



SEPTEMBER 2023

HCPC CONNECTIONS

HARNETT COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN



HELLO, FRIENDS!

Whoa, baby! Summer 2023 has flown by! However, there's no need to cry that it's nearly over!

HCPC staff has been hard at work to *deliver* new schedules for the various programs offered. No *baby steps* here - we're leaping into September with Ms. Dollie's farm-tastic yoga, a special Circle of Parents "Aren't They Grand" Grandparents Day lunch, and "Seriously Dough," the best playdoh party for those who attend Open Play on September 15th! So much your little ones will go *goo-goo* over! Run, walk, or *crawl* - join us in September; it's going to be a *bundle of joy*!



SPECIAL UPCOMING DATES



- **September 4th:** Labor Day - HCPC will be closed
- **September 7th:** "Aren't They Grand" Grandparents Lunch
- **September 15th:** "Seriously Dough" Playdoh Party
- **October 20th:** Raise with Clays HCPC Fundraiser
- **October 26th:** HCPC Truck-or-Treat Fall Festival
- **November 16th:** Circle of Parents Thanksgiving lunch
- **November 30th:** HCPC's 3rd annual Jingle Mingle Artisan & Craft Vendor Fair

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.

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HCPC BABY WATCH:

We're now officially on "baby watch" here at HCPC, as we all eagerly await Ms. Katie's new little bundle of joy! Due October 1st, but will he be a September baby?!



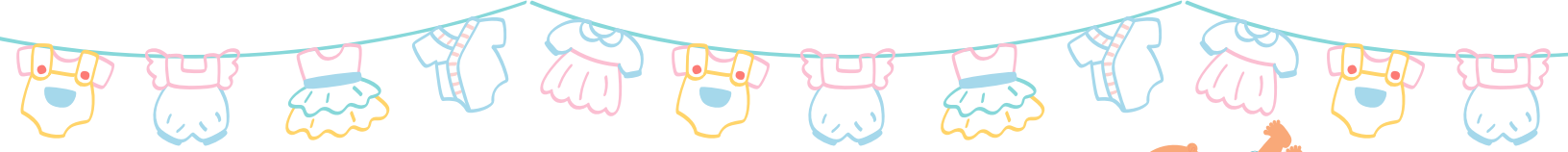
DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails free books to children from birth until their 5th birthday.

Register your child online today!





A LOOK BACK AT AUGUST:



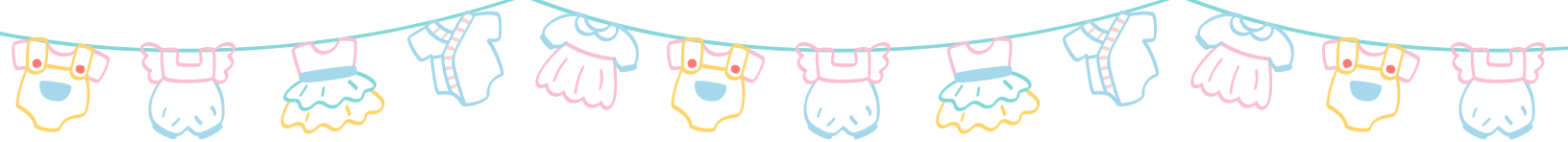
-  - Lillington Ready to Grow Playgroup (RTG)
-  - RTG Erwin
-  - Circle of Parents (COP)
-  - Zumbini
-  - YMCA Ready to Grow Playgroup (RTG)
-  - Open Play
-  - Pete the Cat Yoga

SUN. MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SAT.

