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**PFCLG 2014 SIXTH ANNUAL SPOOKTACULAR**



The Partnership for Children of  
Lincoln & Gaston Counties annual  
**SPOOKTACULAR**

**FREE ADMISSION**

Saturday, October 25, 2014  
12 Noon to 4:00 p.m.

WoodMill Festival Grounds,  
1350 WoodMill Winery Lane, Vale NC

- Activities include:
- Games • Trunk or Treat
  - Bounce House • Fitness Trail
  - FREE Hotdog Lunch!

**PARTNERSHIP STAFF**

**OUR MISSION**

Serving as a leading advocate and collaborative resource to provide access to high quality services for young children.

**OUR VISION**

A community where young children will reach their full health and educational potential.

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## WIN A LG Picture Perfect 42" Smart TV!



The Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties is raffling off a LG Picture Perfect 42" Smart TV. Tickets can be purchased at the Partnership office now through Nov. 2, 2014 and at the Partnership Spooktacular event, Saturday, Oct. 25. You do not need to be present to win! Tickets are \$1. Drawing will be held on Nov. 3.

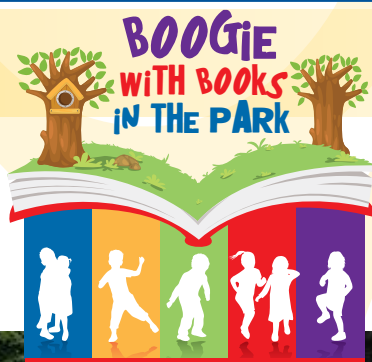


## Boogie with Books in the Park

On Wednesday, August 13, children came out to Betty G Ross Park in Lincolnton to enjoy a day of storytelling, dancing and bonding with family. Boogie with Books in the Park, sponsored by the Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties, had an estimated 200 participants. Every child who attended received a free book. "The event was a huge success. I look forward to our next Boogie with Books event where we can continue to provide books for young children," said Michael Linker, Executive Director of the Partnership for Children.

Thank you to our Supporters and Contributors of the event including: Child Care Connections of Cleveland County, Lincoln County Public Library, The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., and Rob Lowery.

In addition special thanks to all of our Storytellers including:  
 -Judy Jones, Lincoln County Public School Librarian (Retired)  
 -Jennifer Sackett, Director, Lincoln County Library  
 -Helena Brittain, Supervisor, Lincoln County Library  
 -Kelly Kinard, Children's Librarian, Lincoln County Library  
 -Molly Weakland, Children's Librarian, Denver Branch  
 -Pamela Sweezy, Library Supervisor, Denver Branch  
 -Amanda Cain, West Lincoln Branch Supervisor



## SAVE THE DATES

Boogie with Books in the Park  
 Sept. 27, 2014- 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
 Erwin Center, 913 N Pryor Street, Gastonia

Run for the Money  
 Saturday, April 18, 2015

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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## Prepare for School with NC Pre-K



Tiffany and Tim Taylor have nothing but good things to say about the NC Pre-K program in Lincoln County. Their twins, Hope and Bryan went through the program and the results are evident they said. "They are both really advanced in reading and writing," said Father, Tim. Mom Tiffany agrees. "They knew their ABC's, letters and colors," she said. "They went above and beyond."

The couple wanted to prepare their children for kindergarten and chose the NC Pre-K program to do this. Tiffany said she boasts about the program all the time and wants everyone to know how much it has helped their children with computer, math and reading skills. Hope and Bryan are now 7-years-old and have just started first grade at Lincoln Charter School.

So what does NC Pre-K offer?

- Health and physical development
- Social and emotional development
- Language development and communication
- Cognition and general knowledge
- Approaches toward learning

Want to learn more?

The North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten (NC Pre-K) program is a state-funded, community-based pre-kindergarten program designed to provide 4-year-old children with a valuable educational experience. The Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties serves as the NC Pre-K contract administrator for Lincoln County.

There are NC Pre-K classrooms located in the following facilities:

- Mini Academy @ Denver
- Ms. Em's Child Development Center
- A Place to Grow
- G E Massey Elementary Pre-K
- Lincoln Park Head Start
- Norris S. Childers Elementary Pre-K
- North Brook Elementary Pre-K

NC Pre-K is limited to children who were four years old on or before August 31, 2014. Eligibility for NC Pre-K is determined by a number of criteria, including family size, gross income, and developmental needs or other risk factors. Applications for Lincoln County's NC Pre-K can be obtained at any of Lincoln County's NC Pre-K's classroom sites, the office of Lincoln County Schools, and on the Partnership's website at [www.pfclg.com](http://www.pfclg.com) under the Programs tab. Applications are also available at the office of the Partnership for Children. Please submit completed applications to the Partnership office.

For information or questions, contact the Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties at 704-922-0900 or 704-736-9008.

## CONGRATULATIONS



- ★ Children of Excellence Christian Childcare in Gastonia (Family Child Care home) maintained 5 stars
- ★ Cora's Tiny Tots Learning Center in Gastonia, increased to 3 stars (Temporary License)
- ★ Gaston Learning Academy in Gastonia maintained 5 stars
- ★ Little Tykes Child Development Center in Lowell, maintained 4 stars
- ★ Love's Learning Center in Dallas, maintained 4 stars
- ★ Mini Academy in Denver, increased to 5 stars
- ★ Ms. Em's Child Development Center in Stanley, maintained 4 stars
- ★ Precious Moments Childcare Center in Gastonia increased to 5 stars
- ★ Save Our Children Youth Academy in Gastonia increased to 4 stars
- ★ Tutor Time Child Care Learning Centers in Denver, increased to 4 stars (Temporary License)