



HELEN R. WALTON  
**CHILDREN'S ENRICHMENT  
CENTER**

# News & Notes



## GOLD Awards Winners

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**A WHOLE-CHILD  
APPROACH**



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**Fabiola Sosa "Fabi"**  
**Toddler Assistant Teacher**  
**3 year team member**

"... Ms. Fabi has been absolutely vital to our success at HWCEC. She did an amazing job of bonding with him early in his transition, making drop offs much more smooth and painless for everyone. I appreciate her so much!"

"Ms. Fabi ... enters the building each morning with a smile and when she leaves at the end of her day she has that same smile! She consistently tells parents and grandparents how much she loves their child. She can tell you about the words they used – who their friends are and what areas of the room they enjoy playing in the most."

**Laura Thompson**  
**Pre-K Lead Teacher**  
**11 year team member**



"... My daughter looks forward to school and even enjoys her weekly homework assignments. I appreciate that Ms. Laura can tell me specific information about what centers my daughter played in, which friends she spent her day with, and whether she was happy, sad, or tired that day. It's obvious that Ms. Laura cares about her student's development and happiness... As a working mother I struggle with the amount of time I spend away from my daughter each week... It has been much easier knowing that my daughter is spending her day with a caring teacher who not only takes care of her daily needs but has created a fun classroom environment that is preparing my child for kindergarten. I think Ms. Laura is a valuable asset to HWCEC..."

## Tax Season

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The Center has tax information ready for pick-up at the front desk. This information will include:

- 2014 tuition charge & credit summary
- 2014 AR-1000 CR tax form

The state offers a 20% tax credit for using a quality approved child care facility. This credit may be used in lieu of any other dependent care credit you may be entitled to.

Federal Tax ID: 71-0559432

Quality Accreditation #: 1622

## Class Pictures

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January 15 \* \$10 per sheet

All children must be present by 8:30 a.m. to participate in pictures.

More information to come!

## PAC Meeting

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(Parent Advisory Committee)

Wednesday, January 14

Noon

Feel free to bring your lunch!

## Christmas Assistance

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THANK YOU!

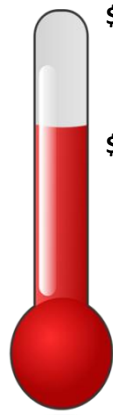
Thanks to the tremendous support of parents, Board Members and local companies, we were able to assist 49 children (all HWCEC families)! Thank you for placing gifts under the tree and a twinkle in each child's eyes on Christmas morning!

## Scholarship Update

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

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.

**GOAL:**



\$150,000

\$66,997

To date, we have raised **\$66,997**, but are still \$88,003 away from our goal. If you are able to lend your support or engage your company for this effort, please contact Kristen Herbert at [kherbert@hwccenter.com](mailto:kherbert@hwccenter.com).

## Evacuation Site Reminder

In case of an emergency our evacuation site is  
First Presbyterian Church  
on J Street.

## Sweetheart Luncheon



Friday, February 13  
11:00 a.m.

## Inclement Weather



Every effort will be made to open the Center during inclement weather. Below will be our action steps **if the Bentonville Schools are closed:**

- Automatic delayed opening of 8:00 a.m.
- Decision to delay opening to later hour or full day closing will be made and communicated to parents by 6:30 a.m.
- Communications of inclement weather hours:
  - Major media
  - Text
  - Email
  - Center voicemail

On delayed opening days no breakfast will be served. All other meals and center based activities will occur. Extracurricular activities are subject to provider's decision.

It is important parents update phone numbers, cell carrier, and email as information changes.

