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STREAMIN3 IN ACTION!

APRIL 2023

The Children's Center was filmed recently by the University of Virginia STREAMin3 team in Franklin at our Texie Camp Marks Children's Center to highlight how we are implementing the curriculum in our classrooms.

The Children's Center started with the curriculum as a pilot program funded by the Obici Healthcare Foundation and in 2022-2023 transitioned to implementing it agency-wide across all classrooms.

The STREAMin3 curriculum is funded by the Obici Healthcare Foundation and the VA Department of Education.

The team also donated \$1,000 of supplies from Amazon to our Texie Camp Marks Center! THANK YOU!



GIVE LOCAL 757 RAISES OVER \$2,500 FOR MOMS!

APRIL 2023

Our Annual Giving Day as part of the Give Local 757 Campaign in April raised over \$2,600! Our goal was to raise funds to assist expecting and new moms with essential baby items such as diapers, cribs, books, etc! In May, our Family Services team held a baby shower for the pregnant and new moms in our Home-Based Early Head Start program. Thanks to our amazing donors, EVERY mom was gifted with baby items!

THANK YOU DONORS!



In the Classroom



The STREAMin3 curriculum boasted tons of fun activities this Spring including making ice, painting, planting, and creating & exploring! This curriculum is funded by the Obici Healthcare Foundation and the Virginia Department of Education.



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Center Events



SHAMROCK N' ROLL EVENT IN FRANKLIN

Pre-K hosted another fun trike-a-thon in honor of St. Patrick's Day! Children from infants to preschoolers wore green and had a blast riding trikes, bikes, and cruising in strollers!



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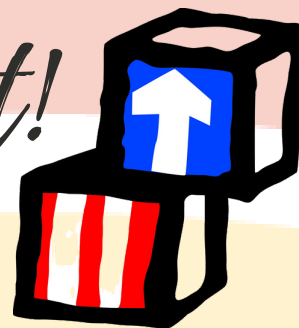


HEAD START TRANSITIONS!

Head Start classrooms in Suffolk, Franklin, Smithfield and Courtland held transition ceremonies to celebrate the end of the school year and our rising kindergarteners! Children marched in, sang songs, and cheered a year of success!



Happy Birthday Head Start!



CENTERS CELEBRATE HEAD START'S BIRTHDAY

Children, staff, and families held birthday parties at each center in honor of Head Start's 58th birthday on May 18, 2023. Since 1965, Head Start programs have been providing education, health services, and economic stability in the lives of countless children and families. Tamie Rittenhouse, Head Start Director at the Children's Center, was interviewed by the Suffolk News Herald in honor of the big day! Read the article [here](#).



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BETTER TOGETHER

The latest community partnership news!



READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Each year we celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with a Read Across America event. This year, many community, parent & staff volunteered to read to children in our classrooms.

COMMUNITY HELPERS

The Texie Camp Marks Children's Center held a Community Helpers Day and were visited by the Franklin Police Dept. and Franklin Fire & Rescue!



A FIRE DEPT VISIT

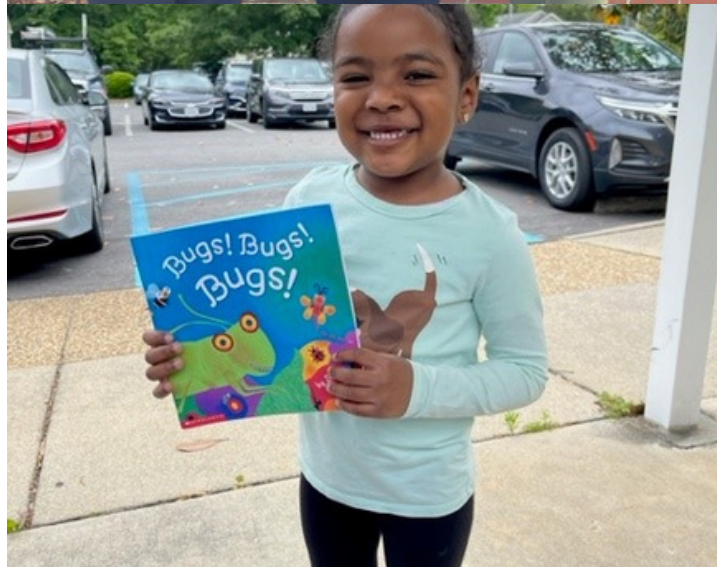
The Courtland Volunteer Fire Department visited the Southampton Head Start Center! Children presented them with a card thanking them for keeping our community safe!

