

April 2013 Newsletter

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Important Dates

PTO BBQ—April
13th from
11:30 - 1:30 p.m.



The K-State Center for Child Development

Center Mission Statement: The K-State Center for Child Development provides a family-centered early childhood program in a professional and nurturing environment that meets the developmental and educational needs of children, incorporates the experiences and values of all families, and encourages children to explore their diverse world.

PTO Corner



It was bit of a chilly day for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Thank you to those that came out despite the cold. The parade itself had a huge turn-out for spectators. We are hoping to do it again next year!

THIS WEEKEND is the annual Spring Family and Staff Picnic BBQ at Long's Park. The picnic will be Saturday [April 13th](#) from 11:30 to 1:30. We'll have entertainment available for the children including balloon art and some Riley County emergency vehicles on display. It's a free event for all families, children and teachers of the Center. We will provide food and drinks. Look for more information to follow.

BIRTH TO FIVE Early Childhood Screening

April 5, 2013 9:00—11:00 a.m.

Peace Lutheran Church 2500 Kimball Ave, Manhattan

Would you like information on your child's development? The screening will include vision, hearing, general health and developmental milestones.

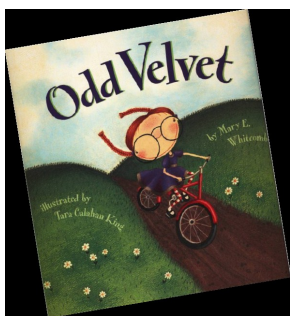
Please call 776-6363 on April 2nd/3rd 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, to reserve a time. Transportation can be arranged if needed. Sponsored by: Manhattan-Ogden Public Schools, Infant-Toddler Services, Parents As Teachers, and Riley County Health Department.

Sunscreen Reminder

It is getting warmer outside and time to bring your child's sunscreen. It will be applied every day for your child beginning April 1. Please put your child's name on the sunscreen. No aerosol sunscreen is allowed. Please remember to check the expiration date. Thank you.



Rainbow garden – a great way to learn your colors!



**Military Child Education
Storytime for children ages
4-12 with hands on activities.
Free Admission: Reserve
your spot by April 7 by
calling 254.768.8062.**

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Month of the Military Child

In 1986 the Secretary of Defense, Caspar W. Weinberger, designated each April as “The Month of the Military Child”. Frequent moves, family separations through deployments, and the process of reintegrating deployed members back into the family unit make life especially challenging for our military children. The focus of Month of the Military Child is to recognize the contribution and sacrifices they make as their parent or parents serve our nation. Refer to the CCD event board for Fort Riley events planned in honor of their families or visit their website at: <http://rileymwr.com>.

Part of the official MOMC celebrations is to wear purple on April 15 – a color that the citizens of Manhattan, KS won't have a problem finding in their closets! We encourage everyone to wear as much purple as possible on April 15th to show your support. The CCD would like to tell all its military families how proud we are to have you as a part of our community and say “thank you” for everything you do.

Family Gardening Day Date to be announced for May



Family Gardening Day is an opportunity for our families to get involved in our gardens and outdoor classroom spaces, while enjoying the lovely May weather. We plan to plant rainbow, sensory and vegetable gardens as well as a bean teepee and a sunflower house this year. Activities available will range from weeding, to planting and mulching to small construction projects.

Do you have a tiller or pickup? We are in need of help picking up compost and tilling our gardens. Would you be willing to help install low fences? Sign-up sheets will be available in April so that you can choose project you'd like to work on. Stay tuned for more information on how we can work together to connect children to nature, growing their own foods and preparing those foods to eat as well as sharing the harvest!