



# THE WEEKLY MEMO

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## Mission Statement

Southern Oregon Head Start prepares all children and their families for success in school and throughout life.

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## Meetings and Trainings

### January 23 —Monday

- 8:30-4:30 Leadership All Day Work Day, Bear Hotel  
2101 NE Spalding Ave., Grants Pass, OR 97526
  - 1:00-2:00 HBHV Cohort, Teams

### January 24 —Tuesday

- 1:00-2:30 Leadership Team Meeting, Blue Building Conf. Rm.

### January 25 —Wednesday

- 9:00-10:30 Department Directors Meeting, Blue Building Conf. Rm.
  - 9:00-9:45 Hands on CPR, Library
  - 1:00-4:30 Hold for EHS Interviews, Virtual
  - 1:00-3:00 Hold for Education interviews, Library
- 1:00-2:00 Hold for Family Advocate Interviews, Virtual

### January 26 —Thursday

- 8:30-9:30 Health Dept. Meeting, Library

### January 27 —Friday

- 11:00-11:30 Bilingual Open Office Time: Q&A/ Horas de Oficina Bilingue: Preguntas y Respuestas
- 12:00-2:00 New T/SP & TA/CA Cohort: Content 2, Virtual
- 1:00-2:30 CPR Hands On Course, Blue Building Conf. Rm.
  - 2:00-2:30 Shared Family Staffings DUE

"The elevator to success is out of order. You'll have to use the stairs... one step at a time."

JOE GIRARD

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## Weekly Memo Submission

Please send your PDF's, jpegs, and text to

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By Thursday @ 12 p.m.

# Family Day at Foothills!

The Foothills Morning Class had SO MUCH FUN acting out our favorite fairytales for our families on our Family Day!



The Little Red Hen



# Family Day at Foothills!

## Goldilocks and the Three Bears



# Family Day at Foothills!

## The Three Billy Goats Gruff



# Family Day at Foothills!



The Three Little Pigs



## January 2023 Center Team Meeting Staff Safety Topic Clothes Dryer Fire Prevention

### Facts about home clothes dryer fires



2,900 home clothes dryer fires are reported each year and cause an estimated 5 deaths, 100 injuries, and \$35 million in property loss.

Failure to clean the dryer (34 percent) is the leading cause of home clothes dryer fires.

More home clothes dryer fires occur in the fall and winter months, peaking in January.

Doing laundry is most likely part of your every day routine. But did you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home (or center)? With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire.

### Clothes dryer do's

#### *Installation*

- Have your clothes dryer installed by a professional.
- Make sure the correct electrical plug and outlet are used and that the dryer is connected properly.
- Read manufacturers' instructions and warnings in use and care manuals that come with new dryers.

#### *Cleaning*

- Clean the lint filter before and after each load of laundry. Don't forget to clean the back of the dryer where lint can build up. In addition, clean the lint filter with a nylon brush at least every six months or more often if it becomes clogged.

- Clean lint out of the vent pipe every three months.
- Have your dryer cleaned regularly by a professional, especially if it is taking longer than normal for clothes to dry.

### ***Maintenance***

- Inspect the venting system behind the dryer to ensure it is not damaged or restricted.
- Put a covering on outside wall dampers to keep out rain, snow and dirt.
- Make sure the outdoor vent covering opens when the dryer is on.
- Replace coiled-wire foil or plastic venting with rigid, non-ribbed metal duct.
- Have gas-powered dryers inspected every year by a professional to ensure that the gas line and connection are together and free of leaks.
- Check regularly to make sure nests of small animals and insects are not blocking the outside vent.
- Keep the area around the clothes dryer free of items that can burn.
- If you will be away from home for an extended time, unplug or disconnect the dryer.

### ***Clothes dryer don't's***

- Don't use a clothes dryer without a lint filter or with a lint filter that is loose, damaged or clogged.
- Don't overload the dryer.
- Don't use a wire screen or cloth to cover the wall damper. They can collect lint and clog the dryer vent.
- Don't dry anything containing foam, rubber or plastic. An example of an item not to place in a dryer is a bathroom rug with a rubber backing.
- Don't dry any item for which manufacturers' instructions state "dry away from heat."
- Don't dry glass fiber materials (unless manufacturers' instructions allow).

- Don't dry items that have come into contact with anything flammable like alcohol, cooking oils or gasoline. Dry them outdoors or in a well-ventilated room, away from heat.
- Don't leave a clothes dryer running if you **leave home** or when you **go to bed**.