A LOVE FOR BOOKS

Promoting early literacy & phonic awareness



The Children's Center has an ongoing partnership with the local public libraries! Recently, the Suffolk Public Library welcomed children and families and assisted them in signing up for library cards. In Smithfield, Head Start children have enjoyed story time events with Blackwater Regional Library! We appreciate the opportunity to promote literacy & a love for books!



DONOR RECOGNITION

JANUARY 1, 2023 - MAY 31, 2023

We embrace the community as our partner in serving children. Donations help make our programs stronger. The Children's Center extends many thanks to the good friends who have made donations between January 1, 2023 - May 31, 2023. You can donate online at www.childrenscenterva.com/donate.

In Memory

Faith Atkinson

Billy & Dana Rountree
Judy & Tom Farris

Katherine Beale

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Mr. Harry Christie

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Zachary Cutchins

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Mark Hubbard

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Nelle Hyatt

Nancy Lewis

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Claude Thurman Parker

Robert & Ann Story

Palmer Runnels

Georgianna Runnels

In Memory

Beverly H. Scott

Steve & Chris Cole, Jr.

Vince Snidow, Jr.

Charlotte E. Whitley

Roy Swietzer

Charlotte E. Whitley

Ralph Turpin

Scott & Margaret Bachman

Beverly Worsham

William W. Worsham

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Victoria Bailey

Rosalind Cutchins

Janice Tawney
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Charlotte E. Whitley

Tamie Rittenhouse

Janice B. Holland

The Children's Center Staff

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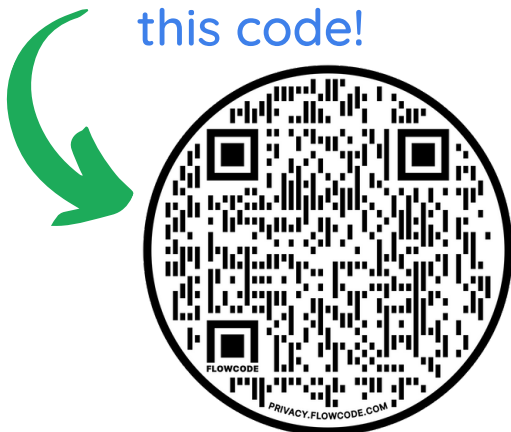
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In Kind Gifts

We accept In-kind gifts including classroom supplies and materials. We accept classroom art supplies, educational toys, recreational toys, and other general supplies. You can donate these items to any center!

Planned Giving

You can make an impact on children for many years to come through planned giving. Planned gifts also give back and can help you prepare for your future. This allows you to take a sizeable tax deduction, and provide favorable capital gains tax treatment. Planned giving allows you to leave a legacy that fits your philanthropic goals.

Follow Us!

The Children's Center is on Facebook and Instagram! Follow us on both so you never miss an update or photo! Sharing our page, including our posts and photos, can help us reach more people and carry out our mission every day!

Amazon Smile

Do you shop on Amazon? The Children's Center participates in Amazon Smile. Each time you make a purchase, a small percentage of your purchase can be donated to us! Set this up by typing in Amazon Smile in your Amazon search bar and then type in Children's Center 1983 and click on The Children's Center in Franklin, VA!

Rite Aid Kid Cents

The Children's Center is part of the Rite Aid Kid Cents program! You can round up your change when you make a purchase at any Rite Aid in the country and designate it to The Children's Center. Go to www.kidscents.com for more details!

NAP Tax Credits

The Virginia Neighborhood Assistance Program provides tax incentives for individuals who donate \$500 or more to The Children's Center in a 6 month period.

The Children's Center



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our efforts to nurture and
educate children and families!***

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