

**Educational Resources
for Children, Inc.**

*Bringing quality after
school and summer
programs to Enfield youth
since 1994*

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Calendar Dates!



February 2012

February 14

Early Release

Elementary

Care Centers Open

JFK After School Closed

February 20 & 21

Enfield Schools Closed

All ERfC Centers Closed

February 25

LiveRight with ShopRite
Kid's Day, 11:30 -1:00pm
at ShopRite of Enfield

March 2012

March 24

LiveRight with ShopRite
Kid's Day, 11:30 -1:00pm
at ShopRite of Enfield

**Barnard & Enfield Street
After School-Age
Care Centers**

Open

Monday through Friday
3:20 PM - 6:00 PM

JFK After School

Open

Monday through Thursday
2:30 PM - 5:30 PM



ERfC Current

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Enfield Parent Sparks Science Interest at Elementary Care Centers

ERfC is lucky to have their own version of the "Science Guy" to teach students about the world around them. On Thursday from 5:00 - 6:00 PM, volunteer Ben Ide can be found leading fun and educational science activities at either Enfield Street or Henry Barnard After School-Age Care Centers.

Mr. Ide has been volunteering with ERfC, leading weekly science activities, since September of 2010. He writes all of his own lesson plans for the activities, including the learning objectives that students reach through their participation. All of Mr. Ide's project-based lessons are designed to encourage the students' interest in science by showing the many different fun ways science can be used.

This is his second year leading the after school science club. Mr. Ide said, "It's really exciting and everybody has been fantastic. Working with the kids has been great. I think I learn at least as much as they do!"

Mr. Ide explains that his main idea is to spark interest in the everyday world around us. "I try to keep my lessons down to earth, and I use things in my demonstrations and experiments that most people have at home. There's so much wonder in the world around us and I want to create that excitement of discovery in others," he added.

Some of the science activities the students have participated in this year include *Flight*—a lesson using paper airplanes to teach students about aeronautic design; *What's in the Box?*—a lesson about the scientific method; and *Guts!*—a lesson about cardiopulmonary and gastrointestinal anatomy. Other topics this year have included symmetry, buoyancy, states of matter, and natural selection.



Important Registration Information for Parents

Register today at www.erfc.us

Visit Enfield Street School, Barnard Elementary School, and JFK Middle School to pick up an application packet. You may also print out registration materials from our website at www.erfc.us

For more information call 860-253-9935

Enrollment at the Centers is on-going.
A sliding fee schedule and Care 4 Kids is available.

Visit Us Online
www.ercf.us

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Volunteer Opportunities!

Contact Beth Mangan at (860) 253-9935 to learn more about volunteering at any of the ERfC After School-Age Care Centers.

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Mission Statement

Educational Resources for Children, Inc., teams with kids, communities, schools and families to grow resilient kids. Through innovative community collaborations, we help kids learn, reach their goals, and contribute to their communities.

Celebrate Enfield's First Readers!

Enfield KITE (Key Initiatives To Early Education) is excited to introduce a unique town-wide program that recognizes and celebrates a key milestone in learning—*becoming a reader!*

All Enfield children in Kindergarten and 1st Grade can participate. Specific developmentally appropriate books are available for children to read when teachers feel they are successfully making the transition to becoming fluent readers. When a child reads one of these designated books, he or she is named a *First Reader!* Parents are then notified of this achievement and are invited to participate in a special recognition ceremony. Children receive a *First Readers* certificate and medal presented by their teacher, a *First Readers* T-shirt, and recognition at a special town ceremony. The next *First Readers* celebration is scheduled for February 23rd at the Enfield Mall.

If you are interested in learning more about the *First Readers* program, becoming a member of the Committee, or sponsoring the program through a business or individual donation, email your questions/comments to info@EnfieldKite.org.



Time to register for flag football!

Are you ready for some football!? Just in time for better weather, ERfC will feature flag football in KidZ Sports at the Elementary Centers and at JFK After School Sports.

The program will focus on fun! Kids will learn the rules of the game, different positions, and play the game through competitive scrimmages. No equipment is required—just wear sneakers and comfortable clothes.

KidZ Sports and JFK After School Sports is open to all skill levels for boys and girls. Registration will begin in early March and forms will be available online, at the schools and at the ERfC office.



Join us for Summer Escape 2012

Despite it still being cold and snowy outside, ERfC is already *thinking* about summer!

Are you looking for a fun and safe place to send your child this summer? *Summer Escape* will feature science, art, drama and sports programs for students entering 1st grade to grade 8 in September. This year new field trips and activities on Family Fun Fridays will be added. Summer Escape operates Monday through Friday from 8:30—3:30. Extended day to 5:00 PM is also available. Bus transportation, breakfast and lunch is provided.

More information will be available in early March.
Check the ERfC website for early registration—www.ercf.us
or call the ERfC office at 860-253-9935

