



Smart Start Newsletter

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Baby Ellie is Here!!!

Our proud Momma, Teresa McGarrity came by Thursday to visit. The baby is absolutely beautiful! Teresa and her family are moving to Greenville, SC to set up house. Deana Falciano, our Child Care Specialist will be handling the Play to Learn groups, temporarily.

**Ellie McGarrity –
6 lbs. 11 ½ oz., 20 in. long
Born January 26, 2010 at
10:27pm**



Rain-check (and Sleet and Snow and Ice and....!!!)

SSR regrets to report that, due to the threatening weather forecast, the [CPR and First-Aid Workshop](#) planned for tomorrow, Saturday, February 6, 2010 has been **rescheduled to February 20, 2010**. SSR will open a second CPR and First-Aid class on February 27, 2010. Additional spaces are available. Please call Cindy Nimmer at 704-603-3360.

Don't Be Left Out

What is CENSUS? – The government must count everyone in the U.S. every 10 years. Homes will get a Census form in the mail in March 2010.

It's About the Money—The number of people counted in a city, county and state determines how much government money goes to an area for health care, housing, roads, transit, schools. Social services, job training....

Its About the Power—The population size affects where the district lines are drawn for elections, from City Hall to Congress. More people means

more political power for your community in Congress and in Raleigh, and its affects who represents you!

It's About Your Future—Business and government planners use the Census to make decisions about your community's future. The Census helps decide where to locate a new grocery store, hospital, school, rec center....

Remind Everyone to Fill Out the Census Form. Your Community Loses If They Don't.

Smart Start Rowan Staff Support Relay for Life



Ever heard of this fundraiser? It's the same concept as the pink flamingos, except - it uses a **purple toilet**.

It's a simple and fun way to raise money for our SSR **Relay for Life** Team, while also creating awareness for the overall event.

Now, we know that many of our SSR Board members will be in a rush to flush at the home of Jimmie Greene. However, please note the rules on the picture. We are certain that our Vice Chair will certainly want to purchase an "insurance policy" against any reappearance of the purple potty! We will be sure to include these rules with our office phone number, taped to the inside of the lid, each time we deliver the toilet to a new house.

The next morning we will expect a phone call and then prepare to move the toilet the next night to whichever yard the previous owner wants to send it to (fees paid).

Most people send it to their own friends, so you can also include a note that says, "this toilet was sent to you by:_____." (This will help to avoid any irate phone calls.)

This is a great fundraiser for Smart Start Rowan to create a buzz about Salisbury-Rowan, especially in our smaller communities.

PURPLE POWER PURPLE POWER PURPLE POWER PURPLE POWER PURPLE POWER

For a limited time, Smart Start Rowan will be selling **PURPLE AND WHITE** scarves supporting Relay for Life’s “Power of Purple”. The scarves are one way we are raising money to benefit the American Cancer Society. All Scarves are hand crocheted **WITH LOVE** and can be made to order. The suggested purchase price is a minimum of **\$10.00**.



To order, call Donna Hogue at 704-603-3379. All checks are made directly to the American Cancer Society and are tax deductible.

Child Caregivers

For our child care providers, [click here](#) to view the most recent newsletter from CHIPR, Child Health Information and Prevention Resources. This web site is full of information and materials to assist you in creating a healthier environment and teaching your families to live healthier!



By the way, child care providers may benefit too! If we practice what we teach, then we will be rewarded with a healthier life style and we will be better able to manage the stress-overload that we experience in our lives!

Used Books Wanted



Wanted--Gently used children’s books for Child Literacy Event on March 13th

Donations can be made to Tracy at Smart Start Rowan 1839 W. Jake Alexander Blvd. Salisbury or call for pick up 704-603-3350

A note from John

As I read and listen to the many voices that are raised to present yet another way to cut the state budget and the dollars and “nonsense”,

I was struck by the simple direct nature of the attached two page paper from the Pew Center. I encourage everyone to take a few minutes and read it.

