Northshire Day School Growth

2021-2022 Annual Repo

The workforce behind the workforce

Meet our Talented Team

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Growing a Strong Community of Happy & Healthy Children

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Letter from the Board of Trustees President



I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to thank our educators, staff, volunteers, and supporters on behalf of the entire NDS Board of Trustees.

For two and a half years, our teachers have served as front-line workers. We began this year five educators short, and our teachers and staff rose to the challenge. Facing a staffing shortage, many of our educators sacrificed much-needed vacations to keep our classrooms open. Thank you to all of our staff and educators for showing up every day to educate and care for our youngest community members.

I am moved by the overwhelming support NDS received from the Shires community. When there was a lot of uncertainty, we received a record number of donations from individuals. Residents of Manchester, Dorset, and Sunderland showed their commitment to early childhood education on Town Meeting Day. An anonymous foundation matched our Holiday Giving Campaign. When the Town of Manchester allocated ARPA funds for our teachers, the Right Track Foundation doubled their impact with a matching grant.

One of our investors remarked, "now put it to good use," underscoring the responsibility we have to our supporters, to our community, and to all of you. By investing in NDS, you made it possible for us to retain and recruit talented educators. You made us more resilient to inflation and helped minimize tuition increases for families.

Behind the scenes, we have been strategically growing our Board's skill set. The dedication and enthusiasm of the expanded Board is invigorating. At our recent Board retreat, we set goals for NDS and outlined the steps to get there.

I would like to acknowledge the work of two outgoing Board members for their service to NDS. Lauren Magrath dedicated six years (three serving as president) to moving NDS forward. Her commitment to expanding the talents of our Board and promoting the hiring of a Development Director positioned NDS for future success. Julie Mackey gave NDS four years, working tirelessly in the roles of Secretary, Vice President, and President. Thank you, both!

I look forward to leading NDS onward by focusing on measures that lead to the best outcomes for our children, families, and community, ensuring that NDS continues to serve the Shires community for another 50 years.

With Sincere Thanks,

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Jon Comeau President, Board of Trustees

Our Mission and Values

Our Mission

Northshire Day School is a high-quality, licensed non-profit early childhood education center which provides a nurturing and stimulating learning environment for young children and partners with families to grow a strong community.

Northshire Day School is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

Our Values

Development of the Whole Child Health & Safety Loving Environment Community Family Partnerships



Northshire Day School Awarded 5 STARS as Top-Quality Program

In June 2022, Northshire Day School achieved 5 STARS in the Vermont Step Ahead Recognition System (STARS), going above and beyond state regulations to provide early childhood education that meets the needs of children and families.

"This achievement reflects the exceptional work of our educators, our continued dedication to children and families and the professional practices that are central to high quality early learning experiences," remarked NDS Executive Director Laurie Metcalfe, "NDS is committed to continuous quality improvement and we are so proud of this accomplishment."

"Our educators demonstrate every day what it means to be part of one of the highest quality programs in Vermont," added NDS Curriculum Director Jane Gras, "we are so thrilled for NDS to be recognized as an incredible program."

Jacquelyne Wilson, Vice President of the NDS Board of Trustees, said "I'm so proud of the NDS Leadership and team of educators for achieving this high standard despite the challenges of the past two years. My sincere gratitude to all the staff for their hard work, commitment, and expertise. We must also acknowledge the continuous support of our communities and the role they play in NDS's success. We are so grateful to our public and private supporters!"

From the Desk of the Executive Director



As educational leaders, we all hope and want to make an impact – the kind that both supports student growth and learning today and also creates a deep meaningful outcome for the future. Having had the privilege of teaching our youngest children through adults and every age in between, there is no doubt in my mind that early childhood education is the essential period to create this important mark.

Five years ago, I came to Northshire Day School because it is a quality childcare program backed by dedicated employees and a supportive community. I saw the rich history and the uniqueness of NDS which

saw the rich history and the uniqueness of NDS which has provided early learning opportunities for literally thousands of children – the breadth and depth of which is truly incredible. NDS would not be where we are today without our brilliant, creative, strong and compassionate leaders, teachers, staff and trustees.

