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Employee of the Month



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Assistant Teacher

A WHOLE-CHILD APPROACH



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Welcome to the New School Year!

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

1. 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 EC Operations

Patsy Bishop, Infant Manager

Holly Marshall, Preschool Manager

Donna Johnson, Toddler/Young Preschool Manager

2. 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.

3. 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)

4. 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.

PEANUT FREE

As you may know, HWCEC is a peanut free facility. When providing baked goods for special events, such as birthday, please be sure the product has a “made in a peanut-free facility” label. This ensures that the product was not manufactured in a facility that may have traces of peanuts/tree nuts in the plant.

You can find the label on product like the item below:



Please be aware that most local bakeries are not peanut free. Walmart and other local retailers do offer baked products with this symbol. Bakery products without this symbol will not be allowed into the classroom.

Thank you for placing the safety of our children first!

PAC Meeting

(Parent Advisory Committee)
Wed., September 13
11:30-12:30 p.m.
HWCEC Training Rooms

**CLOSED September 4
in observance of Labor Day**

Building Codes

As a gentle reminder, please do not share your access code with anyone. Each parent and their authorized contacts are assigned individual codes. The intent is to be able to specifically track who dropped off or picked up and the time. Sharing codes leads to inaccurate information in a time of crisis.

You are welcome to stop by the front desk and add contacts and codes at any time! Thanks for helping keep your child safe.

New Janitorial Firm

We are beginning the transition to a new janitorial firm. Our goal is to improve the overall cleanliness of the facility and use of GREEN products for the health of our children.

Mr. Luis, our current day porter, will be moving to Maryland. We will miss him dearly, but wish him all the best. As always, the new crew members will undergo extensive background checks, and will be subject to appropriate immunizations to ensure the safety of our children.

Parent Spotlight

Thank you Rebecca and J. Michael Hazlewood for donating new toys to room 21 (Bright Starts stack n' spin burger, Kidoozie inchworm, Plan Toys oval xylophone, puppy grasping toy and clacking key ring). The infants will love their new toys!

Keslyn and Robbie Wells donated various school supplies (markers, batteries, paper, bubble machine and more). Thank you very much for your contribution!

Thank you Becky and Dave Schoewe for donating numerous books! The children will put them to great use!

Vision Screening

Hosted by the Lion's Club
FREE

**Provided to Preschool and Pre-K Students
September 12-13**

Registration forms are due August 30. If you did not receive the email, please contact Holly Marshall at hmarshall@hwccenter.com or 479-273-3552

Kid's Fashion Photos

Dates: **September 20-22**
Cost: \$10 per sitting fee/child
add'l \$10 for sibling poses

Registration and sitting fees must be paid by **Monday, September 18**. A flyer and fee envelope will be placed in your child's mail folder in the near future.

Come visit us!

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.

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"Throughout her time as an assistant teacher for our daughter, she was so positive and just loved her and all the friends in her class. Our daughter stills talks about her, which only means she's made a huge impact on our daughter's life. She was the one major consistent teacher for my daughter over this last year and it is evident by the fact that she is still missed by all her friends, young and grown," states a happy mom!

Ms. "Mir Mir" has been a part of the HWCEC team for 4 years and has over 100 hours of early childhood training.

Please take a moment to congratulate Ms. Miranda!

Did you know?

Currently, we have 17 team members working on their degrees in early childhood.

6 – AA in Early Childhood
9 – BA/BS in Early Childhood
2 – MS in Early Childhood

HWCEC supports team members by paying up to \$3500 towards tuition each year, thanks to a grant!