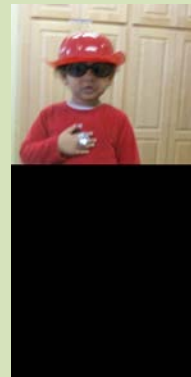
http://www.partnershipforsuccess.org/uploads/20100119_TheCostsofStateDisinvestmentBrief.pdf

Congratulations

Congratulations to Joy Jenkins at Cleveland Elementary School. Joy is a 3rd-grade teacher in our own Rowan-Salisbury School System who was named RSSS Teacher of the Year. This week Joy advanced to be named the Northwest Regional Teacher of the Year! As we pass our young children along from our quality childcare programs, it is good to know that they will enter into the classrooms of other dedicated teachers such as Joy Jenkins!

What's Happening

CCRR Advisory Mtg.—Monday, February 15, 2010 at 12:00
Community Relations—Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 12:00
Board Meeting—Monday, February 22, 2010 at 12:00



MORE AT FOUR--Smart Start Rowan began accepting *More at Four Child Applications* for the 2010-2011 school year on January 6th and will continue through May 5th on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 – 11:30 am and 1:30 – 4:30 pm. For more information please call Donna Hogue, 704-603-3379.

BIDS FOR COMPUTER LAPTOPS—Smart Start Rowan currently has two older laptops for sale. For stats and to place a bid, please contact David Rachui, Finance Administrator

Rowan County Youth Services Bureau and Downtown Salisbury, Inc.
Present: CAMP VALENTINE CHILD CARE

Need to do Valentine's Day shopping or want to have an early Valentine lunch with your sweetheart? Drop your kids, grades K-8, off for a day of fun activities, lunch & snacks at Camp Valentine Child Care.



DATE: Sat, Feb 13, 2010 TIME: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

LOCATION: Looking Glass, Artist Collective, 405 N. Lee St.

Please register in advance by calling the Rowan County Youth Services Bureau at (704) 633-5636 ext. 104 or email Liz@RowanYSB.com. Please leave your name and phone number as well as your child's name, gender and age.

This is a FREE event! However, donations to Rowan County Youth Services Bureau will be gratefully accepted.

MOPS & POPS (for moms & dads only!)

Saturday evening, February 20th, 5:00-8:00pm

Food, Fun & Fellowship at the Wrenn House (Jackson Street)

Drop off your child or children at 4:30 and join us for adult conversation and fun meeting each other's hubby. We will be in the upstairs room eating from the menu and enjoying talking and a few activities.

Paid childcare by Reba & her teenage son at Milford Hills Methodist Church (Statesville Blvd) from 4:30-8:30. This is Reba's church and she does a monthly parent's night out there so she is used to caring for a group. Reba keeps our children during MOPS each month as well. You must reserve a space(s) by Thursday 2/18 by emailing or calling Constance (see below) . Cost is \$8 per child (pay when you drop off your child). Pizza and snacks (popcorn, cookies, water) provided. Bring anything extra your child needs. Leave a cell phone number. If you would like to have a longer babysitting time that night so you can go to a movie or dancing, email Reba rdadkins3030@yahoo.com for prices.



Please email or call Constance with any questions...704-637-8658 or cmcgrail@juno.com

Toys”R”Us “Great Trade-In” Event

Toys”R”Us will be holding their nationwide “Great Trade-In” event in stores through Feb. 20, 2010. The “Great Trade-In” urges customers to trade-in any used cribs, car seats, bassinets, strollers, travel systems, play yards, high chairs or toddler beds in exchange for a 25% savings on the purchase of any new baby item, in any of these product categories, from select manufacturers. This event is designed to draw attention to the fact that certain used baby products, like cribs and car seats, can carry potential hazards and should not be handed down or resold. For more information on the Great Trade-In event, including a list of participating manufacturers, please visit Babiesrus.com/Trade-In.



Kiwanis Pancake Festival, March 5th Friday 5 – 9 pm and 6th Saturday 7 – 11 am. Tickets are \$5.00 and available at door.

Thought for the Day

Children help us rediscover the joy, excitement, and mystery of the world we live in.