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Employee of the Month



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A WHOLE-CHILD APPROACH



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Welcome to the New School Year!

This is an exciting time of year as we welcome new friends and families to our center. Frequently asked questions:

- 1. If I have a question about a classroom, who can I talk to?**
We have four designated managers for classroom related questions or concerns:
Cindy Singleton, Director of EC Operations
Patsy Bishop, Infant Generalist
Holly Marshall, Preschool Coordinator
Donna Johnson, Toddler/Young Pres. Coord.
- 2. What time is naptime?**
Infants nap based on individual schedules. Older infants typically have a short nap in the morning and again at 12:30 p.m. For toddler and preschool rooms: 12:30–2:30 p.m.
- 3. What time are meals served?**
Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. (breakfast will not be served after 8:30 a.m.)
Lunch: 11:00 a.m.
Snack: 3:00 p.m. (after nap)
- 4. Can I call and check on my child throughout the day?**
Absolutely! Call anytime to get an update. We avoid intercom calls from 12:30-2:30 so we do not wake napping children.
- 5. When is tuition due?**
Friday prior to the week of service.

Help Us Bid Farwell to Friends...



Heather Johnston



Chris Willbanks

Heather began her career at HWCEC as a department aide. 10 years later and a degree in business, she is the Communications Manager. It's with a sad heart to share that this position was eliminated during the recent budget cut as grant funding only stretches so far. Heather will be leaving HWCEC on September 16. Kristen, Sunny and Michelle will be assuming the communication responsibilities.

Chris, Business Manager, is also departing us. He's been a great team player for the past 6 years. Rachel Harrison will support families with tuition and scholarship needs and day-to-day financial operations. An accounting firm will assume the fiscal health of the organization.

Both are family and always will be. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

PAC Meeting

(Parent Advisory Committee)
Wed., September 21 * 12-1 p.m.
HWCEC Training Rooms

Welcome to fall!

The PAC is collecting parent information for several different reasons- we'd like to have a "room parent" for each class—they could assist the teachers in sharing opportunities for other parents to participate in—like class parties, volunteer opportunities, teacher birthdays, etc. We'd also like to collect information to help parents communicate with each other—how many of us have forgotten that it is Splash Day or Pajama Day? I know I certainly have!

If you'd like to be a "room parent" OR just part of "text chain" for informational purposes, please email me your name, your child's name and classroom, your email and/or phone number along with what you want to participate in. The school cannot share this information with the PAC without your permission so please email rlschoe@samsclub.com.

With a new school year, things can get busy! Please remember not to park in the Employee of the Month's spot! This is a highly coveted position that a staff member earns each month by being recommended by parents. You might think "I'm just dropping off, I'll only be 5 minutes!" but that teacher might arrive to take care of your children while you are parked in their spot. Please take the few extra seconds to park in a different spot to drop off your children!

Becky Schoewe, PAC President

Parent Spotlight

The Cougar class would like to tip their hat to the following parents:

Edge family donated lots of items to develop new prop boxes. Items varied from rain coats, umbrellas, flowers, present ice cream and more!

Skogland family donated raincoats, umbrellas and pretend ice cream.

Trout family donated a large bag of bird seed and bird feeders.

Way to start the year Cougar parents!

Becky Shoewe and Sam's Club provided a mid-week buffet of lunch and deserts on August 24. The team was ready to go after a terrific lunch!

Vision Screening

Hosted by the Lion's Club

FREE

**Provided to Preschool and Pre-K Students
September 7 – 8**

Registration forms are due August 30.
If you did not receive the email, please contact Holly Marshall at hmarshall@hwccenter.com or 479-273-3552

Kid's Fashion Photos

Dates: **September 21-23**

Cost: \$10 per sitting fee/child
add'l \$10 for sibling poses

Registration and sitting fees must be paid by **Monday, September 19**. A flyer and fee envelope will be placed in your child's mail folder in the near future.

Come visit us!

Parents are always welcome to visit the center and classrooms! Use your code to come and go as you wish (don't clock your child out if you are just coming for a visit). All authorized family members and guests are welcome to visit as well.

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"She has answered my hundreds of questions and helped ease the transition from another "school" for my daughter and I. Julie is always positive, has a smile on her face and knows all the children by name. Julie is awesome!!!", raves a new HWCEC mom.

Julie has been a part of the HWCEC team for 6 years. She has a master's degree in early education, and is a great resource on so many levels.

Please congratulate Ms. Julie!

Evacuation Site

If an emergency occurs that requires HWCEC to evacuate, parents need valuable information.

If it is an isolated incident (i.e. gas leak), children will be escorted to the Melvin Ford Aquatic Center's parking lot. If the emergency impacts the community (i.e. tornado) and requires HWCEC to provide extended care until parents can reach us, our secondary location is:

The First Presbyterian Church

901 NE J Street

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