September



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LOCATIONS:

CCB: Coats Community Building, 127 S McKinley St, Coats, NC 27521

DPL: Dunn Public Library, 110 E Divine St, Dunn, NC 28334

EPL: Erwin Public Library, 110 W F St, Erwin, NC 28339

Erwin RTG Groups: 494 Antioch Church Rd, Dunn, NC 28334

HCPL: Harnett County Public Library, 455 McKinney Pkwy, Lillington, NC 27546

Lillington RTG & COP Groups: 170 Pine State St., Lillington

YMCA: 107 Carletta Cagle Dr, Cameron



SEPTEMBER IS ALSO:

BABY SAFETY MONTH

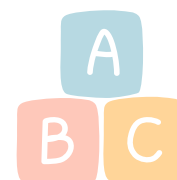
All September long, Baby Safety Month highlights the importance of providing babies and families with safe, quality products. For babies, every room in the home poses safety concerns. The paint on the walls, the temperature of the water, and cleaners under the sink all present risk factors. There are actions that parents and caregivers can take to protect babies. These are just a few:

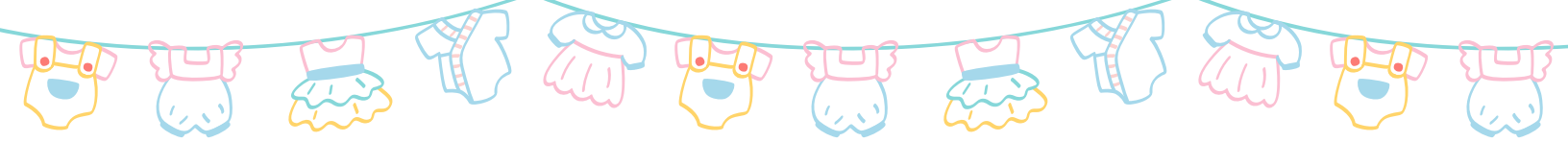
- Anchor large pieces of furniture and televisions.
- Place gates at the top and bottom of stairs.
- Cover outlets.
- Remove blinds and curtains with long or looped cords.
- Put safety latches on cabinet doors and the toilet.
- Check the thermostat on the hot water heater; install a temperature guard.
- Remove toys with pieces small enough to swallow. Throw away broken toys.
- Place bumpers on sharp corners.
- Remove poisonous plants.
- Complete the registration cards that come with baby furniture, supplies, and toys. If there is a recall, you'll be notified.



NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

A library card can be a rite of passage for your child, giving them a sense of obligation and responsibility. As a library patron, children learn the importance of caring for things that belong to others. Children take an essential early step in their development when they obtain their library card and become a conscientious member of the community. Visiting your local library also encourages your child to read. Reading helps brain development and provides a solid foundation of the language and literacy skills. Opening a book encourages children to travel to far away places and let their imagination soar. Develop reading as a hobby early for every child.





Circle of Parents

Círculo de Padres

CIRCLE of PARENTS®
Sharing Ideas. Sharing Support.



Parenting is joyful, but can also present difficulties and challenges.
Es una dicha ser padres, pero también presenta dificultades y desafíos.

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.

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.

● TUESDAYS @ 9:30AM

● THURSDAYS @ 12:30PM

LOCATION: 170 PINE STATE ST, LILLINGTON

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

FUNDRAISER BENEFITING THE HARNETT COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN:



Aim High for Children and Families

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023

Shotgun Start at 9:15am

Drake Landing

3146 Chalybeate Springs Rd.

Fuquay Varina, NC



OUR SHOT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The Harnett County Partnership for Children is a 501-c3 non-profit that focuses on health, family support, and early education for children ages birth to five. Join us for a wonderful fundraising event to help support Harnett County children and families and the HCPC mission. Teams of 4 will rotate through 13 stations to shoot 50 clays per team member. Ear protection, guns, ammo, and cart are provided for each team. Mulligans will be sold to teams the day of the event. The course is challenging, fun, and sure to be a great time! Don't hesitate to aim high for Harnett County children and families.

*Prizes will be awarded during a delicious catered lunch that will include steak, baked potato, salad bar, dessert, and drinks at Drake Landing.

*Sponsors will enjoy additional fun in a Five Stand Course and complimentary mulligans!

EVENT SCHEDULE

8:00am - Registration Opens

8:30am - Light Breakfast

9:00am - Mandatory Safety Meeting

9:15am - Shotgun Start / Course

11:15am - Sponsor Flurry / 5 Stand Course for Sponsors

Refreshments / Pre Awards

12:00pm - Awards Luncheon



FOR SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND TEAM REGISTRATIONS:

<https://harnettsmartstart.ejoinme.org/raisewithclaysregistration>
or scan the QR code.



