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To: 'Steve Langdon'
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] - FW: Head Start/ECEAP South Kelso Activities

From: Corie Dow <cdow@linkprogram.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 4:56 PM
To: mkardas@kelso.gov
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Hi Mike

The letter from Mindy is below.

Please let me know if there is anything else that we need to do. I appreciate your patience with us.

Best,

Corie Dow-Kramer
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From: Leasure, Mindy <mleasure@lcc.ctc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 4:49 PM
To: Corie Dow <cdow@linkprogram.org>
Subject: Head Start/ECEAP South Kelso Activities

The Lower Columbia College Head Start/EHS/ECEAP program is in partnership with Youth & Family Link to provide early learning services to South Kelso residents at 1107 South 4th. Our services will include up to 18 preschool children and 4 staff on-site at one time. There will be a morning session and an afternoon session with no overlap to allow for teacher breaks. We stagger our class start times with the elementary school so that students can arrive on time to each classroom for families with children at both locations. For example, if the elementary school starts at 8:30am, our ECEAP class will begin at 8:15am. Our program will not offer activities in addition to the preschool classroom during school hours. We do encourage parent involvement in the classroom. For example, a parent may return to the classroom prior to the pick-up time to join in a classroom activity or join the lunch before walking home. On an occasional basis, in addition to the center staff, a program specialist, such as one of our mental health specialists may come to observe a child in the classroom. All staff will be driving to the location and will be required to park in the Wallace Elementary staff parking lot, rather than utilizing street parking. Permission for this parking arrangement been provided by Kelso School District Superintendent, Mary Beth Tack. We also partner with the school district for the provision of special services to children. This would entail a school district staff walking across the street from Wallace to the preschool classroom to provide services in our least restrictive environment.



We will be offering the same level of services that we did in the old Wallace Elementary building for over 35 years until 2018. We are please to be able to serve South Kelso residents in their neighborhood again.

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February 9, 2021

To the City of Kelso,

Youth and Family Link and Kelso Public Schools are committed to working together to address the needs of families in Kelso. Identified needs include increasing access to early learning in South Kelso and increased community access to resources. Youth and Family Link, Kelso School District, and Lower Columbia College Head Start/ ECEAP are partnering to bring a Head Start/ ECEAP learning to the South Kelso community and provide a community space for learning and activities at the Link Wallace Neighborhood Center (LWNC).

Wallace Elementary school is primarily a walking school and the LWNC will serve only families in this neighborhood. To minimize parking concerns, Kelso School District will provide parking for Head Start/ECEAP staff on school district property. All Head Start/ECEAP staff will be required to park on school district property.

Activities which may occur at the LWNC outside of Head Start hours include classes, youth activities, and positive family activities. These activities will also be only serving families in the neighborhood. Staff members from Link or any community agency partnering with Link to provide an activity will be required to park on school district property. These activities will all occur outside of school hours.

Youth and Family Link and Kelso School District will enter into a long-term agreement approved by both Boards prior to occupancy of the LWNC to ensure continued access to parking in the school district lot.

We are excited to move forward in this endeavor and provide this much needed service to the youth and families of South Kelso.



Corie Dow-Kramer

Executive Director

Youth and Family Link



Mary Beth Tack

Superintendent

Kelso Public Schools



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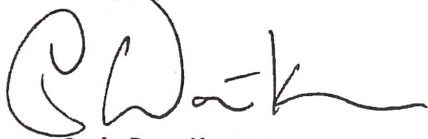
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