

Walk, Roll, & Read Events

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Get introduced to Robyn
the newest member of
the FRCSKV Team!

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We are excited to offer Walk, Roll, & Read again this summer! In partnership with Little Moments Count and Family Friendly Workplaces, this series of free, family-friendly events is designed for children from prenatal through kindergarten entry. These events invite parents, caregivers, and families to enjoy time together outdoors while building a love of reading and learning. Each event features a short, easy walking loop through a local park, with story tents and interactive activity stations set up along the way to keep children engaged and excited.

As families move through the route, they can participate in story times, explore arts and crafts activities, and connect with helpful community resources. Every child who attends receives a free book to take home, helping to continue the learning and fun beyond the event.

Walk, Roll, & Read will take place throughout the summer at local parks, including Glen Park in River Falls on June 10, Oakey Park in Osceola on July 15, and Mary Park in New Richmond on August 12, all from 2:00–5:00: a wonderful opportunity to support early childhood literacy while spending quality time together as a family.



FROM THE

Leadership Team

Hello Friends of FRCSCV,

We are overjoyed to share that this year's 21st Annual Reach for the Stars Gala was nothing short of extraordinary. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, we set a new record and raised over \$95,000 — funds that will go directly toward strengthening children, families, and communities across Pierce, Polk, and St. Croix Counties.

Events like this don't happen on their own. We would be nowhere if not for our Reach for the Stars Planning Committee — Carla O'Connell, Ryma Lindquist, Larry Gee, Lester Halstad, Allie Magnell, Sharon Reyzer, Jessica Neumann, Monica Schafer, and Brianna Mayer — who poured their time, creativity, and heart into every detail of the evening. We are so grateful for each of you.

One of the most moving moments of the evening came from Cerenity Streiff, a Hammond mom and current FRCSCV participant who shared her deeply personal story with the room. Cerenity spoke about her journey from a difficult childhood to finding connection, healing, and community through FRCSCV's programs. Her words reminded every person in that room exactly why this work matters. We are so grateful to Cerenity for her courage and her voice.

We were also proud to present two special awards. This year, we introduced a brand-new recognition: the Family and Kids Champion Award, given to the community member who made the most referrals to FRCSCV in the past year. We were thrilled to present the inaugural award to Angie Chivers of St. Croix Health.

We presented the John Coughlin Memorial Volunteer Award, our highest volunteer honor, to Ryma Lindquist. Ryma exemplifies the spirit of this award through her extraordinary dedication to children and families in our community.

Finally, none of this would be possible without YOU — our donors, sponsors, and volunteers. We are humbled and inspired by the way our community continues to show up for local families. Together, we truly are reaching for the stars.

With gratitude,

Marla, Bryant, and Neil
Your FRCSCV Leadership Team



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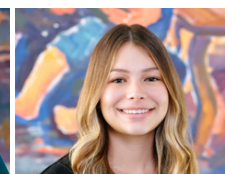
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On April 19, 2026, we hosted our 21st Annual Reach for the Stars Gala—an evening made possible by the incredible support of our community. We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed their time and generosity, especially our sponsors:



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HELLO SPRING Read & Stay Active

by Karia Ristow, Parent Educator

During Play & Learn this spring, families got to explore their own sensory bin filled with green rice, pretend flowers, a spoon, and a flower pot. As a group, they also read a book called A Little Book About Spring by Leo Lionni.

Sensory play is crucial for brain development from birth to early childhood. Playing with different textured materials promotes fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and creativity. It also helps a child work on social skills like sharing and cooperation.

Manipulating sensory bins is a fun way to encourage your child to use their sense of sight, hearing, touch, smell, or taste. It is best when it is unstructured. It lets your child experiment and use their imagination. While your child is playing, follow their lead and use positional words like under, over, in, and out. Filling and dumping material helps your child learn to control her muscles and use different tools. Some fun sensory play materials that you may have lying around your house are potting soil, sand, shaving cream, or water. Now it's your turn—grab a bin, get a little messy, and watch the wonder of sensory play unfold!



SCAN TO READ ALONG!



FAST Highlight



ECE FAST (Early Childhood Education/Families and Schools Together) is a research-based, 8-week program designed to strengthen families through fun, meaningful activities. It helps children express emotions, builds confidence and social-emotional skills, and equips parents with tools to support their child's well-being and learning. The program also fosters strong connections between families, schools, and the community. Led by an FRCSCV Parent Educator alongside parent and community partners, each session includes a free meal, engaging activities, and a chance to win a raffle basket.

NEW HIRE Staff Introduction



Robyn Davis
Parent Educator

Robyn – Parent Educator

We are pleased to welcome Robyn Davis as our new Parent Educator. Robyn brings experience working with families and a strong passion for supporting parents and caregivers. We are excited to have her on our team and look forward to the positive impact she will make in our community.



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