HEALTHY HABITS FOR HARNETT

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER YOGA CLASSES



Join MS. DOLLIE FOR A
'FARM-TASTIC' yoga and
MOO-vement adventure!!

AGES 4-5

Friday, September 1st at 10:00- Harnett County Public Library (Lillington)

Friday, September 15th at 10:00- Dunn Public Library

Friday, September 22nd at 10:00- Coats Community Building

Friday, September 29th at 10:00- Erwin Public Library



Space is limited
Registration is required



Buzz 🕷️ Slither 🕷️ Hop 🕷️ Fly 🕸️



It's Creepy Crawler
Yoga Time!!



Ages 4 & 5

REGISTRATION



SCAN ME

October 3rd @ 10:00 ~ Harnett County Public Library (Lillington)

October 13th @ 10:00 ~ Dunn Public Library

October 16th @ 10:00 ~ Erwin Public Library



It will be crawling with good times!

Registration is required....Space is limited



CINNAMON HONEY BAKED PEARS



INGREDIENTS

- 4 medium pears
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons coconut oil or butter
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract

Simple Baked Pears with Cinnamon and Honey are a wonderful healthy snack or can be turned into a tasty dessert when topped with a dab of vanilla ice cream or yogurt!

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Peel the pears with a vegetable peeler.
- Cut the ends off and then cut the pears in half.
- Scoop out the core gently.
- Place them face down on a baking sheet or in a 9 x 13 glass baking dish.
- In a small bowl, combine the honey, cinnamon, coconut oil and vanilla extract and heat in the microwave for 30 seconds. Stir to combine well.
- Spoon ½ – ¾ of the sauce over the pears.
- Bake for 30 minutes until soft and turning brown.
- Remove from oven and let sit for 5 minutes
- Spoon additional sauce over each pear before serving.





HEALTHY HABITS FOR HARNETT

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER ZUMBINI CLASSES



SEPTEMBER
zumbini

Happy hour for you and your baby.
Sing, dance, & play as you bond with your child

HARNETT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
ERWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
SALEEBY YMCA
COATS COMMUNITY BUILDING

registration is required

space is limited

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SCAN ME



OCTOBER
ZUMBINI
&
HALLOWEENIE GLOWBINI

WITH MS DOLLIE



SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER

LILLINGTON-ERWIN-COATS-SALEEBY YMCA





READY TO GROW

GRUPO DE JUEGOS LISTO PARA CRECER

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.



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.

Lillington Playgroup meets on Mondays at 10:30am - 12pm and 2:30pm - 4pm, Tuesdays from 1:30pm - 3pm, and Wednesdays from 10:30am-12pm at 170 Pine State St, Lillington.

Lillington Grupo de Juegos Listo Para Crecer- Lunes de 10:30am - 12pm y 2:30pm - 4pm, Martes de 1:30pm - 3pm, y miércoles de 10:30am - 12pm @ 170 Pine State St, Lillington, NC 27546.

Erwin Playgroup meets on Wednesdays from 2:30pm - 4pm at 494 Antioch Church Rd, Dunn, NC.

Erwin Grupo de Juegos Listo Para Crecer- miércoles de 2:30pm - 4pm.

YMCA Playgroup meets on Tuesdays at 1:30pm - 3pm at 107 Carletta Cagle Dr, Cameron.

YMCA Playgroup - Martes de 1:30pm - 3pm @ at 107 Carletta Cage Dr, Cameron.





READY TO GROW PLAYGROUP

THEME OF THE MONTH:

1, 2, 3: Learning Numbers

CAREGIVERS WILL LEARN:

How to help their child count from 1-20, identify the numbers 1-10 and begin to understand mathematical language.

