACE IS LIMITED*

REGISTRATION



February 1st @10:00 & 11:00- Angier Public Library

February 7th @ 10:00 & 11:00- Harnett County Public Library
(Lillington)

February 13th @ 10:00- Erwin Public Library

February 23rd @ 10:00 & 11:00- Angier Public Library

February 27th @ 10:00- Erwin Public Library

February 28th @ 10:00 & 11:00- Harnett County Public Library
(Lillington)

♥♥Registration is Required ♥♥Space is Limited♥♥



HEALTHY HABITS FOR HARNETT

MARCH CLASSES

You could not, would not want to miss
A yoga class quite like this!

REGISTRATION

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Lillington Public Library- Friday, March 3rd @ 10:00
Angier Library- Friday, March 10th @ 10:00
Dunn Public Library- Friday, March 17th @ 10:00
Erwin Public Library- Friday, March 24th @ 10:00
Coats Public Library- Wednesday, March 29th @ 10:00

Children's Ages
3-5



Would you, could you, come and play?



Ages birth-4 years old

March
zūmbini.





Harnett County Public Library (Lillington)
Angier Public Library
Erwin Public Library
Saleeby YMCA



Scan code for
dates & times

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Registration Required



Dollie Adcock making HCPC proud once again!
Dollie had the opportunity to present over 800
early childhood professionals during the 2023
Miami-Dade Head Start conference for a kids'
yoga + mindfulness training.



NC PRE-K



The Harnett County NC Pre-K
office has moved to downtown
Lillington at:
107 W Front Street
Lillington, NC.



APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR



NC Pre-K applications for the 2023-2024 school year will be made available to the public on April 3, 2023.

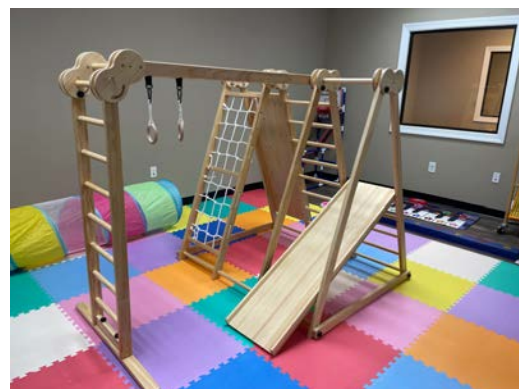
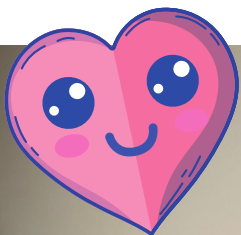
Interested parents/caregivers of rising pre-k students will be able to find applications at www.harnettsmartstart.org, at our offices (107 Front Street, Lillington and 170 Pine State St, Lillington), and outside HCPC offices on the side of the dropboxes. Please note, your child must be 4 years old by August 31, 2023 to be eligible for the program. For additional information, please visit www.harnettsmartstart.org or call 910-893-2344.





PEEK OF THE NEW FAMILY CONNECTIONS

The Family Support team has been hard at work the last couple of months in moving Family Connections to its new building located at 170 Pine State Street. Lots of planning, organizing and innovating has taken place to create a new playspace for families to enjoy!





READY TO GROW



Ready to Grow Playgroup facilitates developmentally appropriate playgroups for children and caregivers who reside in Harnett County. Eligible children must be between the ages of birth through 5 years old. Playgroup facilitators use Kaleidoscope Play & Learn Curriculum to provide hands on activities that focus on early literacy and social emotional competency. Caregivers learn about the purpose of play and will connect with other parents during group time. Children and caregivers will participate in coordinated group activities to prepare the children for success in school.

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Erwin Playgroup meets on Wednesdays from 10:30am - 12pm @ 494 Antioch Church Rd, Dunn, NC 28334

Lillington Playgroup meets on Mondays at 10:30am-12pm and 2:30pm-4:pm & on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:30am-12pm @ 170 Pine State St, Lillington.

Lillington Spanish-Speaking Playgroup meets Wednesdays from 2:30pm-4pm at 170 Pine State St, Lillington. All are welcome!

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Find Us On:



170 Pine State Street, Lillington, NC 27546
Phone: 910-893-2344 / www.harnettsmartstart.org

HAVE FUN



READY TO GROW PLAYGROUP

We hope you all have been enjoying our new space. We missed seeing all of you during the big move! This month we are going to be talking about dental health and ways to support and teach children the importance of a clean and healthy mouth. Also, we will be celebrating friendship on Valentine's Day. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook to stay up to date with all things happening.



