

# CCR&R Parent/Provider Newsletter- January 2018



## HOLIDAY HUSTLE THANK YOU!!!

The staff of Craven Smart Start would like to sincerely thank the community for its support of our Holiday Hustle 10K, 5K, and Family Fun Run. It was through the generous support of our returning sponsors, in-kind sponsors, volunteers, and participants that this event was a great success! Also thank you to our board members Dr. Potter, Pastor Boykin, and Jean Kenefick, as well as our MC Matt Callahan from News Channel 12. As you know, Craven Smart Start's mission is to ensure that all children are healthy and ready to be successful when they reach kindergarten. Funds raised through events like the Holiday Hustle help us meet the financial demands of providing programs that will help us achieve our mission. We appreciate your support and hope we can count on your participation next year!

*Thank  
you*

**Save The Date!!! Next Holiday Hustle will be on  
Saturday December 8th, 2018**



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## Welcome our newest staff member!!

### Mary Smaw—Behavior Specialist

I am happy to be working alongside many friends again. In my work with Smart Start as the new Healthy Social Behavior Specialist, I hope to help teachers with strategies for guiding preschoolers to become responsible for their own behavior, interactions and motivation. I have been in the child care field for almost 30 years and have held multiple positions on committees and boards to support the work being done every day by those serving our preschool population. I have operated a Family Child Care Home, taught Pre-K in the Family Literacy program at Vanceboro Farm Life Elementary, and directed private, faith-based and corporate preschool programs. For several years, I taught Early Childhood Education and Administration classes at Carven and Pamlico Community Colleges. I appreciate the efforts of all who contribute to the health development of our young children.



### Educational Value of New Year's Resolutions for Kids

The dawn of a new year is a good time to set goals. Setting resolutions of what a person wants to accomplish for the year is a time-honored tradition and a learning opportunity for kids. Determining resolutions for the year can help children work toward personal growth and goals for all areas of life, such as academics, sports and daily life activities. The educational benefits of New Year's resolutions include:

- Providing incentives for pursuing a goal, such as earning an A in math or making the soccer team.
- Teaching how to set a goal and how to work towards it.
- Determining resolutions can help kids find out more about themselves and what they want in life by figuring out what they want to achieve this year.

Building academic skills, such having an early reader write out his or her list and read it, or allowing an older child to enhance math skills by keeping score on a resolution goal-tracking chart.

To read the rest of this article please visit:

<http://kids.lovetoknow.com/holiday-seasonal-resources/new-years-resolutions-kids>

## ~Changes for Lending Library~

Changes are in the works for the Resource Lending Library. Last year the Board of Directors approved a reallocation of surplus funds to be used to upgrade the Resource Library's catalog system. An audit is currently underway to eliminate duplicates, pull broken and damaged items from the collection and reorganize how items are shelved. At the same time, all items are being cataloged in the new barcode system. This new system will make the check-out/check in process simpler and will provide an online catalog for Patron use here in the Library and on-line. Some of the non-book items on the shelves are being repackaged to save space which then may provide room for additions to the collection. The Resource Library is open for business as usual while these improvements are being made and patrons will notice new signage and directories. We are currently transitioning into our new lending library system.

All of our Library Patrons will be given a new member number that is a readable barcode. Once the new system is fully implemented, Patrons can download the free app, Librista to their smartphones and access our catalog from anywhere and put materials on reserve if needed.

While we have been auditing and cataloging our collection, we have made every effort to count and label pieces, find and include game instructions and eliminate items that are unusable due to broken or missing parts. Of you, our patrons, we ask that you treat our materials with care and return everything clean, undamaged, with all parts and instructions on a timely basis. Unfortunately we will be more closely enforcing our system of fines for damage and late returns.

All of us here at Craven Smart Start/Child Care Resource & Referral are excited about these improvements to the Resource Lending Library and know that they will enhance your experience.

