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CENTER**

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**Emily Harrison and
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Employees of the Month



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Sweetheart Luncheon and Fundraiser

Date: Friday, February 13 at 11:00 a.m.
Cost: \$5 lunch tickets (please purchase at the front desk)

Come join your sweetheart for lunch and support HWCEC's scholarship program!

We can also deliver a special gift with a personal message to your Sweetheart during the luncheon. For \$12 you can send your child a bear with a message of love, a lion for \$7, or \$3 for a small puppy. Items can be purchased until Thursday, **February 12** at the front desk.



\$12 each



\$7 each



\$3 each

Coming Fall 2015...

HWCEC has selected a new curriculum (Creative Curriculum), assessment tool (GOLD), and a parent communication app (Baby Connect). Creative Curriculum is an AR state approved early childhood curriculum package that will align with the new standards relating to K-12 Common Core curriculum. The GOLD is an authentic, ongoing observation system for assessing children from birth-kindergarten. There is an easy to understand color-coded progression of development and learning for parents.

A parent informational session will be offered in late Spring. Stay tuned!

Parent Spotlight

THANK YOU!

The McGrew family donated a Fisher Price Learning Lion and Playskool Shapes and Colors Turtle to the Dragonfly classroom. Thank you for your generosity!

The Wildman Family donated a V-Tech Learn and Dance, V-Tech Around Town Baby Driver, and Bright Starts Little Lights and Music. Thank you for providing new opportunities to learn.

Employee of the Month January 2015

Emily Harrison and Jazmin Zendajaz

"They have been so helpful to our boy with potty training and giving him special attention when needed. He is a rough and tumble and often has bumps and bruises to prove it and they always give him such love to get through," states a mom.

"Ms. Emily reads stories to the kids every day and my boy looks forward to it. It is hard to get him to leave these days – as he wants to stay in class until the last minute... We really appreciate Ms. Emily and we will definitely miss her after she moves to a different class next week," said a pleased mom.

"Each night when I pick up my daughter we discuss her day on the car ride home. She always tells me things that she has learned. 'Ms. Jazmin was showing us how to eat today with our mouths closed' and then demonstrated to me how she should do it... She's also teaching the children Spanish..." states an enthusiastic mom.

Both have been team members in the preschool department since the summer of 2013. Congratulations!

Scholarship Update

Our philosophy at HWCEC is that EVERY child should have equal access to high quality early childhood experiences.

We must meet our goal by April 1 (beginning of our fiscal year). On average we serve 40-45 families a year by providing a 40% or 50% reduction in tuition. In turn, these families volunteer 30 hours a year. We want to ensure we continue offering quality services to all members of our community.



Parking Lot Safety

There have been a few near misses in the parking lot due to fast driving. Please remember we have little ones coming and going with their parents. Let's all slow down, put our cell phones up and take caution as we enter the parking lots!

PAC Meeting

(Parent Advisory Committee)

Wednesday, February 11

Noon

Feel free to bring your lunch!

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.

Need of the Month

Batteries of all sizes

