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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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PFCLG 2013 FIFTH ANNUAL SPOOKTACULAR



The Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties annual
SPOOKTACULAR

FREE ADMISSION

Saturday, October 26, 2013
12 Noon to 4:00 p.m.

WoodMill Festival Grounds,
1350 WoodMill Winery Lane, Vale NC

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

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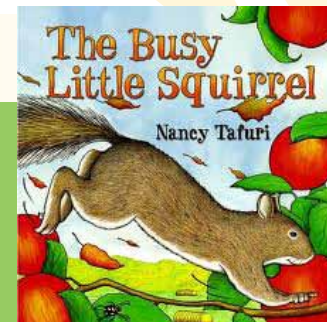
Make plans to join us at the Spooktacular!!!!



The Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties annual Family Spooktacular is an event that is geared toward families with young children and helps raise awareness of the Partnership's services. The Spooktacular allows us the opportunity to educate families of the programs we offer and to stress the importance of the first 2,000 days of a child's life. Each direct service provider of a Smart Start funded project will have a booth that has a free children's activity. Parents will be able to learn more about the different Smart Start funded projects which focus on raising the quality of child care and education, supporting families and advancing child health for children 0-5 years old. There will be games and activities for children of all ages, including a bounce house, a fitness trail, and trunk or treat. A fire truck, police car and ambulance will be on site for the children to view. A FREE hotdog lunch will be provided!

Thank you to our Sponsors that helped make our event a success last year! They are:
 5 star/event sponsor: Röchling Engineering Plastics
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Autumn Book Recommendations

Busy Animals: learning about animals in autumn
 By Lisa Bullard

Awesome Autumn
 By Bruce Goldstone

Leaf Man
 By Lois Ehlert

The Busy Little Squirrel
 By Nancy Tafuri

Mouse's First Fall
 By Lauren Thompson

Pick a Perfect Pumpkin: learning about pumpkin harvests
 By Robin Michal Koontz

An Alphabet Acrostic
 by Steven Schnur

Autumn Leaves
 by Ken Robbins

Corn Is Maize
 by Alike

Fall (The Four Seasons)
 by Maria Rius

How Do Apples Grow?
 by Betsy Maestro

APPLE FESTIVAL SEPT. 21, 2013

Downtown Lincolnton 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Come visit our Street Booth and in the Kid's Orchard!

Save the Date: Run for the Money 2014
 Run for the Money 12 will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2014

Very Important Parents (VIP) Program

Parenting can be rewarding and challenging. The Very Important Parents (VIP) Program can help you be the best parent possible. Belinda Bogle, Parent Educator at the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service said she loves it when she sees parents learn new skills. "It all comes back to what I call the foundation of parenting," Bogle said. "Children learn from what we model to them." The Very Important Parents Program provides families with children ages 0-5 with information to demonstrate developmentally appropriate parenting practices that support positive parent/child interactions. VIP is an program of the Gaston Cooperative Extension Services and funding is provided through a grant from the Partnership for Children of Lincoln and Gaston Counties. Parenting Matters is a class that is offered by VIP that emphasizes six areas that include: care for self, understanding, nurturing, motivating, advocating and guidance. Former participant, Diana McDaniel, of Gaston County completed the Parenting Matters program with her husband Andrew. The class is offered to parents in 8 two-hour sessions over a 2 month period. McDaniel said it was something she sought out to do for herself. Having four daughters' ages 3 months, 2, 5, and 9 she said the program taught her about the developmental stages and behaviors. "I wanted to learn more about different ideas on parenting and make myself a better person and parent," she said. The program is free and open to anyone. In addition to the 8 sessions, parents receive mailings and phone calls to offer support and the opportunity to attend parent meetings for on-going family support. Parenting Matters follows the National Extension Parent Education Model, which focuses exclusively on what parents can do to enhance the well-being of their children.

Want to participate in the program? It is offered in both Lincoln and Gaston counties. Contact Bogle at 704-922-2122 or belinda_bogle@ncsu.edu.



CONGRATULATIONS



Carrie Minnich, Board Chair of the Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties presents Adrian Miller, Past Chair with a plaque of appreciation

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