This was a year of renewed hope and continued determination to do our very best. At NDS we embrace a growth mindset continually growing alongside our children and families. We set goals striving for excellence and achieving 5 STARS in our field's quality rating system. We look for new and innovative ways to support our educators and staff through retention bonuses, salary increases and additional benefits. We commit to making sure our program is accessible to all by expanding our scholarship program and keeping our classrooms open with creative scheduling despite our significant staffing shortage. We care for our learning environment by expanding our gardens, committing to farm to school efforts and making positive changes to our classrooms, buildings and grounds. We value the community's investment by continuing to build our financial resilience and prioritize and sustain our valuable resources. Children remain at the center of our work and we value the families who make up our NDS community.

Built around our employees' commitment to young children and their families and the steadfast leadership of our school over the years, we continue to provide the essential components to grow happy, healthy children. With the support of our Northshire communities, the NDS Board of Trustees and loyal donors, we feel confident in our ability to serve generations of children to come. I remain grateful to lead our NDS team, to create recent history and to contribute to a hopeful future.

Thank you for your part in making 2021-2022 another remarkable year for NDS.

With Appreciation,

faurie Metcal Laurie A. Metcalfe, M.A. Ed.

NDS Executive Director

From our Families

Our daughter's teachers have been **dedicated**, **professional**, **friendly**, **informative**, **and caring**. We are so grateful for the staff at NDS and the experiences our daughter gets to be a part of here.





The educators are so welcoming to our family and treat our children like family. Our kids have learned emotional and social skills that will help them so much as they grow. Such a positive learning experience gets them **excited to go to school every day** and want to learn.

My child had a lot of transitions this year and his teachers not only **provided him with the support and love he needed**, but my entire family. They were wonderful and I will forever be grateful for the countless amounts of hugs we all received.



Two Emerging Leaders at NDS

Maggie Rubick and Jen Luty were recognized as Emerging Leaders at the Southern Vermont Economy Summit at Mount Snow on May 12, 2022. Talented and dedicated staff are the key to a high-quality program.

Rubick, a licensed early childhood educator and Aspen Classroom Teacher remarked "I am proud to be part of the early childhood profession at a time when there's so much opportunity to effect positive change. I aim to apply and adapt my skills and learning across contexts, with the goal of sharing my strengths, knowledge, time, and energy in a way that will have a positive impact on my community."

Luty, who has served as Development Director at NDS for one year, added, "I hope to disrupt a national trend where access is limited by both the available workforce and the cost of high-quality early childhood education."

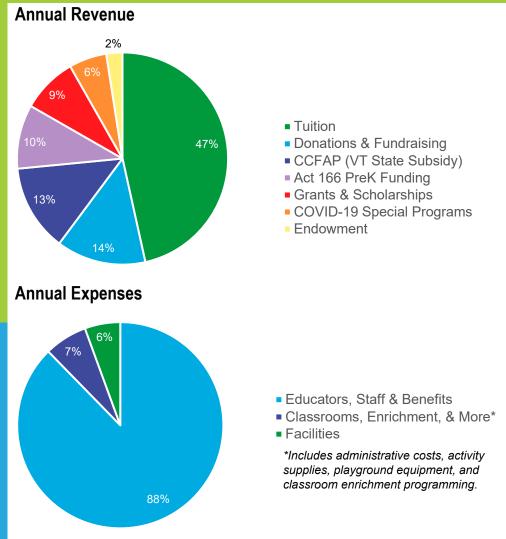


Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Receives S. Whitney Landon Award from the Turrell Fund

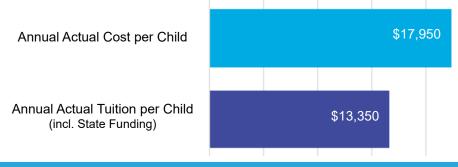
In November 2021, the Northshire Day School Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee received a \$3,000 S. Whitney Landon Award to lay the groundwork for a more inclusive environment for children, families, and educators.

Funds provided more inclusive classroom supplies as well as professional development opportunities for our early childhood educators.

2021-2022 Financial Review



Annual Cost per Child vs. Annual Tuition Paid



A Family Community

Infant & Toddler Sensory Garden

Children and families helped plant the sensory garden for our infant and toddler courtyard. The sensory garden will provide a variety of sensory-based learning experiences for children to see, feel, smell, and taste and was made possible by a Grow Grant from the New England Grassroots Environment Fund.

