

# April

## YESS-Vandalia Newsletter

### WHAT'S GOOD

-Our infants had fun creating Dr. Seuss-inspired art and playing with bubbles, both catching and blowing them. They're practicing how to say or sign "Thank you".

-The Tots had fun making St Patrick's, rainbow, & umbrella art. They explored grass and sand and learned about floating objects.

-The Twos explored flowers and shapes. They enjoyed water painting and catching bubbles.

-Our Three's finished the "Exercise" unit and learned about healthy habits. Their current unit is "Recycle, Reduce, & Reuse," making art from recyclables. They're also practicing syllable counting in sight words.

-NC PreK enjoyed Dr. Seuss week and made bird nests. They're unit of study is "Insects", and they're collecting, observing, and caring for them.

-Room 6 talked about Spring and weather, read Dr Seuss, did shape art, counted backwards, and held a dance party.

-Room 8 explored St Patrick's Day and rainbows, made leprechaun traps, and studied insects by creating caterpillars, butterflies, and bugs.

-Room 9 learned about weather, made hurricane and cloud art, created a spring collage from outdoor items, and studied space and pond animals.

### LOOKING FORWARD

We're excited for spring activities & seeing the changes in nature. Each class will have an Egg Hunt & party to celebrate Easter holiday.

Week of the Young Child is April 13-17 ; participation details will be posted.

Reading benefits young children ; support our book fair from April 27 to May 1.

April is Autism Awareness Month. Our efforts promote inclusion in schools and communities. Early diagnosis helps caregivers improve outcomes and connects families with resources.

It's also Child Abuse Prevention Month. We aim to foster healthy development, reduce stigma, and share resources before abuse occurs. Look for information on protective factors and report suspected abuse to Guilford County Dept of Social Services' Child Abuse & Neglect Division.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- Mar 30th-Apr 6 : Spring Break, GCS Closed
- Apr 2nd : Easter Egg Hunt (all classes)
- Apr 3rd : Good Friday, Center & GCS Closed
- Apr 5th : Easter Sunday
- Apr 14th, 6 : 30p : Handwashing & Diapering Workshop
- Apr 11th-17th : Week of the Young Child
- Apr 27th-May 1st : School Bookfair

### BIRTHDAYS

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| Zakari 4/18     |              |
| Victor 4/4      | Hailey 4/20  |
| Mariah 4/8      | Jaida 4/20   |
| Amayah 4/9      | Janai 4/20   |
| Sebastian 4/13  | Ashley 4/21  |
| Benjamin H 4/13 | Maziyah 4/21 |

### REMINDER

- Confirm allergy and medication protocols with your child's teacher.
- Review our Sick Policy for guidelines.
- Send labeled sunscreen and a permission slip if you want it applied.
- Check and restock your child's supplies : diapers, wipes, change of clothes etc.
- Keep drop-off goodbyes short and consistent to reduce anxiety.
- Watch our bulletin board for spring event and fundraiser updates.

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# April Community Events



## Festivals & Large Events

- 4/11 : -4/11 : Science Everywhere, a STEM event at UNCG with hands-on activities, experientials, & local scientists in a family friendly atmosphere.
- 4/11, 9am : 5th Annual Chalk Walk at Gateway Gardens features an art competition ; youth and teen registration available.
- 4/11, 12pm : Cultural Street Food Festival at George K's includes food trucks, vendors, and live DJs.
- 4/25, 11am-5pm : NC Korean Festival at Center City Park celebrates with Korean food, K-Pop dance contest, and performances. \$10 for adults ; free for kids under 10.
- 4/25, 12pm : Kaitlyn's Carnival at GSO Arboretum has face painting, fairy hair, raffle, and food trucks.
- 4/26, 12pm : COLORS Music & Arts Day at LeBauer Park offers music and art for all ages.

## Spring & Easter Activities

- 4/3, 6pm : Easter Movie EGGstravaganza at Summerfield Farms – family movie night.
- 4/4, 3pm : Gate City Vineyard Easter Egg Hunt at Bur-Mill Park with games, crafts, and an Easter story for kids 12 & under.
- 4/4, 2pm : Farm & Stables Easter Hunt – free event with bounce houses, face painting, and horseback riding.
- 4/11, 10am : Spring Fling at McLaurin Farms – hayrides, train rides, face painting, egg hunts. \$5 per person ; free for ages 2 & under.

## Nature & Educational Programs

- 4/1 : Rainforest Adventure Maze at GSO Science Center – explore a tropical rainforest maze.
- 4/1, 3 : 30p : Meet the Animals at Glenwood Branch Library – hands-on learning with live animals.
- 4/17, 4-6p : Family Fishing Evenings at city lakes, hosted by Parks & Rec.
- 4/24, 8 : 30-10p : Statewide Star Party at GSO Science Center – guided stargazing during NC Science Festival.
- 4/24-26 : City Nature Challenge – families use iNaturalist to document local wildlife in Guilford County

## Sports & Performance

- 4/7-12 & 4/21-26, multiple times : GSO Grasshoppers Baseball at First National Bank Field
- 4/8 : Peppa Pig, My First Concert at the Steven Tanger Center is an interactive concert experience for young children.

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