



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

# News & Notes



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Issue 121



**GOLD Award**  
Giver Of Loving  
Direction

will be announced on  
January 5

## Christmas Assistance

Thanks to parents and local businesses, **52** children from HWCEC and their siblings had a wonderful Christmas holiday.

Toys, clothes and warm coats were just a few of the special items that supported our young friends.

The families were extremely appreciative for the love and support during the holiday season!

## Olive Oil and Vinegar Fundraiser

Thanks to you, HWCEC raised \$2,000 towards the new curriculum package!

The child assessment tool associated with our previous program, High Reach, was no longer offered. After significant review of Arkansas State approved curriculum for early childhood, HWCEC selected Creative Curriculum and the GOLD assessment tool. This curriculum program is one of the few that begins with birth and benchmarks all developmental milestones (social, emotional, physical, cognitive, and language development).

We began implementing the new curriculum program September 2015. The cost of software, curriculum, and training was \$36,000. To date, we have raised \$21,100. HWCEC has been focused on fundraising and mini-grants to avoid increasing tuition. \$14,900 to go!

## Evacuation Site Reminder



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

When a community crisis strikes, we tend to forget details. Please place our evacuation site location in your phone.

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APPROACH**



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## Parent Spotlight

Alison Nation and Crystal Bridges graciously hosted HWCEC's Christmas party. It's always nice for the team to get together and enjoy one another's company.

HWCEC's PAC provided gift cards to all team members as a Christmas present.

Becky Schoewe provided cupcakes for HWCEC's Staff Christmas party. Additionally, she brought a wonderful Christmas breakfast for our hard working teachers!

HWCEC's PAC joined Angie Smith and A.W. Bravis to provide new Santa backdrops for our Christmas Open House. FANTASTIC!

We truly appreciate the work and time dedicated to ensuring our team is well-cared for and appreciated!

## PAC Meeting

(Parent Advisory Committee)

Wednesday, January 13

11:30 – 12:30 p.m.

Sam's Club Café

Simple Savings Drive/Moberly Lane

## Holiday Closings



**Closed: January 1**

## Free Tax Services

Visit: <http://unitedwaynwa.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/FTSI-poster-1.pdf>

## Tax Season

The Center has tax information will be available on January 5 at the front desk. This information will include:

- 2015 tuition charge & credit summary
- 2015 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

**January 13 (tentative) \* \$10 per sheet**

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

More information to come!

## It's Cold Out There!

Let's remember coats, hats and gloves! Even when it's cold our friends like to go on walks or short visits to the playground. Fresh air is great, however, we want to make sure everyone is bundled up and warm while outside!

## Dept. of Human Services State Licensing Review

All early childhood programs (child care) are monitored 3 times a year by DHS to ensure compliance with all Minimum Licensing Requirements.

The written reviews (form 521) are available for parent review. Feel free to contact any manager for copies (we can email for convenience).

## 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.

## Kick-Off to Kindergarten

**January 6 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Pre-K parents**

Information to prepare families for the transition to Kindergarten.