Our young children care for our sensory garden, which cultivates a love of nature and encourages them to try new foods.





Family Wellness Fair

Community partners joined forces to promote overall wellness and healthy choices. Activities included Yoga for Kids with Lela Hughes, face painting, a bounce house, and music by Moose Junior.

Snacks for a taste test were donated by Someday Farm and there were free books for families to take home.

Second Annual Trunk or Treat

Rain or shine! NDS held our Trunk or Treat in the courtyard.

NDS educators, staff, and friends created festive displays and provided a cheerful opportunity for families to celebrate Halloween.





Northshire Day School partners with our community to provide affordable access to exceptional early childhood education opportunities.

Tuition Relief

The Allen Family Charitable Fund The Robert T. Keeler Foundation BABA Grant Award The Stratton Foundation COVID-19 Relief Fund

Family Support

The Robert T. Keeler Foundation BABA Grant Award The Stratton Foundation Moving Mountains, Head-to-Toe, Dental Kits, Kicks4VT Kids, Grocery & Gas Card Distribution

Enriching Learning Opportunities

Els Van Woert and Simon Perkins The Perkins Charitable Foundation Children's Literacy Foundation Revive Your Literacy Grant Award The Mt. Laurel Foundation The William J. & Dorothy K. O'Neill Foundation

Educator Retention and Professional Development

Avery and Allie Ellsworth, Nancie Heinemann, and State Street Corporation Vicki and Chip Muller The Donahey Family Foundation The Town of Manchester and The Right Track Foundation

The Growth Fund

The Growth Fund is our Annual Fund. It helps to close the gap between tuition and the full cost of early education at Northshire Day School. The Growth Fund ensures we can subsidize tuition for all Northshire Day School families, and help every child every day.

The President's Fund

This endowed fund offers our Executive Director the necessary financial flexibility to respond to bold new initiatives, programs, and opportunities that advance Northshire Day School's mission.

The Irene Hunter Professional Development Fund

Our quality educators set us apart. We hire early childhood educators who are committed to lifelong learning. Your support allows us to invest in our educators, which is what keeps us growing!

Tuition Relief

NDS offers spaces to families on a first come, first serve basis, regardless of their ability to pay. Your support covers costs beyond state subsidies so all the children in our community have the opportunity to access to early childhood education.

Enrichment

You can invest in our children by providing funding for science, arts, music, dance, and yoga programs that grow young minds through joy and exploration.

Join Our Leadership Giving Club

Leadership gifts fulfill some of the most immediate needs of our children. Gifts at this level show your investment in helping children grow. Members are invited to special events and have special recognition in our annual report.

Seeds of NDS \$250-\$499

Flourishing Buds \$500-\$999

Leadership Branch \$1,000-\$9,999

Growth Society \$10,000 and beyond

July 2021- June 2022 Leadership Giving

Growth Society

Danny and Meghan Sawtelle Doug Watson and Susan Hunter

Leadership Branch

Judy Buechner Chip and Kit Chamberlain Avery and Allison Ellsworth Sharon Frank Robyn V. Harrington Molly and Steven Hemkens Kathryn Kirwan and Trevor Neal Jennifer and Seth Lutv Lauren and Scott Magrath Gordon and Ruth Metcalfe in honor of all the teachers and administration at NDS Laurie Metcalfe in honor of our NDS Early Educators and all they give each day Greg and Linda Millert in honor of Lindsay Melzig Chip and Vicki Muller Chris and Ashlin Niemczyk Elisabeth Van Woert and Simon Perkins leff and Jackie Wilson

Flourishing Buds

Jon and Kristen Comeau Brandon and Marissa Eustace Kirsten Guldbrandsen *in honor of Heidi Chamberlain* Jonathon Hawton and Anne Hatfield Julie and Tom Mackey Tom and Debbie Mackey Doug and Lindsay Melzig Eric and Sue Melzig Keith and Patty Michl Irene Nadler Josh and Cynthia Rozelle Chris and Sharry Rutken Patricia Anne Walters Sarah Whiteside

Seeds of NDS

Christina Boswell Geoffrey and April Burghardt Laura Callen *in honor of Heidi Chamberlain* Heidi Chamberlain Leonard and BJ Diamond *in memory of Joseph Diamond* Melinda Egan *in honor of Irene Nadler* Megan and Nick Gault Stephen and Ginny Houseman Samuel and Gail Lindenberg Jenn Moore Jason and Mary Ann O'Connor Andrew and Rebecca Tarwater Jim and Kate Wachala

Every gift to the Growth Fund supports our children, families, and educators. Thank you for investing in our community and inspiring our mission!

