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Employee of the Month



Traci Key, Infant
Department

A WHOLE-CHILD APPROACH



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When Does the Playing Stop?

(Exerts from "Play: The Foundation that Supports the House of Higher Learning")

I hope the answer is never!

When there is pressure to build a house without regard to the foundation that supports it, it will fall down. The same is true with our house of higher learning!

Open any research data base on the topic of "play" and you will find the evidence is there – play based preschool programs with an emphasis on social and emotional development (as opposed to the "skill and drill" variety) children are getting ready for school.

Play is NOT separate from learning! Our foundation of creating, moving, singing, discussing, observing, and reading are held together by play. Play, if you will, is the cement holding our foundation together and is this foundation that will, in turn, support the house of higher learning.

Learning is not regurgitating information; it is developing a sense of curiosity, becoming a creative problem solver, and cultivating a sense of self within the social context of our community.

Spring Wine Pairing Event

Benefiting the Capital Campaign

Saturday, April 7

4:30 – 6:00 pm.

Tavola (Bentonville Square)

2nd Annual Spring Wine Pairing with James King. This night is a very unique, social gathering with interaction and learning about how to taste wine. You will enjoy 6 bites with 6 carefully selected wines from our sommeliers. Your taste buds will thank you!

Tickets can be purchased at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spring-wine-pairing-2018-tickets-43412630346>



“Bunny” Pictures

Dates: March 14-16

Sitting Fees Due: March 12

Cost: \$10/sitting fee/child
\$10/additional fee
for sibling sitting
Late Orders: will double in fee



Picture dates below (will confirm classrooms closer to time):

Wednesday, March 14

Thursday, March 15

Friday, March 16

We will announce specific classroom picture dates on Monday, March 13.

Picture Preview Date

Date: March 27
Time: 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Location: Training Rooms

CD orders will be shipped overnight due to the early date of Easter this year (April 1).

PAC Meeting

(Parent Advisory Committee)

Wednesday, March 14
11:30 – 12:30 p.m.
HWCEC Training Rooms

Employee of the Month

Traci Key, Lead Teacher

“I would like to nominate **Mrs. Traci Key** for employee of the month. Mrs. Traci has been a blessing to our son. Even with him being our second child, it was still difficult sending him to school after my maternity leave. I could tell that she truly loved him like her own! I knew that he was getting plenty of hugs and cuddles with Traci during the day and that made my mom heart so happy. There's just nothing better than walking into your son's classroom and seeing him giggle and smile with Mrs. Traci. One day I got the call at work that my son wasn't feeling well and was being sent home. I quickly packed up at work and made that trip to the center which always seems so much longer when you're trying to get to your sick kid. I knew he was "quarantined" in the front and I was worried about him being upset or maybe having some stranger anxiety because he wasn't in his classroom, but as I quickly walked in the front doors and looked into the office, there was Ms. Traci holding my son and giving him lots of loves. I was so relieved that she took the time to stay with him to make sure he was okay. This is just one of the many of examples of her going the extra mile to take extra care of one of her babies. In addition, my son has struggled with transitioning to solid foods and Traci has been very patient and has been great about offering suggestions and communicating his progress. Mrs. Traci is a gem and we are so thankful for her!” raves a happy mom.

Ms. Traci has been a part of the HWCEC for 14 years! She has a Child Development Associate Credential with an emphasis on infants and toddlers.

Egg Hunt

Save the date!
Thursday, March 29

Specific class times will go out to parents shortly.

We ask each child brings in **12 filled eggs (or more if you would like) by Monday, March 26**. Please use nut free treats. If the eggs are not pre-filled, **please tape the eggs** as we do most of the hunts outside.

Extra-Curricular Survey

HWCEC offers on-site extra-curricular activities for preschool children. We know children change and so do their interests. Therefore, each year we conduct an extra-curricular survey to assess the interests of families and children.

Last month only two parents responded; therefore, we will be accepting survey responses through Friday, March 16.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/extra-curricular2018>

