



DUPLIN COUNTY
Partnership for Children

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News for the Communities, Families and Early Childhood Educators of Duplin County



December
2021

As the holiday season approaches, Duplin County Partnership for Children would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your business and support. May your holiday season and the New Year be filled with lots of joy, peace, health, happiness and much success. We look forward to working with you in 2022.

Merry Christmas from the staff of Duplin County Partnership for Children.

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In observance of the Christmas and New Year

holidays, DCPC will be closed on Friday through Tuesday, 12/24/21 - 12/28/21.

We will also be closed on 12/31/21.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Terracotta Christmas Tree

This time of year is a great time to get the kids involved in some crafts. And this is a simple and fun DIY craft you can do with your kids. The best part is you can give it as a gift or even use it as decoration around the home afterwards.

Materials Needed

- 3 different sizes of terracotta pots (make sure they stack level on each other before purchasing)
- Acrylic paint (color of choice)
- Pipe cleaner or wire
- Hot glue
- Small plastic star or glitter foam paper
- Variety of decorations (sticker rhinestones, garland-style ribbon or beaded garland, pompoms, buttons or sequins)



Instructions

- Paint pots with acrylic paint. For a darker color, you may have to apply more than one coat.
- Once your pots are painted and have dried, glue pots on top of each other. Adults should assist younger children with this.
- Now you can decorate your Terracotta Christmas Tree to your liking.



Pulled from www.thebestideasforkids.com

Perfect Coconut-Pecan Cookies

Soft & chewy coconut cookies are loaded with shredded coconut, chopped pecans, a hint of cinnamon and tons of yum! These easy-to-bake golden beauties are going to be your family's new cookies craving. Armed with a good book and a cup of coffee, settling down to watch your favorite movie or sharing a platter with family or friends, nothing beats a good cookie. And a Perfect Coconut-Pecan Cookie? Well, you've got yourself a recipe for delicious cookie bliss.

Ingredients

- 1 1/4 cup of all purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup of butter, room temperature
- 1/2 cup of brown sugar, packed
- 1/2 cup of granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 3/4 tsp vanilla
- 1 1/2 cup sweetened shredded or flaked coconut
- 1 cup of chopped pecans



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375 Fahrenheit. Line cookie sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats.
2. In a small bowl, mix the first ingredients together. Set aside.
3. Using a stand or hand mixer, cream butter and sugars. Be careful not to over mix. Add egg, and vanilla. Mix just until incorporated.
4. Add the flour mixture a little at a time. Mix just until incorporated. Dough will form. Add coconut, then pecans. Again, being careful not to over mix.
5. Using a cookie scoop or spoon, spoon out 1" balls and place approximately 1" apart on lined baking sheet. Do not roll the balls to avoid overworking the butter. Bake in preheated oven for 9-11 minutes. Cool on cooling rack before serving.



Pulled from www.southerndiscourse.com



EARLY CHILDHOOD LENDING LIBRARY



Duplin County Partnership for Children invites all parents and teachers in Duplin County to join our Early Childhood Lending Library. We have enrichment activities and books for children ages 0-12. Individual memberships are available for free. For more information on the library, please call Karen Pacheco (910) 296-2000.

Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

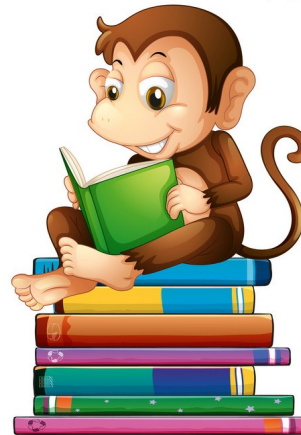
Resources Available:

- Children's Books
- Music CDs
- Parenting Resources
- Childcare Provider Resources
- Prop Boxes
- School age/homeschool resources

Workroom with:

- Laminator
- Ellison Die Cut Machine
- Other Materials

**Read
A BOOK!**



The more that
you read,
the more things
you will know.
The more that
you learn,
the more places
you'll go.



***EPIC TEACHER BONUS CHANGES-- EFFECTIVE
SPRING 2022***

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE EPIC TEACHER BONUS??

1. I am actively employed at a licensed child care facility in Duplin County.
2. I am actively employed at the same facility (or employer if the employer has multiple sites) for a minimum of 6 consecutive months as of the due date for EPIC Teacher Bonus application.
3. I earn no more than \$13.00 per hour.
4. I am employed and working 25 or more hours per week in a classroom with children birth through 5 years of age (not enrolled in Kindergarten).
5. I possess a degree in Early Childhood, or an AA/AAS degree in any field with 12 additional semester hours in Early Childhood (EC), or if a degree is not earned, then I must meet the following:
 - a. active enrollment at an accredited institution (must complete at least one course in EC major in the previous session to be eligible for a bonus
 - b. be in good academic standing with a GPA of 2.0 or better
 - c. have completed a minimum of Early Childhood Credential with a grade level of "C" or better.
6. I have completed a training from one of the following subject areas prior to the application deadline:

**Child Development
Supervision
Classroom Management**

If all the above statements are true, then you are eligible to apply for the EPIC Teacher Bonus.

***Eligibility doesn't guarantee that you will receive a bonus payment. Applicants are prioritized by those with the lowest wages, first come first serve with completed applications and required documentation and as funding allows.

Please note that payment amounts have changed, see below:

Level	Semi-Bonus Amount	Total Bonus Amount	Education Benchmark
5	\$1250.00	\$2,500	Bachelor Degree in Early Childhood Education OR Bachelor Degree or higher in any field including 4* semester hours in Early Childhood Education and Child Care Credential. (Limit to 2 years once obtained)
4	\$1,000	\$2,000	Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education or Associate Degree in any field including 12* semester hours in Early Childhood Education/and Child Care Credential. (Limit to 2 years once obtained)
3	\$800	\$1,600	40 EC-EDU Semester Hrs. (Limit to 2 years w/continued EC-EDU)
2	\$500	\$1,000	Early Childhood Certificate (Limit to 3 years w/continued EC-EDU)
1	\$300	\$600	Early Childhood Credential (Limit to 5 years w/continued EC-EDU)

Applications for the Spring 2022 Bonus will be available in March. Information regarding the Spring application period will be included in the Newsletter and posted on our Facebook page.



Trainings, Updates & News

Fire inspections need to be completed before they expire! You can now go online at www.duplincountync.com/firemarshal/ to schedule your fire inspection appointment. Once your fire inspection is completed you must send a copy to your DCDEE licensing consultant within seven days. Failure to do so could result in a violation.

Duplin County Partnership for Children will host an Provider's Event for Early Educators of Duplin County in the Spring of 2022. A fun filled evening of educational collaboration and blissful entertainment!

More Details Coming Soon!

Donor Levels:

\$10-\$49
\$50-\$99
\$100-\$249
\$250-\$499
\$500-\$999
\$1000 +

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Bronze
Silver
Gold
Platinum

Duplin County Partnership for Children is a 501(c) 3 private, nonprofit organization. Therefore, all donations are tax deductible. All contributions are appreciated. If you would like to make a contribution, make checks payable to the Duplin County Partnership for Children.

Name _____

Address _____

Daytime phone (____) _____

Amount enclosed ____\$100 ____\$50 ____\$25
____other

Your donation will help ensure that young children in Duplin County are healthy, safe, and ready for school.

Car Seat Workshop

Date: December 17, 2021

Where: DCPC

Time: 9:00 am

**For more information,
please call 910-296-2000.**



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