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**CHILDREN'S ENRICHMENT  
CENTER**



# News & Notes



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## Employee of the Month



Miranda Bell,  
Lead Teacher  
Toddlers

## A WHOLE-CHILD APPROACH



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## *Did you know...*

### *we do more than direct early childhood services?*

In 2009, we opened the Early Childhood Initiatives Center (ECIC); where all early childhood professionals can share knowledge, resources, and best practices to benefit the growth and education of young children.

#### **OUR GOAL:**

ensure every child in NWA has access to high quality care and education.

#### **OUR ACTION:**

100% of NWA centers (494) gain and sustain Quality Accreditation.

#### **OUR RESOURCES:**

1. collaboration among centers
2. public/private partnerships
3. initiatives and programs that will lead centers through the change process

One of the ECIC's programs is training and continuing education. On February 23 and 24, a leading researcher in early childhood and Developmental Psychologist provided two trainings at NWA Community College for early childhood professionals across



the region (High Spirited or Hyperactive and My Actions Have Consequences). Nearly 400 teachers attended the sold out events and learned how to guide children through emerging skills, thoughts and experiences (positive direction towards prosocial and productive expression vs. inappropriate behaviors).

## Easter Pictures

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Easter Pictures will be March 4, 5 and 6.

Sitting fee is required and closed at this time. If you are registered for pictures please see the dates and classes below:

### Wednesday, March 4

Fireflies and Dragonflies  
Honey Bees and Lady Bugs  
Baby Geese and Rolie Polies  
June Bugs and Ducklings

### Thursday, March 5

Chicks and Chickadees  
Cubs and Panthers  
Cougars

### Friday, March 6

Jaguars and Tigers  
All Bears

### Picture Viewing and Order Date

Tuesday, March 17  
3-6 p.m.

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## PAC Meeting

(Parent Advisory Committee)  
Wednesday, March 11  
Noon  
Feel free to bring your lunch!

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## Upcoming Events

### Easter Luncheon and Egg Hunt:

April 2 (lunch at 11 a.m. and egg hunt times will be posted by class)

### Arkansas Children's Week:

April 13-17

## Scholarship Update

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

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GOAL:



\$150,000

\$67,997

To date, we have raised **\$67,997**, but are still \$88,003 away from our goal. If you are able to lend your support or engage your company for this effort, please contact Kristen Herbert at [kherbert@hwccenter.com](mailto:kherbert@hwccenter.com).

## Employee of the Month

### Miranda Bell, Lead Teacher

"She is loving and gentle with the kids. She has patience and teaches the kids kindness, manners, and structure.

I appreciate that she can notice when we are having a tough morning or my daughter is struggling with being dropped off and provides a productive distraction to make it easier on me... she is authentic with advice," raves a mom.

"My child learns something new from her every week and I'm so appreciative of the extra care she takes. She is professional and thorough and I love the environment that she creates in the classroom," states another happy mom.

Miranda has been a valuable team member since August 2012 with a BA in Early Childhood.

## 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.

### Early Childhood FACTOID

700 new neural connections are formed every second during a young child's life. Investing in high quality early childhood experiences for ALL children in NWA will strengthen our human capital with a 9:1 ROI. Early education IS economic development!