KEY MESSAGE:



1. Learning to count, recognize numbers, understand quantity, and how to order items are vital foundational math skills. To learn more complex math concepts, children must first grasp these basic number concepts.
2. Children usually learn to count in a very rote way (memorizing 1, 2, 3, etc.). Eventually they learn that a number corresponds to an object. We can help children gain this skill (known as “one to one correspondence”) by:
 - Pointing to items as we count so children begin to attach numbers with objects. For example, when putting dishes away we can count each one as we put it in the cabinet.



KEY MESSAGE CONTINUED:

- Having children count the number of stuffed animals on their bed, toes on their feet or blocks in a box.
3. We can help children learn to recognize written numbers by pointing out written numbers to them throughout the day (eg, “The tag on your shirt says “Size 4”. See, that’s 4.”)
 4. Children will start to see that written numbers means a certain number of items. They can begin to connect “2” to mean two items. Numbers are everywhere so there should be plenty of easy ways throughout the day to find them!



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MONTH:

- *Chicka Chicka 1, 2, 3* by Bill Martin jr., Michael Sampson, Lois Ehlert
- *Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed* by Eileen Christelow
- *10 Little Ladybugs* by Merle Peek
- *Ten, Nine, Eight* by Molly Bang



GRUPO DE JUEGOS LISTO PARA CRECER

TEMA DEL MES:

1,2,3 Aprendiendo Números

LOS CUIDADORES APRENDERÁN:

Cómo ayudar a su hijo a contar del 1 al 20, identificar los números del 1 al 10 y comenzar a entender el lenguaje matemático.

MENSAJES CLAVE:

1. Aprender a contar, reconocer números, comprender la cantidad y cómo ordenar los elementos son habilidades matemáticas fundamentales vitales. Para aprender conceptos matemáticos más complejos, los niños primero deben comprender estos conceptos numéricos básicos.

2. Los niños suelen aprender a contar de forma muy rutinaria (memorizando 1, 2, 3, etc.).

Eventualmente aprenden que un número corresponde a un objeto. Podemos ayudar a los niños a adquirir esta habilidad (conocida como "correspondencia uno a uno") al:

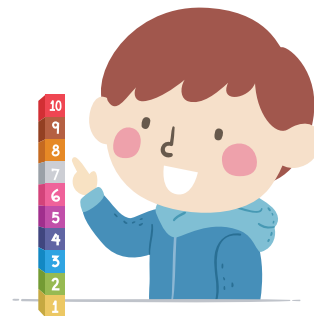
- Hacer que los niños cuenten el número de animales de peluche en su cama, los dedos de los pies o los bloques en una caja.



MENSAJES CLAVE:

- Señalar los elementos a medida que contamos para que los niños comiencen a adjuntar números con objetos. Por ejemplo, a la hora de guardar los platos podemos contar cada uno a medida que lo guardamos en el armario.

3. Podemos ayudar a los niños a aprender a reconocer números escritos señalándoles números escritos a lo largo del día (por ejemplo, "La etiqueta en su camisa dice "Talla 4". Mira, eso es 4."



LIBROS RECOMENDADOS:

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VENDOR FAIR:



THE JINGLE MINGLE

ARTISAN & CRAFT FAIR



****VENDORS NEEDED****

Help make this Christmas merry and bright for the children and families of Harnett County by reserving your vendor space in the 2023 Harnett Holidays Craft & Vendor Fair.



10ft x 10ft Outdoor Vendor Spaces

Vendor Fee: 1 Box of Infant/Toddler Diapers Per Space

Space Is Limited. Register By 11/3/23

455 MCKINNEY PKWY, LILLINGTON, NC 27546

NOVEMBER 30TH, 10AM - 2:30PM

For more information, visit
www.harnettsmartstart.org
or call **910-893-2344**.

