

From the Program Director,

Happy Spring and Bring on Summer!

Special thanks to the Learning Tree @ the Landing Preschool parents for hosting the Easter Egg Hunt at the Butte Falls Elementary School on April 20. Many families attended, despite the weather. We want to thank Rays Food Place, Grocery Outlet, Sunny Bryant, Lisa Retherford, Cory Hamann, Shone Ellis, Nancy Thompson, and many others for their donations of candy, eggs, baskets, and prizes for this event. The preschool parents and some community members donated items for the bake sale, stuffed the numerous plastic eggs, planned the event, hid eggs, went to businesses for donations, did the shopping, and all the activities that go into making this event a success. Even the karate parents helped stuff eggs! Susie St George organized the hunt, Stacy Jones asked for corporate donations, Airickah Hendricks organized the bake sale, and our preschool teacher, Loretta Ellis sweet talked her husband Jason Gidcumb into being our special guest for the event- the Easter Bunny! Thank you to everyone who came and supported the preschool!

We are excited to announce a couple of grant awards from Oregon Community Foundation. We received two grants, one for \$17,000 from the Reed and Carolee Walker Fund to support the Nutrition Program, which includes the food pantry and navigating access to social services. The other grant was for \$18,000, also from the Reed and Carolee Walker Fund, to support the 0-5 Program which includes the preschool and parenting education. Grants like these, as well as donations and volunteer hours, help individuals and families in the greater Butte Falls area access resources through the Butte Falls Community School Partnership.

The Learning Tree @ the Landing has applied for a grant and that we hope to use for a summer preschool program. If successful, the program will start July 8 and end August 21. It will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm and will include lunch and a snack. Program will be taught by our preschool teacher, Loretta Ellis and will help children ages 3-8 by supporting and developing skills needed to succeed in school. Space is limited. More information will be available at end of June if grant is awarded.

Another special thanks to Chuck and Debbie Robison. They have volunteered to take over managing the clothing closet located at the Landing. It is a big job and we are so thankful they are taking this on!

Without all the support of donations, volunteer hours, and financial support we could not do what we do here at the Landing. Thank you to everyone who supports us and helps to make a difference in this community.

Sincerely,

Bridget McGonagle

Program Director

Butte Falls Community School Partnership