



FEBRUARY 2025
HPCPC CONNECTIONS
 HARNETT COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN



HELLO FRIENDS!

Happy February! As we enter this new month, we're excited to share the wonderful programs and activities that are helping to support and strengthen our community. At the Harnett County Partnership for Children, we're committed to creating a nurturing environment for families and children.

This month, we're thrilled to highlight some of our popular programs:

- **Ready to Grow Playgroup:** A fantastic opportunity for young children and their families to explore, play, and connect with others in a fun, supportive setting.
- **Circle of Parents:** A peer-led support group where parents can share experiences, challenges, and successes while building lasting connections with others in the community.
- **Zumbini:** A joyful music and movement class for children and their caregivers that promotes bonding through rhythm, dance, and song.

Thank you for being a part of our community and supporting these initiatives that make a real difference in the lives of local families. Keep reading to learn more about these programs and how you can get involved!

SPECIAL UPCOMING DATES:

- **February 14:** Open Play, Valentine's Day Party
REGISTRATION REQUIRED*
 (See event info on back cover)
- **February 26:** Lillington RTG Dental Health Day Special Guest





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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EVENT LOCATIONS:

Erwin COP and RTG Group:

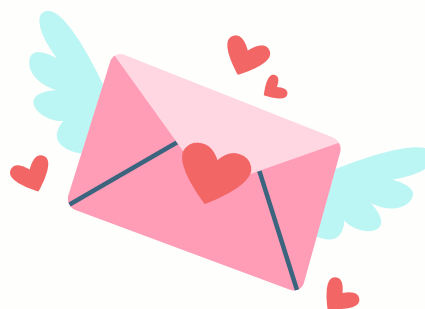
494 Antioch Church Rd, Dunn

Lillington COP and RTG Groups:

170 Pine State St, Lillington

YMCA RTG Group:

107 Carletta Cagle Dr, Cameron



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 - Erwin Ready to Grow Playgroup (RTG)

 - Lillington Ready to Grow Playgroup (RTG)

 - Circle of Parents (COP)

 - YMCA Ready to Grow Playgroup (RTG)

 - Open Play



SUN. MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SAT.

February



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9:30am- COP
(Erwin)
10am- RTG
(Lillington)



3

10am- COP
(Lillington)
1:30pm- RTG
(YMCA)

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10am- RTG
(Lillington)
10am- RTG
(Erwin)

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10am- COP
(Lillington)

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10am- Open
Play
(Lillington)

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**SUPER
BOWL
SUNDAY**



9:30am- COP
(Erwin)
10am- RTG
(Lillington)

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10am- COP
(Lillington)
1:30pm- RTG
(YMCA)




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10am- RTG
(Lillington)
10am- RTG
(Erwin)

12

10am- COP
(Lillington)

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Valentines Day
10am-11am
Valentines 
Open Play w/
Zumbini
(Lillington) 
11:30am-
12:30pm 
Valentines
Open Play w/
Zumbini

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9:30am- COP
(Erwin)
10am- RTG
(Lillington)



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10am- COP
(Lillington)
1:30pm- RTG
(YMCA)

18

10am- RTG
(Lillington)
10am- RTG
(Erwin)

19

10am- COP
(Lillington)



20

10am- Open
Play
(Lillington)

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9:30am- COP
(Erwin)
10am- RTG
(Lillington)



24

10am- COP
(Lillington)
1:30pm- RTG
(YMCA)

25

10am- RTG
Dental Day w/
Special Guest
(Lillington)
10am- RTG w/
Zumbini 
(Erwin)

26

10am- COP
(Lillington)

27

10am- Open
Play
(Lillington)

28





KIDDO SPOTLIGHT

AURORA, 4 YRS OLD

(TURNS 5 ON FEBRUARY 28TH)
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AURORA!



What do you love about playgroup?

“Playing with my friends!”

What are some things you love to do?

“I love to dance, play with playdoh, make new friends, paint, sing, play on the jungle gym and play ‘mommy’ with the babies.”

What is love?

“Hugs and kisses.”

