

# Pollywog Update

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## Family Fun Day

Pollywog staff recently attended the 41st Annual Family Fun Day at LBCC, and set up a table of Pollywog and Vroom materials. The event is a fundraiser for the LBCC Parenting Education scholarship fund, and an opportunity for us to reach some of the nearly 300 local families that annually attend this event. Families with 0-6 year olds came for a day of bouncy castles, play dough art, mini golf, obstacle courses, face painting, dog petting, fishing, crown making, dig-and-dirt, bean bag tosses, a Lego rug, delicious snacks, visits from Rocky the Roadrunner, Mack the Knight, Little King, and our own Jodi Smalley on stilts--with wings!

Pollywog staff handed out stuffed Pollywog frogs, pens, wallet cards, and our newly produced parent brochure. We had a number of families sign up on the spot and

many more promised to visit the website and look around. It was a successful day for Pollywog and the LBCC scholarship fund raised over \$10,000 for parents wanting to take parenting classes.



### What's Happening

- ✓ The next Pollywog Partner Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2018, from 9-10:30am, in LM-115 at the Luckiamute Center on the LBCC campus. A calendar invitation was sent out to the listserv. We will be discussing: how the referral process is going, the status of a HIPAA/FERPA PowToon, the training schedule, and a review of the expansion plans into the Lebanon community. Please plan on joining us.
- ✓ Currently there are 280 families in the Pollywog database, and over 30 prenatal and parenting classes a month are available for registration.

# New Additions to Pollywog Website

We are pleased to announce two new additions to the Pollywog website!!

First: a parent blog! We have been talking about doing this for months, but have finally worked out the details and



it is falling into place! Our new parent blogger will be Shirley Blake, who previously served as the Early Learning Hub Parent Engagement Coordinator.

Shirley is a local girl, raised in Monroe, who is now a working wife and mother of two small boys, and she will be writing about parenting issues that she faces. She is bilingual, so will be able to provide the blog in English and Spanish. Shirley is a wonderful person and the perfect choice for the job, and we are thrilled to have her back with us! Our website is having a blog menu added to it and it will take a few weeks. As soon as it is

ready, we will be announcing the grand unveiling, and Shirley's first blog post. Stay tuned for more details!

Secondly: a Spanish icon is being added behind the title of some of the courses listed on the Pollywog website. There has been some confusion among our Spanish readers as to what classes are being described in Spanish and which are actually being taught in Spanish, so an icon is being added to remedy the problem. It will look like this on the main menu, behind the title of a class:

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The work on the website to add this function is also underway, and we expect to have it available in the next few weeks.

## Pollywog Trainings and Presentations

Pollywog staff have been busy with trainings and presentations: Connie Adams at Old Mill Center is now trained, and we had a meeting with Katey Bosworth from WIC. We made a presentation to her, and asked her to become a Pollywog partner, and she responded, "How could I not?" We will be meeting with WIC staff next month to present Pollywog and get them onboard.

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