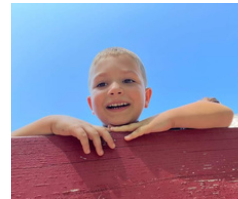
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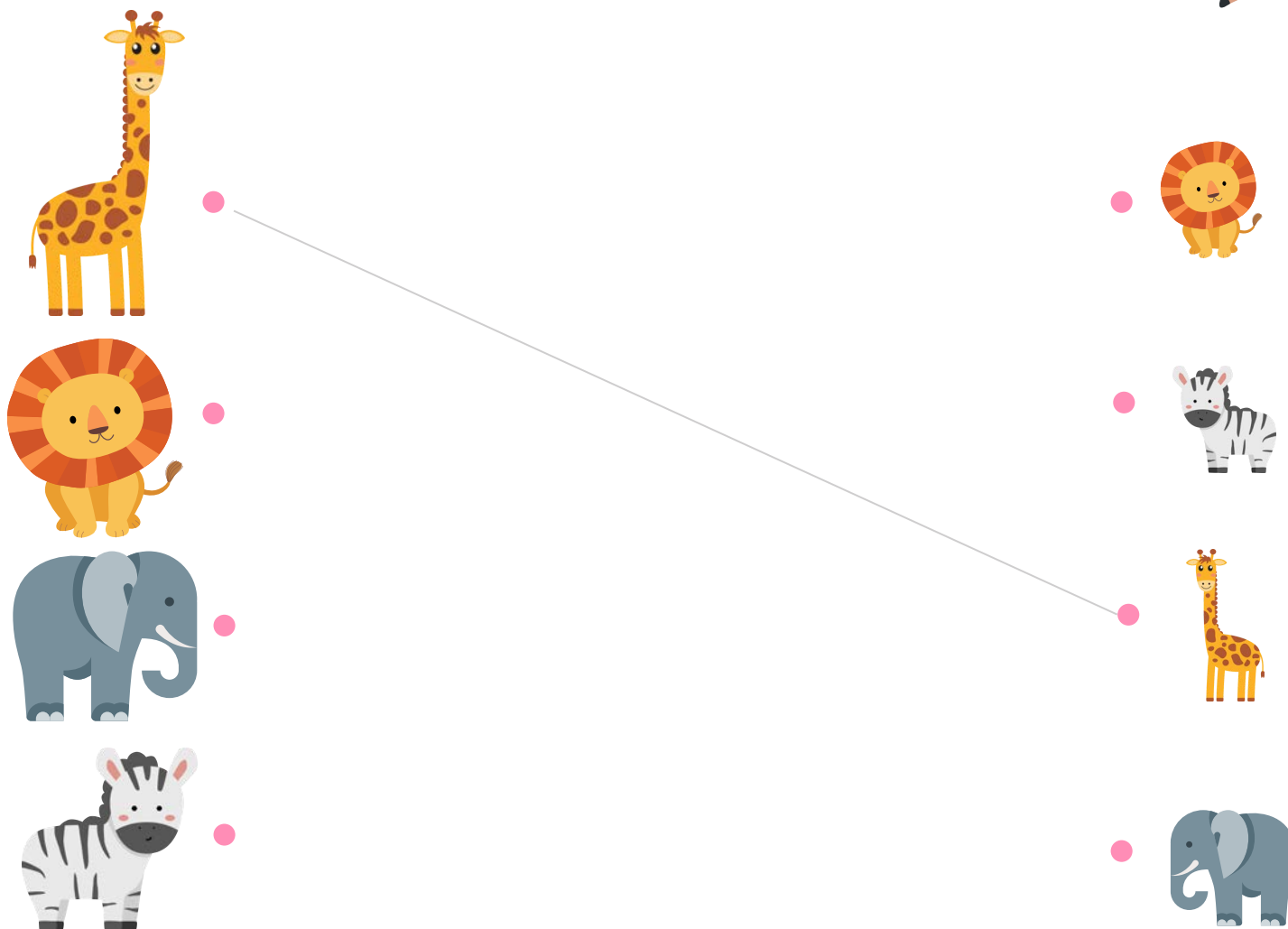


KIDS' CORNER



MOTHER AND BABY

Draw a line to match the mother animals to their babies.



JOKE OF THE MONTH:

How do you stop an astronaut's baby from crying?



**You rocket!*



FUN FACT OF THE MONTH:

DID YOU KNOW?

Newborn babies do not have kneecaps. Babies are in fact born without any kneecaps – they have a structure made of cartilage that resembles a kneecap, but they don't fully develop until around 6 months of age.



B is for baby.