Would you rather wear a hat that makes heart-shaped bubbles every time you laugh or shoes that light up with rainbow colors with each step on Valentine’s Day?

“Shoes that light up with rainbow colors.”

FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Developing good dental health habits (including regular dental visits) helps children get a jump start on a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums. Here are a few tips for brushing to help your child develop healthy dental habits:

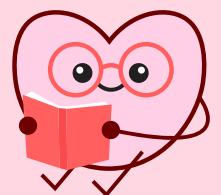


- Making it a habit requires sticking to a daily schedule.
- Make it fun - Songs that last 2 minutes will help.
- Teach by example - Children immitate their parents, so brush along with your children.

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!**





Circle of Parents

Círculo de Padres



GROW ON THE GO

PLAY, LEARN, AND GROW TOGETHER

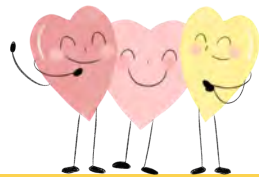
Parenting is joyful, but can also present difficulties and challenges.

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.

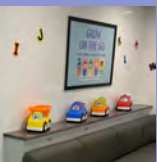
Siéntase empoderado, apoyado y fortalecido mientras asiste a las reuniones semanales del Círculo de Padres. Únase a otros padres/proveedor de cuidados del Condado de Harnett en nuestro grupo de Círculo de Padres.

CIRCLE of PARENTS®
Sharing Ideas. Sharing Support.



HCPC's Newest Addition!

Grow on the Go is a mobile play unit to offer play and learn opportunities for Harnett County families with children between the ages of birth to five years old. Harnett County Partnership for Children holds Pop Up & Play events throughout the county each month. Be sure to follow us on social media or visit www.harnettsmartstart.org for upcoming playtimes and locations!



www.harnettsmartstart.org

● MONDAYS @ 9:30AM
LOCATION: 494 ANTIOCH CHURCH RD, DUNN

● TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS @ 10AM
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.



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: Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am - 11:30am at 170 Pine State St, Lillington.

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Erwin Playgroup: Wednesdays from 10am - 11:30am at 494 Antioch Church Road, Dunn.

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YMCA Playgroup: Tuesdays from 1:30pm - 3pm @ 107 Carletta Cagle Dr, Cameron

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CHECK THE HCPC
MONTHLY
CALENDAR - MUSIC
NOTES INDICATE
EVENTS THAT
INCLUDE ZUMBINI!

Registration
NOT
Required!



zumbini®

with Ms. Katie!



GRUPO DE JUEGOS LISTO PARA CRECER

TEMA DEL MES:

Sonrisas brillantes



LOS CUIDADORES APRENDERÁN:

- Maneras de apoyar y enseñar a los niños la importancia de mantener sus dientes y bocas limpias y sanas
- Ideas divertidas para ayudar a enseñar a los niños la forma correcta de cepillarse y cuidar sus dientes

MENSAJES CLAVE:

1. Es importante que ayudemos a los niños a aprender a mantener la boca y los dientes sanos y que les ayudemos a limpiarse la boca y los dientes hasta que puedan hacerlo sin nuestra ayuda.
2. Los dientes sanos son necesarios porque los usamos para masticar los alimentos, para hablar y para sonreír.

LIBROS RECOMENDADOS:

- Joey Goes to the Dentist, by Candace Vittorini and Sara Boyer-Quick
- Alley Alligator, Awesome Smile, by Timothy E. McNutt Sr. DDS
- Arthur Tricks the Tooth Fairy, by Marc Brown



READY TO GROW PLAYGROUP

THEME OF THE MONTH:

Bright Smiles



CAREGIVERS WILL LEARN:

- Ways to support and teach children the importance of keeping their teeth and mouths clean and healthy

KEY MESSAGES:



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. Healthy teeth are necessary because we use them to chew food, to talk and to smile.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS:

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 JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
Valentine's Day
 Valentine's Day themed Zumbini,
 games, activities & crafts!
February 14th
 170 PINE STATE ST, LILLINGTON, NC
 Register @ <https://tinyurl.com/yc599nk2>






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