Best,

Ms. Carmen

Ms. Jordan

Ms. Katie

Ms. Whitney

THEME OF THE MONTH:

Bright Smiles

CAREGIVERS WILL LEARN:

Fun ideas to help teach children the proper way to brush and care for their teeth.

KEY MESSAGE

1. It's important that we help children learn about keeping their mouths and teeth healthy and that we help them clean their mouths and teeth until they're able to do so without our help.
2. Even children without teeth – including infants – need to have their gums cleaned at least once daily with a wet cloth to keep their mouths and gums healthy and prepare them for strong baby teeth.



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MONTH:

- Clarabella's Teeth, by Ann Vrambout
- Joey Goes to the Dentist, by Candace Vittorini and Sara Boyer-Quick
- Alley Alligator, Awesome Smile, by Timothy E. McNutt Sr. DDS
- Brush Your Teeth Please, by Leslie McGuire
- Franklin and the Tooth Fairy, by Paulette Bourgeois
- Open Wide: Tooth School Inside, by Laurie Keller





GRUPO DE JUEGOS LISTO PARA CRECER

El Grupo de Juegos Listo para Crecer tendrán sus reuniones en persona en Lillington. Las familias del condado de Harnett, que tengan niños recién nacidos hasta 5 años de edad, son bienvenidos a participar. Las familias tendrán la oportunidad de aprender y jugar con otras familias en persona.



Erwin Playgroup - Miércoles de 10:30 de la mañana a 12 de la tarde
@ 494 Antioch Church Rd, Dunn, NC 28334

Lillington Playgroup - Lunes de 10:30am -12pm y 2:30pm-4pm, Martes y Miércoles de 10:30am -12pm @ 170 Pine State St, Lillington, NC 27546

Lillington Habla-Hispana Playgroup - Miércoles de 2:30 de la tarde a 4:00
@ 170 Pine State St, Lillington. Todos son bienvenidos!

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GRUPO DE JUEGOS LISTO PARA CRECER

Esperamos que todos estén disfrutando de nuestro nuevo espacio. ¡Los extrañamos a todos durante la gran mudanza! Este mes vamos a hablar sobre la salud dental y las formas de apoyar y enseñar a los niños la importancia de una buena salud oral. También, durante este mes celebraremos la amistad en el Día de San Valentín. No olvides seguirnos en Facebook para mantenerse al día de todo lo que sucede con nuestros programas.

¡Saludos!

Ms. Carmen

Ms. Jordan

Ms. Katie

Ms. Whitney



TEMA DEL MES:

Sonrisas Brillantes

OBJETIVOS DE APRENDIZAJE:

Ideas divertidas para ayudar a los niños la forma correcta de cepillarse y cuidar sus dientes.

MENSAJE CLAVE:

1. Es importante que ayudemos a los niños a aprender a mantener su boca y dientes sanos y que les ayudemos a limpiar sus bocas y dientes hasta que puedan hacerlo sin nuestra ayuda.
2. Incluso los niños sin dientes, incluyendo los bebés, necesitan que sus encías sean limpiadas al menos una vez al día con un paño húmedo para mantener sus bocas y encías sanas y prepararlas para fuertes dientes de leche.

LIBROS RECOMENDADOS PARA ESTE MES:

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RESOURCE FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

ORAL HEALTH TIPS FOR CHILDREN



Regular dental visits for child



Complete dental treatment if required



Brush teeth twice a day



Brush teeth with fluoride toothpaste



No bottle for sleeping



Less or no juice



Only water in sippy cups



Drink tap water



Healthy snacks



Less or no junk food and candy



No soda



Floss everyday





STEP

STEP TEAM NEWS:

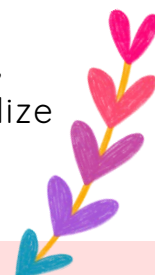
Lynda Turlington, STEP Early Childhood Program Coordinator, is taking advantage of working with the NC Healthy & Resilient Communities Initiative to receive a NC Certificate in Trauma and Resilience. This is a 3-step process. The first step was receiving her professional certification in Trauma and Resilience from Florida State University. The second step was completion of a 2-day Resources for Resilience training, and lastly, the third and last step is completing an 8- hour Racial Equity Fundamentals workshop through Area L AHEC.



