



June, 2019

The early years
matter!



Message From Our Executive Director -

Happy June! We are fast approaching summer and have more time to enjoy the sunshine and warm weather with our children and families. Everyday, there are opportunities to build children's understanding of the world around them or help them to make connections that strengthen their knowledge and skills. Summer slide is real, even for our youngest learners. Taking the time to point out a bee heading from flower to flower and talking about the importance of that flight is a mini-science lesson. Then go home and enjoy some honey and you've extended the lesson. Easy as that! Older children can be an expert on why it is harder to walk up a slide than slide down. Or how pumping your legs can make a swing move "all by itself." It isn't adding more work to your day, it isn't coming up with a complicated plan to improve outcomes in science. It's changing the conversation; it's looking up from the screen to see something real. Best of all it's free! Libraries are also a great place to spend some quality time. They offer programs for all ages, books to read together and air conditioning!

Here's a challenge: we want to hear from you - post something on our [Facebook](#) or

[Twitter](#) pages that you do to prevent summer slide or a tip you have for parents and caregivers to get the most out of summer learning opportunities. And after that, put your phone down and go outside and learn together!

"Life moves pretty fast these days, if you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

(Free Fall School Readiness Symposium registration to the first person that posts the name of the movie this quote is from on our [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) Page!)

Fondly,

Keri Hyde

Frederick County Public Schools Awarded \$10,000 to Purchase KIBO Kits After Learning About them at our School Readiness Symposium

Leslie Frei and some of her colleagues from Frederick County Public Schools attended our School Readiness Symposium in April and became interested in KIBO kits after hearing about them from Keynote Speaker Dr. Marina Umaschi Bers. During their lunch break, a few of the teachers began the application for a grant opportunity provided by a local biodefense company, Battelle. They received word that both of those grants were awarded and two of their schools with Pre-kindergarten/kindergarten programs will receive \$10,000 toward KIBO kits for classrooms! They believe in the power of coding at this young age and expect great learning to occur through the KIBO coding program!

To view the Frederick County Public Schools press release [click here](#).



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Don't Forget About Registration Costs for Ready At Five's School Readiness Symposia When Planning Your Next Year's Budgets!



Early Childhood Leadership Development Opportunity!

The Maryland Early Childhood Leadership Program (MECLP) is now accepting applications for its inaugural Fellows cohort. MECLP Fellows will participate in the *Leading for Change in Early Childhood Education* Curriculum, a year-long leadership development program specifically designed for early childhood professionals selected from across Maryland with ethnic, geographic, and affiliation diversity.

Applications are due June 21st
and may be submitted online at

<https://shermancenter.umbc.edu/the-maryland-early-childhood-leadership-program-meclp/> or emailed to: meclp@umbc.edu

For more information please contact meclp@umbc.edu.



Be Safe in the Water this Summer
Please Share with Your Friends and Families!

Water safety is important for all ages, but especially for toddlers. Drowning is the leading cause of injury death in children 1-4.

Young children can drown in as little as an inch or two of water, and it can happen quickly and silently.

The biggest drowning threat facing families with toddlers is unexpected, unsupervised access to water: swimming pools, hot tubs and spas, bathtubs, natural bodies of water such as ponds, and standing water in homes. For example, 69% of all drownings among children age 4 and younger happen during non-swim times.

To lower the risk of drowning and other water-related injuries to children, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends using "layers" of protection. When children are not expected to be around the water (non-swim times), barriers can help prevent tragedies during inevitable, brief lapses in supervision which are a normal part of every day. When children are playing in and around water, close and constant supervision become essential.

Drowning: *do you know?*

Drowning is the #1 cause of death from unintentional injuries in children ages 1-4 and #2 in ages 1-14

—According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

69% of deaths of children under 5 happen when they were not expected to be swimming

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission

Bathtubs, toilets, buckets, ponds, pools, oceans, streams, rivers, lakes all are drowning risks

Drowning happens in SECONDS

Drowning prevention

Aim for layers of protection



4-sided fence around the pool



Door and pool alarms



Swim lessons



Always use Coast Guard approved life jackets on open water



Don't store toys in pools



Designate a "Water Guardian"



Educate to eliminate drowning



Do not rely on flotation devices during swim time



Levi Hughes (age 3) and Emmy Miller (19 months) both drowned on June 10, 2018. They each slipped away for moments during non swim times. Their families are working together to spread awareness about the real truth about drowning.



Everything You Need to Know to Keep Children Safe from Heatstroke

Please Share with Your Friends and Families!

Sometimes babies sleep so peacefully that busy parents can forget they are even there. Other times, we might be tempted to leave kids in the car while we run into the store or dash off to do an errand. Children can also end up alone in cars if the doors or trunk are left unlocked. However it happens, 37 kids die each year from being unattended in a vehicle. Heatstroke is the leading cause of non-crash, vehicle-related deaths for children. On average, every 10 days a child dies from heatstroke in a vehicle. That's why children should never be alone in a car. It can lead to heatstroke, which causes serious injury or even death. Young children are particularly at risk since their bodies heat up three to five times faster than an adult's.

Reduce the Number of Deaths from Heatstroke by Remembering to
ACT

Never leave a child alone in a car.



Remember to A C T



A Avoid Heatstroke

Avoid heatstroke-related injury and death by never leaving a child alone in a car, not even for a minute. And make sure to keep your car locked when you're not inside so kids don't get in on their own.



C Create Reminders

Keep a stuffed animal or other memento in your child's car seat when it's empty, and move it to the front seat as a visual reminder when your child is in the back seat. Or place and secure your phone, briefcase or purse in the backseat when traveling with your child.



T Take Action

If you see a child alone in a car, call 911. Emergency personnel want you to call. They are trained to respond to these situations.



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