NDS Champions

NDS Champions is a monthly giving club that supports our mission through recurring donations to provide our school with steady, reliable funding for early childhood education.

This is a special group of people reaching out each month to provide affordable and quality early childhood education for southern Vermont families.

Lesley Burdick Lucie Daley Ashley Eaton Jane Gras Laurie Metcalfe Annie Peters Kelly Roemmelt Sarah Whiteside Becky Wilder

The President's Fund

The President's Fund was established in 2021 by outgoing NDS Board President Lauren Magrath. Lauren has volunteered on the NDS Board of Trustees for six years and also enjoyed eight years as an NDS parent.

Donors to the President's Fund are building a stronger foundation for longevity and sustainability at NDS. Thank you!

Lizzy Lindenberg Lauren and Scott Magrath Jenn Moore

Thank you, Businesses & Organizations

Community Partners

A Safe Place Anonymous (1) Bank of Bennington Charlie's Coffee House Children's Literacy Foundation D.J. St. Germain Company, Inc. Earth & Sea Fish Market **GSK Climate Control** Gubb & Bongartz Nonprofit Consulting Heritage Family Cares for You Foundation Homestead Landscaping J. Wilson Consulting LLC James D. Sawtelle, CLU, ChFC Josiah Allen Real Estate, Inc La Pêche Lingerie Manchester Capital Management Mother Myrick's Confectionery Network for Good rk MILES Robert T. Keeler Foundation Southern Vermont Arts Center Stanley & Sylvia Stroup Family Foundation Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. The Allen Family Charitable Fund The Donahey Family Foundation The Fausett Foundation for the Preservation and Protection of Green Mountain **Boys History** The Green Mountain Girls Association The Mt. Laurel Foundation The New Hill Farm, LLC The Orvis Charitable Foundation The Perkins Charitable Foundation The Right Track Foundation The Stratton Foundation The Vermont Country Store The Weiss Family Charitable Fund The William J. & Dorothy K. O'Neill Foundation Vermont Children's Trust Fund on behalf of the Turrell Fund W.H. Shaw Insurance Agency

Thank you to all who invest in our community by supporting the workforce behind the workforce!

Friends of NDS

AmazonSmile Foundation American Express Foundation Avocado Pit Bromley Mountain Ski Resort **Buck Stop** Cori Brago Guided Fishing Tours Downtown Window and Design Eddie Lewicki Pitching Equipe Sport Flower Brook Pottery H.N. Williams Store Hildene, the Lincoln Family Home Keith Michl, MD Magic Mountain Manchester Country Club Manchester Physical Therapy, PLC Maureen K and Fred Molinari Family Trust Mettowee Mint Ninos Studio Orvis Predators Lacrosse **Price Chopper Supermarkets** Ramunto's Brick Oven Shaw's Supermarket Social House Stewart's Shops Stratton Mountain Resort Tapped Out Maple The Glass Shop Inc The Italian Market of Manchester The Kitchen Store at J.K. Adams The Mountain Goat The Practice Tee, Home of 802 Golf Academy The Richards Group Tilting at Windmills Gallery **Total Fitness Equipment** Two Ripe Tomatoes, LTD Tyler Electric-Security, Inc Up for Breakfast Vermont Community Foundation Vermont Kitchen Supply, Inc. Whalen, Hand & Gilmour, PLC Woodlawn Farmstead Ye Olde Tavern Zippy Chicks

You Make a Difference Award



Kimberly Capps

Some professionals make an impact on the NDS community very quickly, and Kim is one of them. Kim has been a beam of sunshine since her arrival and is a quiet leader among our staff. She has a wealth of experience and truly loves working with children, bringing a smile and positivity into the building every day. It is a joy to collaborate with Kim because she is insightful and reflective.

