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**CHILDREN'S ENRICHMENT  
CENTER**

# News & Notes



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### Employee of the Month



**Candice Ericksen**  
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### A WHOLE-CHILD APPROACH



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## Giving Thanks

Each year the Center and its families rally together to donate Thanksgiving meals for families that may not be able to afford a special dinner. Each classroom will collect specific food items in order to create a well-rounded meal with all the trimmings. We also look for families or companies that can provide turkeys or hams.

If your family needs assistance during this holiday season, there will be a quick form for you to complete.

If you need a copy of the information sheet sent last week, please contact the front desk at [frontdesk@hwccenter.com](mailto:frontdesk@hwccenter.com).



## Time to Change Clothes

Fall is here and shorts and tank tops don't cut if your child has an accident. Please take your child's summer clothes home and bring back pants, long sleeve shirts and socks. Let's not forget coats! **Please place your child's name on the tag or inside the jacket.** Many coats look alike and that will differentiate them.

### Olive Oil & Vinegar Fundraise 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!

## Parent Spotlight

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Hats off to the PAC for providing snacks and water during Fall Frolic! It was great to have a little something to re-energize our little ones!

THANK YOU!

## 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

## Baby Connect Begins: this week

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The new system will be available to the following infant classrooms:

Fireflies  
Dragonflies  
Honey Bees  
Lady Bugs  
June Bugs  
Rolie Polies

It will allow infant parents to receive daily reports through a mobile application - know when your child ate last, diaper changes, napping, activities and more.

Infant parents, you will receive an email from Baby Connect to allow you to connect through a web browser or I-Pad/I-Phone/Android application. If you do not get an email, be sure to verify your email address with the front desk.

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

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.

## Christmas Assistance

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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 toys and clothing for children. Each year, approximately 25-35 children have a special holiday thanks to this program.

We partner with companies and individuals that are interested in supporting this program. Our partners decide on how many children they would like to sponsor and we provide the wish lists for children with their age, gender, and sizes.

**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)



## Book Fair Success!

The book fair resulted in several hundred dollars' worth of books for classrooms. We are excited to offer high quality care and education to include literacy opportunities to all children. Reading aloud to children expands their vocabulary and promotes knowledge of the mechanics of reading from the top to bottom and left to right. Additionally it helps create an understanding of a sequence of events.

Thank you for promoting literacy!

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"She notes something special about each child every day and tells parents just how special their kids are. She asks how our night was and gives insights into behavior we are seeing. She is firm and awesome at redirecting busy little bodies with steady consistency. When he hurt himself in class a few weeks back she reached out on her own time that night to see how he was doing and make sure he would be ok. Constant, consistent, and loving at all times makes this momma's heart ok to leave her precious possession every day," states a very satisfied mom.

Ms. Candice has been a wonderful team member for 4.5 years total and is currently working on her Bachelor degree in early childhood education.

## HOLIDAY CLOSING



HWCEC will be closed on Thursday, November 26 in observance of Thanksgiving.

