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Employee of the Month



Susan Edwards
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A WHOLE-CHILD APPROACH



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Advocating for High Quality EC Education

As a bipartisan issue, HWCEC wants all legislators to understand the importance of high quality early childhood. Recently, Senator Bart Hester, Representative Jim Dotson, Senator Uvalde Lindsey, and Representative Jana Della Rosa individually visited the Helen R. Walton Children's Enrichment Center (HWCEC). All the Representatives and Senators recognize the importance of quality early childhood education and its critical impact within our community. HWCEC continues to educate the community on the difference between daycare and high quality early childhood education, and the economic impact it has to our region, workforce, and future talent pipeline. HWCEC's ongoing commitment is to provide families access to the highest quality of early childhood education and care.

The Center reaches beyond its families and collaborates with early childhood programs throughout all of Northwest Arkansas.



Senator
Bart Hester



Representative
Jim Dotson



Senator Uvalde Lindsey



Representative Jana Della Rosa

Ice Cream Social

Saturday, August 15
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Meet your teachers, see your child's classroom, and gain important class information. Extra-Curricular program representatives will be present to discuss activities, benefits and registration.

PAC Meeting

(Parent Advisory Committee)

At the last meeting, the PAC voted on the following positions:

President: Becky Schoewe

Vice President: Angie Smith

Secretary: Alison Nation

The PAC will have a table set up during the Ice Cream Social. Please stop by and sign up to participate!

No meeting in August.

Baby Connect

HWCEC will begin using Baby Connect at the beginning of September in conjunction with our new school year.

IPads have been donated by Lindsey Heffren and Jeff Shipley! Apps are being loaded and one classroom will run a test in August. Once all of our teachers and administrators are trained, we will provide infant parents notice.

The new system will allow parents to receive daily reports through a mobile application - know when your child ate last, diaper changes, napping, activities and more.

Scholarship Update

Our philosophy at HWCEC is that EVERY child should have equal access to high quality early childhood experiences.

Consider making a donation today at:

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Grilled Meals to go

The 2 events netted over \$900 to support HWCEC's scholarship program! Thank you!

Successful Cookout

Our first two cookouts netted \$912 for our scholarship program thanks to Arvest, Signature Bank, Pepsi, Quaker, Walmart and the Crown Club of the Junior Auxiliary. Their volunteer efforts will pay for 5 weeks of high quality early childhood education and return \$8,400 to society through increased school readiness, reduced remediation, increased high school and college graduation rates, and a more skilled workforce.

Despite the undeniable benefits of high quality care, it is cost prohibitive for most working families whose income is too high to qualify for state assistance yet experience financial strain to keep their children in quality child care. The scholarship program is designed to address the gap between state assistance and reward working families moving toward economic self-sufficiency.

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"Ms. Susan DAILY goes above and beyond the standard call of a preschool teacher. She makes sure our daughter is happy, healthy and learning. I am so thankful. The teachers have made her preschool experience absolutely wonderful," states a very pleased mom.

"She is friendly and approachable and she is always great with the kids. Many evenings, when our son comes home, he always shares great things about her... our son is in good hands," comments from a father.

Susan has been an incredible team member for 10 years. She holds a Child Development Associate and is currently working on her bachelor degree.

Cookout Volunteers!