Lynda will be presenting a webinar for CCCC Small Business Center on February 7th, 2023. The webinar is ideal for aspiring childcare entrepreneurs. Discussions will include regulations, best practices for hiring staff, and resources to help you get your childcare business started. Follow-up webinars will be focused on developing a business plan and managing the funding of the business. Register at <http://www.harnettsbc.com/seminars/>

Harnett County Family childcare homes will have their quarterly support meeting on Thursday February 2nd. We have a guest speaker Imani Sie-Duke, our region 13 Birth to Three Specialist. She will speak on how to care for infant/toddlers in a multi age Family childcare home.

If you would like specialized training for yourself or your childcare center staff, please contact us. We have numerous training workshops that we can personalize for your needs.



**The Harnett County STEP
office has moved to:**

**327 Pine State St
Lillington, NC**



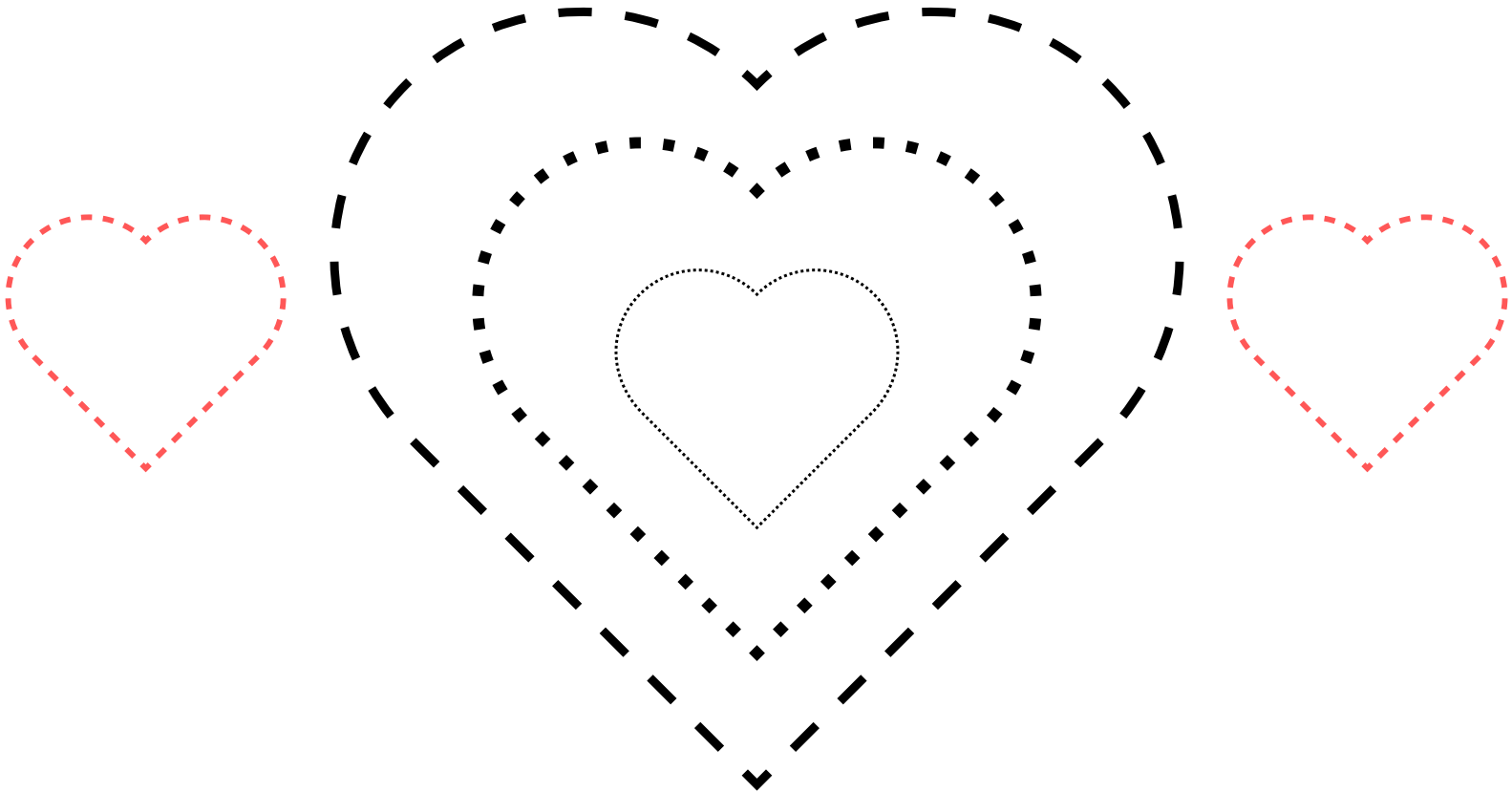


KIDS' CORNER



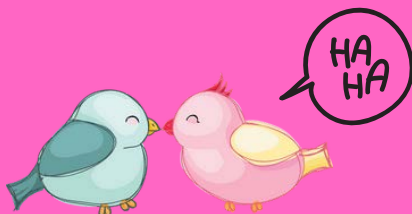
Trace the hearts below.