**\*\*\*FOR CURRENT LIBRARY MEMBERS:** Please bring your lending library card when you visit our library so that we can update your library card **\*\*\***

### **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**Our Building Brighter Futures  
Conference is March 24th, 2018 at  
Craven Community College.  
Please call or stop by our office to  
Register (252) 672-5921**

**\$20 if registered by 03/02/2018 or  
\$30.00 if registered after  
03/05/2018.**

### **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**Reading Fun Day at the New Bern  
Mall is  
Saturday, February 3rd, 2018  
from 10AM-2PM**



## What's Going On At Our Office

### Trainings in January

**\*Ray & The Sunbeatables: A Sun Safety Curriculum For Preschoolers:** Thursday, January 11th, 2018 6:30pm - 8:30pm CCR&R / Cost: \$6.00 for Library Members, \$8.00 for non-members / Credit: 2 CHC's

**MAXIMUM OF 12 PARTICIPANTS**

**\*NC Foundations for Early Learning and Development:** Tuesday, January 16th, 2018 6:30pm - 9:00pm CCR&R AND Tuesday, January 30th, 2018 6:30pm-9:00pm CCR&R / Cost: \$20.00 for CCR&R Library Members, \$25.00 for non-members / Credit: .5 CEU's

**\* Social & Emotional Milestones- Birth to 36 Months: Building Blocks for Future Learning:** Tuesday, January 23rd, 2018 6:30pm - 8:30pm CCR&R / Cost: \$6.00 for CCR&R Library Members, \$8.00 for non-members / Credit: 2 CHC's

**\*IT'S SIDS:** Thursday, January 25th, 2018 6:30pm - 8:30pm CCR&R / Cost: \$6.00 for CCR&R Library Members, \$8.00 for non-members / Credit: 2 CHC's

**\*CPR/First Aid:** Saturday, January 27th, 2018 9:00am - 3:30pm CCR&R / Cost: \$55.00 for CCR&R Library Members, \$65.00 for non-members / Credit: .6 CEU's

**MAXIMUM OF 6 PARTICIPANTS**

Fire Safety training will be held  
**February 6th, 2018** at the New Bern  
Fire Department at  
**1401 Neuse Boulevard** from  
**6:30pm-8:00pm.**

We will also be having another Fire  
Safety training in August or September  
so stay tuned for that date!

We will be closed on Monday,  
January 15th, 2018 for  
Martin Luther King Day



# January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> New Years Day	<b>2</b> National Science Fiction Day	<b>3</b> National Chocolate Covered Cherry Day	<b>4</b> World Braille Day	<b>5</b> Bird Day	<b>6</b> National Technology Day
<b>7</b> National Bobble head Day	<b>8</b> National Bubble Bath Day	<b>9</b> Law Enforcement Appreciation Day	<b>10</b> National Save The Eagles Day	<b>11</b> National Milk Day	<b>12</b> National Hot Tea Day	<b>13</b> National Sticker Day
<b>14</b> Organize Your Home Day	<b>15</b> Martin Luther King Day	<b>16</b> Civil Service Day	<b>17</b> Kid Inventors Day	<b>18</b> National Thesaurus Day	<b>19</b> Popcorn Day	<b>20</b> National Cheese Lovers Day
<b>21</b> National Hugging Day	<b>22</b> National Handwriting Day	<b>23</b> National Pie Day	<b>24</b> National Compliment Day	<b>25</b> Opposite Day	<b>26</b> National Preschool Fitness Day	<b>27</b> National Geographic Day
<b>28</b> National Pediatrician Day	<b>29</b> National Puzzle Day	<b>30</b> Croissant Day	<b>31</b> National Backward Day			

## Child Care Resource & Referral

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*For training calendars  
& special events, check  
out our website or  
Facebook!*



*Child Care Resource and Referral is here  
for you. FREE referrals to fit your child  
care needs with a licensed, regulated, or  
legally exempt childcare program.*

*Looking for:*

*\*Full-Time/Part-Time Care*

*\*Before/After School Care*

*\*Part-Time Preschool*

*\*Weekend Care*

*\*Drop-In Care*

*\*Hourly Care*

### Mission Statement for CCR&R

**To enhance the quality and quantity of child care services in  
Craven County by providing a wide range of information,  
referrals, advocacy and training  
services to families, providers and the community in general.**

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