



Charter Colony Express

All Aboard!

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A Note from the Administration...

Happy Spring!!! I feel like this season greeted us a while ago but it is so nice to see Richmond in full bloom. Spring is a busy time around our school with open enrollment for our various of upcoming programs. If your child is currently in the Infant, Transitional Toddlers, Orange, Yellow, Blue, Green, Purple, Gold or Satellite Pre K classrooms your child will automatically rollover into our Summer Camp programs. There is nothing else you need to do on your end! You will see a Summer Camp Activity Fee assessed in June that will cover all the Summer Camp activities. If your child is enrolled in our Before or After-School program you will need to sign up to enroll for our Summer Camp program, Camp Blue Sky. Spots do fill fast up so we are encouraging families to enroll as soon as possible or by May 1st. There is a Camp Registration fee associated with Camp Blue Sky, but no Activity or Supply Fees.

Looking ahead to next year, children currently enrolled in Infant, Transitional Toddlers, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, and Purple will automatically graduate to the next classroom. Parents are not required to reregister or sign up for a spot. Fall Placements will be released in late summer. For children needing a spot in our full day Private Kindergarten Program, families must submit an Enrollment Agreement to capture one of these spots now. Children must be 5 years old by December 31st to enroll in one of our Kindergarten programs, this is a firm cutoff. Children enrolling in our afterschool program will submit an Enrollment Agreement for the 2017-2018 School Year by June 16th. These Enrollment Agreements will be sent out later in the Spring and are due by the end of this school year. While we are thrilled to be able to offer our families multiple programs, we know the enrollment process can often be confusing so please don't hesitate to reach out with your questions. Our number one goal is to partner with our parents and families so that you feel connected to our school and all the important decisions made regarding your child. We are excited to spend our first full school year learning, growing and exploring with all of our students.

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April 4th & 5th	April 6th	April 14th
Spring Portraits	K Readiness Informational Meeting	Easter Egg Hunt
April 10th – 14th	April 17th – 21st	April 24th – 28th
Chesterfield County Spring Break	Spirit Week	NAEYC Week of the Young Child

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Nurse's Note: Spring *Matilde Badillo, R.N.*

Welcome Spring!!!

A Time for Spring Cleaning, A Time for Sunscreen, And A Time for Donating Gently Used Clothes & Shoes & Towels

Yay! Spring is finally here! It is so wonderful to see all of the kids having so much fun playing out in the sunshine! Parents, please remember to apply sunscreen onto your child before bringing them to Rainbow Station. Once here, the teachers will reapply our Rocky Mountain SPF 50 sunscreen, or your own personal sunscreen if you prefer, onto your child as needed throughout the day.

Spring is also a great time to clean out and sort through all of our "Old" belongings and bring in the "New." That being said, we are hoping to collect any gently used clothes, shoes, coats, hats, etc. as well as TOWELS that you no longer need so we could stock our "Emergency Clothes" bin. This is a "bin" monitored by the Get Well Place which keeps extra clothes on hand for when a child has an "accident" and does not have a clothing replacement on hand.

Please bring your "gently used" donations to the Get Well Place or the Front Desk. Your closets will be cleaner and our "Bin" will be fuller! A win-win for everyone!

Thank you! Stay safe! Stay hydrated! Be well!



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Curriculum Highlight

By: Bridgette, Curriculum Specialist

Happy Spring! Are you ready for April showers to bring May flowers? Our classrooms have already been busy celebrating spring and learning about rain and rainbows. We also had a wonderful time celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Did your child talk about Liam the Leprechaun coming to visit their classroom? Liam had some fun making mischief within each of our classrooms in the week leading to St. Patrick's Day. He left notes, glitter and Lucky Charms cereal everywhere! Each class made a "Leprechaun Trap" that they set out on Station Square on the eve of St. Patrick's Day in the hope of catching Liam. All of our classes participated and were very creative with their traps. I hope you had a chance to see them. The trap from the Older Infant class actually caught Liam. At our St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 17th we danced to Irish music, read a St. Patrick's Day story and saw Liam wiggling in a bag. As a group we decided to set Liam free so that he could come to visit again another year.



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Birthday Celebrations

Happy Birthday to Koane D, Zayd B, Flynn E, Collin H, Ian C, Evelyn B, Layla M, Will D and Camden H!!

Notes From the Front Desk:



- Please remember that tuition is due on Monday. Late fees will be applied on Wednesday.
- Thank you to all of the families who brought in eggs and goodies for the Easter Egg Hunt! We couldn't do these things without your help!



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Save the Date of our Annual Kindergarten Readiness Parent Class April 6th from 5:30-6:30

Class Topics:

- Learn more about the differences and requirements for Public and Private Kindergarten programs in our area
- Learn what your child has been doing to prepare for Kindergarten, both academically and socially
- Take home tips for YOU to support Kindergarten Readiness over the spring/summer months
- Learn about the various Pre Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs offered at Rainbow Station Charter Colony
- Opportunity to register for full day Kindergarten at RSCC or After School programs

A little bit more about what Rainbow Station's Private Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten Classes Offer:

- Kindergarten program is managed by a licensed and accredited teacher
- Maintains a ratio of 1 teacher per 12 students, or less
- Offers a proprietary curriculum that supports and includes Virginia SOLs, Chesterfield Country standards and schedule, StarFall Reading and Language Arts curriculum, Math-Connects literacy-based mathematics program, Leader In Me leadership curriculum, and PALS screening and assessments
- Weekly specialized classes include: Music Appreciation, Fine Art, Culinary Arts, Cultural Studies, and Physical Education
- Report Cards issued quarterly and all records transfer onto your child's next step, be it Public School Kindergarten or First Grade
- Field Trips offered monthly as an extension of the curriculum
- Before and After-School programming is 100% INCLUDED

We hope to see you there!

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