Tracing helps little ones refine their pre-writing skills, and builds the foundation for drawing and writing letters and words. Tracing is beneficial because it helps build: Fine motor skills.



JOKE OF THE MONTH:

What do you call two
birds in love?

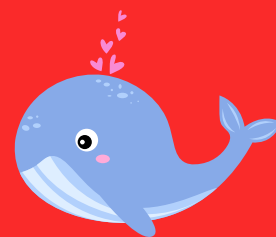


**Tweethearts.*



FUN FACT OF THE MONTH:

DID YOU KNOW?
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Whales have the largest
heart of any mammal!

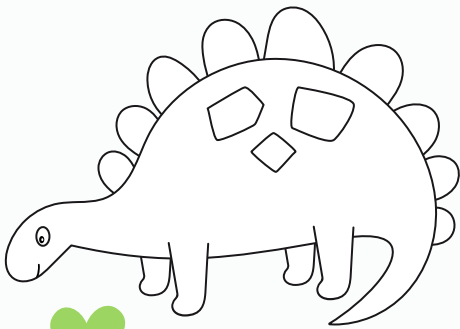




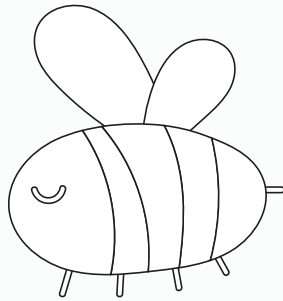
SHARE THE LOVE!

Cut and color the Valentine's Day Cards below
and share with family and friends!

**YOU'RE
DINO-MITE!**



From: _____



**WILL YOU BEE
MY VALENTINE?**



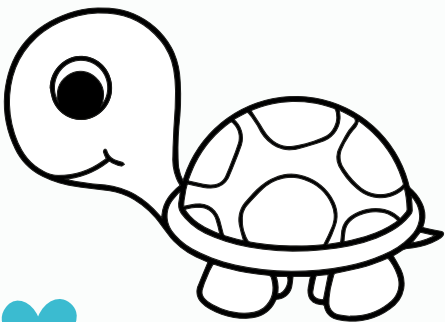
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**I LOVE YOU
BEARY MUCH!**

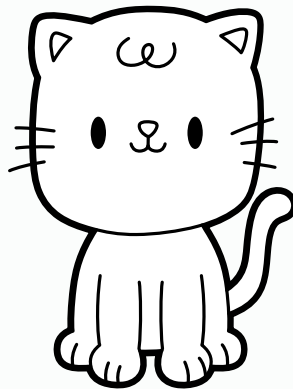


From: _____

**YOU ARE
TURTLE-Y AWESOME!**



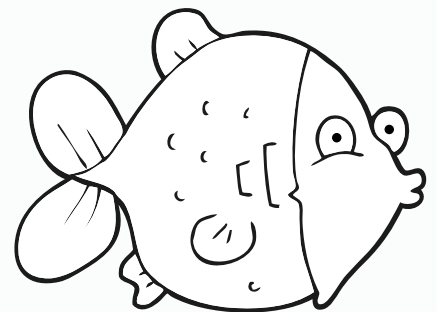
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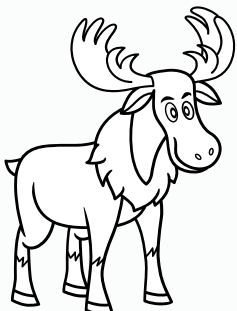
**YOU ARE A
PURR-FECT FRIEND!**

From: _____

**HAVE A FIN-TASTIC
VALENTINE'S DAY!**



From: _____



**IT MOOSE BE LOVE!
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**



From: _____

