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**CHILDREN'S ENRICHMENT  
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# News & Notes



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## Employee of the Month



**Jennifer Schwyhart**  
Assistant Teacher

### A WHOLE-CHILD APPROACH



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## Christmas Assistance

We are family at HWCEC! Sometimes the holidays present financial hardships which can take away from holiday spirit. We offer Christmas assistance to HWCEC families in need by providing Christmas presents for 50 children. This program alleviates some of the financial burden from families that struggle during the holiday season by providing clothing, toys, arts and crafts, sporting goods, etc. that are specific to the child's age and interests.

We partner with companies and individuals to support this program. We provide age, gender, sizes and wish lists for all participating children. Donors may choose how many children they would like to sponsor and they can buy gifts for the child or donate cash and HWCEC will take care of the shopping. As of December 3, we have **15 children** that still need sponsors.

**If you or your company would be interested in supporting the Christmas Assistance program**, please call Rachel Harrison at 273-3552 or [rharrison@hwccenter.com](mailto:rharrison@hwccenter.com).

## Fundraiser extended until Friday, December 4!

### Olive Oil & Vinegar Fundraiser for HWCEC's Creative Curriculum

If each family and staff member sells 12 products, we will raise **\$18K**

**100%** of funds received will go towards curriculum costs

Fundraiser runs from Nov. 19—Dec. 1

Watch for our taste test stations that will be set up on November 19!

Great opportunity to purchase unique Christmas gifts while supporting the center and classrooms!

## Giving Thanks to You!

I want to thank all our families for supporting the Thanksgiving Assistance Program. We provided meals to 30 families, serving over 135 individuals. It is a blessing to care for our families in such loving ways.

## Parent Spotlight

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Thank you for supporting:

The Capital Campaign

Thanksgiving Assistance

Christmas Assistance

Oil and Vinegar Fundraiser for Curriculum

Thank you for being a community of caring families!

## PAC Meeting

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(Parent Advisory Committee)

Wednesday, November 11

11:30 – 12:30 p.m.

Sam's Club Café

Simple Savings Drive/Moberly Lane

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## It's Cold Out There!

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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!

## Holiday Closings



**Christmas Eve and Christmas Day  
December 24 and 25, 2015**

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

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**November 30-December 11**

Sign-up sheets will be posted on classroom bulletin boards in the near future. If posted dates and times are not convenient, please contact Cindy Singleton at 273-3552 to schedule a better time.

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"{My son} was just diagnosed with torticollis and the therapist came in the room yesterday to show me some of the stretches to do with him at home. Jennifer watched and paid attention to what she was doing. The therapist also stressed that the most important thing we can do is give him more tummy time. When I came to pick my son up ... Jennifer told me that she gave him 10 minutes of tummy time just like the therapist recommended and did some of the stretches. I thanked her and she responded, "I know you're busy and don't have much time at home with them. It's just easier for us to do it here than make you have one more thing to worry about."

It is such a huge weight off my shoulders to know that Jennifer cares that much that she's willing to help him resolve his issues. She doesn't have to make sure he gets enough tummy time and she certainly doesn't have to do his stretches. She's always going above and beyond with the kids, singing to them, playing games, and reading books. She even does baby yoga some days! These are infants, it would be easy for her to just hold and rock them all day but she wants to make sure they're engaged and learning as much as possible at this age.

We really just love her and I'm so glad knowing my baby is in her hands!" raves a happy mom!

Jennifer has been a part of the HWCEC team for 1.5 years as an Assistant Teacher in infants. She is currently working on her degree in early education.

Please congratulate Jennifer!

## Christmas Open House

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Our annual Christmas Open House is right around the corner! The children are working on holiday songs, skits and will be "showing off" their talents during the Christmas Open House.

Santa will be available from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. for pictures. Pictures are \$3.00 for 1 picture or \$5.00 for 2 pictures. Children can visit Santa without purchasing pictures.

To help avoid long lines, two Santa's will be available to greet the children. One will be in the preschool gross motor room and other will be in the infant gross motor room. Please help us keep our "Santa Secret" from the children.

### PROGRAM TIMES

#### Tuesday, December 15

Fireflies	3:30 p.m.
Dragonflies	4:00 p.m.
Lady Bugs	4:00 p.m.
Honey Bees	3:30 p.m.
Rolie Polies	3:30 p.m.
June Bugs	4:30 p.m.
Baby Geese	4:00 p.m.
Ducklings	3:30 p.m.
Chicks	4:00 p.m.
Chickadees	3:30 p.m.
Cubs	3:30 p.m.
Jaguars	3:30 p.m.
Tigers	4:30 p.m.
Panthers	3:00 p.m.
Cougars	5:00 p.m.
Panda Bears	5:30 p.m.
Polar Bears	5:00 p.m.
Koala Bears	4:00 p.m.

