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**CHILDREN'S ENRICHMENT
CENTER**

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Employee of the Month



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A WHOLE-CHILD APPROACH



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Welcome to the 2015-16 School Year

This is an exciting time of year as we welcome new friends and families to our center. Frequency asked questions:

- If I have a question about a classroom, who can I talk to?**
We have four designated managers for classroom related questions or concerns:
Cindy Singleton, Director of Operations
Patsy Bishop, Infant Generalist
Holly Marshall, Preschool Coordinator
Donna Johnson, Toddler/Young Pres. Coord.
- What time is naptime?**
Infants nap based on individual schedules. Older infants typically have a short nap in the morning and again at 12:30 p.m. For toddler and preschool rooms: 12:30–2:30 p.m.
- What time are meals served?**
Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. (breakfast will not be served after 8:30 a.m.)
Lunch: 11:00 a.m.
Snack: 3:00 p.m. (after nap)
- Can I call and check on my child throughout the day?**
Absolutely! Call anytime to get an update. We avoid intercom calls from 12:30-2:30 so we do not wake napping children.
- When is tuition due?**
Friday prior to the week of service.

Evacuation Site

If an emergency occurs that requires HWCEC to evacuate, parents need valuable information.

If it is an isolated incident (i.e. gas leak), children will be escorted to the Melvin Ford Aquatic Center's parking lot. If the emergency impacts the community (i.e. tornado) and requires HWCEC to provide extended care until parents can reach us, our secondary location is:

The First Presbyterian Church

901 NE J Street
Bentonville, AR 72712
479-273-5450

Located on NE J Street between Central Avenue & Tiger Boulevard.

CLOSED September 7
in observance of Labor Day

Parent Spotlight

Hats off to Kaylah Ausmus and Amy Grant for making nametags for every child attending HWCEC. It greatly helped our teachers and staff learn new names on the first day. THANK YOU LADIES!

PAC Meeting

(Parent Advisory Committee)

Wednesday, September 9
12-1 p.m.

Sam's Club Café

Simple Savings Drive/Moberly Lane

Baby Connect Begins: Nov. 2

Our start date has been delayed. Technology is wonderful unless you started too many new programs at once. Staff continue to take training on the new curriculum and online assessment tool.

Therefore, we have delayed Baby Connect start date to **November 2**. This will allow our staff to complete their first round of assessments before utilizing the new app for Baby Connect.

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.

Center Visits

Parents are always welcome to visit the center and classrooms! Use your code to come and go as you wish (don't clock your child out if you are just coming for a visit). All authorized family members and guests are welcome to visit as well.

FALL FROLIC

hosted at:



Date: Friday, October 23
6-8 p.m.

Please eat before you arrive!

Cost: FREE for HWCEC families

There will be no silent auction this year due to the location. However, parents may contribute to the capital campaign or scholarships that evening.

Vision Screening

Hosted by the Lion's Club
FREE

September 9 – 10

Registration is closed.

This serves as a reminder for those registered.

Kid's Fashion Photos

Dates: September 9-11

Cost: \$10 per sitting fee/child
add'l \$10 for sibling poses

Registration and sitting fees must be paid by Tuesday, September 8.

A flyer and fee envelope has been placed in your child's mail folder.

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"When Ms. Branda left for maternity leave and Ms. Keri was out for medical leave, Ms. Cindy came in and really made {my child} feel welcome. {My daughter} loves going to school and Ms. Cindy made what could have been a difficult time, very easy. Even through {my daughter} is in a new classroom, {she} asks if she can stop by and see Ms. Cindy before or after school. She really made a positive impact on our daughter," states a happy dad during a difficult transition.

Ms. Cynthia has been an incredible team member for nearly 5 years, with countless hours of early childhood development training. Congratulations!

HWCEC School Traffic



Traditional school session began August 17.

Washington Junior High
8:35 a.m. – 3:35 p.m.

Apple Glen Elementary
7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Plan your commute accordingly, as school traffic impacts HWCEC.

