



HELEN R. WALTON  
**CHILDREN'S ENRICHMENT  
CENTER**

# News & Notes



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### A WHOLE-CHILD APPROACH



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## Thanksgiving Thank You!

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. **Thanks to your generosity,** we provided a Thanksgiving feast to 11 families and 49 individuals!

## Christmas Assistance Update!

We are family at HWCEC! Sometimes the holidays present financial hardships which can take away from the holiday spirit. We offer Christmas assistance to HWCEC families in need by providing toys and clothing for children. This year we are providing a wonderful Christmas to 28 children! We have sponsors for all the children. We greatly appreciate everyone's giving spirit! It truly makes a difference for our families!



## *Honoring Mrs. Walton on her 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

Mrs. Walton was a visionary of her time. She saw the growing need for high quality early childhood programming back in the early 80s. She set off to gather a group of community leaders and planted the first seed of the Helen R. Walton Children's Enrichment Center. 34 years later, her legacy continues! We honor Mrs. Walton by placing children as a first priority each day, understanding the vast responsibility entrusted in this team. We send a prayer of gratitude for her vision, love and desire to build a strong foundation for young children. God Bless!

## PAC Meeting

(Parent Advisory Committee)

Wednesday, December 13

11:30 – 12:30 p.m.

HWCEC Training Rooms

## Christmas Open House

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. Bring your camera to take pictures!

### PROGRAM TIMES

Tuesday, December 19

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

## GOLD Award

Giver Of Loving Direction nominations are due on December 18. This award recognizes one very special team member for their efforts to support and nurture young children. Please take a moment to nominate a special team member in your family’s life.

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

December 4 - 15

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 [csingleton@hwccenter.com](mailto:csingleton@hwccenter.com) to schedule a better time.

## Employee of the Month

Ariel DeloSantos

Assistant Teacher

“I’d like to add that Ariel has gone above and beyond to help {my son} learn. The other day, he was playing with his refrigerator letters and he knew every single letter! I was so surprised. Also, his conversations skills have improved significantly. His meltdowns have gotten better because we can better understanding his wants and needs so he’s much less frustrated. I know Ariel is a big part of this since she is always encouraging him to “use his words”.

I’m so very grateful for all the teachers in Chickadees and absolutely love how much of a blessing Ariel has been to our family,” raves a happy mom.

Ariel has been a part of the HWCEC team for 1.5 years. While a short time, she has shown herself to be a very nurturing teacher with great natural talent. She has completed 55 hours of early childhood training and is attending college for an early childhood degree. Congratulations Ms. Ariel!

## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS



in Celebration of Christmas

December 22 and 25, 2017



New Year’s Day

January 1, 2018

## PAC

## Holiday Bake Sale



December 19

9:00 a.m. – 5:45 p.m.

HWCEC Training Rooms

Please drop off items on Monday or Tuesday morning.