Kim pursued careers in architecture and nursing, but fell in love with early childhood education 25 years ago when she began bringing her son with autism to a specialized program. For Kim, it felt natural to use therapeutic techniques to engage children in the classroom. Now, she strives to build strong bonds with children in order to help them take the next steps in their development. She considers her co-teachers a strength within the classroom, demonstrating great respect for their knowledge and communication skills that uplift the room.

Mt. Laurel Foundation

The Mt. Laurel Foundation is a true partner in supporting children with specialized needs. They began as Mt. Laurel School in the building that is currently the Town Hall for the Town of Manchester. When specialized services were integrated into the public school system, the Mt. Laurel School transformed into the Mt. Laurel Foundation.

The Mt. Laurel Foundation has supported NDS children with specialized needs for over 10 years. Their continued grants have allowed us to purchase adaptive equipment, hire additional 1:1 educators, and provide professional development for our teachers and staff.

The Mt. Laurel Foundation continually supports NDS in ensuring that each and every child has a successful experience at Northshire Day School. They proactively make sure that we have what we need and that children with specialized needs have opportunities throughout the Northshire Region.

Their mission is to promote the welfare of children and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Bennington and Rutland Counties by contributing to the funding of appropriate educational, recreational and support organizations. In addition to supporting children at NDS, the Mt. Laurel Foundation partners with the Vermont Achievement Center in Rutland, Northshire Special Olympics, Vermont Adaptive Ski & Sports, the Bart J Ruggiere Adaptive Sports Center at Bromley Mountain, and more.

Staff Recognition

Billie Jean Ackert - 25 Years

Billie Jean is a dedicated educator who has an immense love for children of all ages. She started at NDS in the old building on Highland Avenue when her sister Becky, another NDS teacher, asked her to be a sub. She spent time working alongside Becky at the Preschool level, but always makes her way back to the infant classroom where she loves cuddling, rocking, and reading to babies as they grow into toddlers. Billie Jean is a dedicated educator who takes pride in offering top-quality care to children and their families.





Tammy Coulter - 15 Years

Tammy is the fun and loving Food Service Director at NDS. She started at NDS as a Kitchen Assistant cooking alongside Daphne, who was dearly loved by everyone in the NDS community. Some of Tammy's children attended NDS and she has always considered NDS to be the place to go for early learning. She is a talented cook who loves the challenge of introducing the children at NDS to new nutritious foods. She carefully curates each week's menu and works alongside the Farm to School Committee to connect the foods we eat in the classroom to the farms where they grow.

Maggie Rubick - 10 Years

Maggie is a graduate of the Snelling Center for Government Early Childhood Leadership Institute who has made NDS her home away from home by enriching the outdoor garden spaces and physical environment. Maggie spearheaded the NDS Farm to School Committee with a data-driven approach that connects farms and food with fun. She started as an Assistant Teacher in the Preschool Classroom with Becky 10 years ago and quickly learned that she enjoyed working with Preschoolaged children. Maggie seeks out opportunities to grow as an educator and will complete a



Master's in Developmental Psychology in May 2023. She has a Certificate of Apprenticeship as a Child Care Development Specialist, a Step One Program Director Credential, and a Vermont Teaching License. As a leader in the field of early childhood education, Maggie applies her skills in the classroom and has mentored many new teachers over the years.

Ashley Eaton - 5 Years

Ashley and her children are NDS alumni. Ashley has been with NDS for 5 years "this time around" as a calm and energetic addition to our program. Ashley has an Associate's Degree in early childhood education and is working on a Bachelor's Degree and teacher licensure through Northern Vermont University. Ashley loves forming lasting bonds with children and bearing witness to their growth during the school year and beyond. Working as a team to help young children succeed in a warm and inviting environment brings meaning to Ashley's work. Ashley drives team-building among our educators and spreads sunshine throughout the building.





Emma Gras - 5 Years

Emma is an NDS alumna and recently completed a Master's in Social Work at Keuka College. She started out at NDS as a substitute during her school breaks and knew right away that working with children was right for her. Emma, also known to our toddlers as "Elmo," is passionate about supporting individual growth and learning. She feels that NDS has a lot to offer and feels like a family - it is a nurturing place where educators are loving and supportive to children. Currently, Emma is working toward her licensure in social work.

Laurie Metcalfe - 5 Years

Laurie has been working with children and families for 22 years, spending the last 5 years as Executive Director at NDS. She is a dedicated advocate for children and families and has a clear vision of what early childhood can accomplish as a field and in our community. Laurie strategically focuses on how to produce the best outcomes for children and families. In addition to her Step Three Director Credential, Laurie is a 2016 graduate of the Snelling Center for Government Early Childhood Leadership Institute. She is a Level V Teacher and a Master Instructor through Northern Lights at CCV. She holds a BA in



Psychology and Special Education and an MA Ed in Curriculum and Instruction. Laurie has a growth mindset that serves as a catalyst for increased motivation and achievement among her team of talented educators as she prioritizes their continuing education.

Committing to Sustainability

VTAEYC Exchange

Northshire Day School participates in the VTAEYC Exchange, which inspires learning and action where children intersect with society's most pressing issues. Fellows create resources that support action on climate change, social justice, and community-building.

Environmental Stewardship

Children learn about their connection to our school, local, and global community through experiences in our gardens, kitchen, and on classroom excursions. We compost food waste for reuse in our soil and children have opportunities throughout their school day to participate in the process of caring for nature.

Sustainable Practices

NDS is committed to reducing our consumption of single-use plastics. We recently implemented water coolers that promote wellness while encouraging reusable water bottles. We have increased our recycling efforts and work alongside the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance to reduce the number of materials going from our program into a landfill. This year, we installed a rainwater collection unit to demonstrate water conservation and provide water for our school gardens.

Farm to School Committee

In 2019, one of our first Farm to School actions was to establish program-wide composting. We prioritize local food procurement for our meal program and encourage our families to "buy local". We are continuously expanding garden spaces on school grounds with attention to native plants and pollinator-friendly habitats.



Early Childhood Education is Critical Infrastructure

Investing in early childhood education strengthens our growing community. Access to affordable, quality early childhood education makes the Northshire community a great place to live, work, and play, all while helping our youngest children grow!

Holiday Matching Campaign

Local businesses that invested in Northshire Day School during the end of year holiday season unlocked additional matching gifts. Early childhood education makes it possible for families to fully participate in our local economy, allowing families and local businesses to achieve their goals. We raised \$84,531 to properly compensate the educators who provide exceptional early childhood education to our community.



Community Investments

On March 1, 2022, the Towns of Manchester, Dorset, and Sunderland voted to appropriate funds to Northshire Day School to ensure that each and every child has the opportunity to grow and learn at NDS. By helping to close the gap between the cost of early childhood education and the tuition we receive, these investments strengthen our growing community and provide more positive outcomes for children.

Vermont H.171/Act 45

In 2021, the Vermont Legislature passed H.171/Act 45. Their goal: to ensure that no Vermont family spends more than 10% of their income on child care, early childhood educators are fairly compensated, and our child care system has the funding and resources necessary to ensure that all children birth to five have access to programs that best meet their needs.

Partnering with Our Community

Volunteering at the Vermont Summer Festival in East Dorset

Volunteers collected gate fees at the horse show to benefit three local non-profits. NDS received 25% of all admission fees!

NDS thanks HITS and the Vermont Summer Festival for the opportunity. Thank you to our volunteers for sharing your time to benefit NDS!





Proceeds from weekend gate admission to benefit Manchester Community Library Northshire Day School Boy Scout Troop 332

Art from the Schools at Southern Vermont Arts Center

The SVAC held an ice cream and pizza party as part of the opening reception for Art from the Schools.

Creations from our NDS classrooms were on display in the Elizabeth de C. Wilson Museum in March and April.

Dollar Skate Sponsored by Charlie's Coffee House

On January 16, 2022, the free skate at Riley Rink benefited NDS!

NDS families and staff took to the ice alongside routine skaters.

Thank you Charlie's Coffee House for sponsoring our Dollar Skate!



VINS Wee Wonders & Small Wonders

The Vermont Institute of Natural Science provided opportunities to incorporate science discoveries, nature play, and investigations into our classrooms.



NAEYC Week of the Young Child: April 2-8, 2022

We celebrated with handson, collaborative activities encouraging movement and healthy lifestyles through music, food, and art. The Vermont Association for the Education of Young Children provided themes: Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday, and Family Friday.

Spotlight: Music Monday

We enjoyed Hullabaloo with Alexandra Langstaff. Children explored through exciting movement, energetic activities, and calming exercises!







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