



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

# News & Notes



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**GOLD Award**  
Giver Of Loving  
Direction

will be announced on  
January 6

## Christmas Assistance

Thanks to parents and local businesses, 40 children from HWCEC and their siblings had a wonderful Christmas holiday.

Toys, clothes and warm coats were just a few of the special items that supported our young friends.

The families were extremely appreciative for the love and support during the holiday season!

## United Way Assistance Program

Through the United Way's In-Kind Warehouse, the Children's Enrichment Center is able to help our families that are experiencing a financial hardship for any reason.

You may request assistance up to 2 times each month. General Assistance forms are available in the Parent Resource Center or at the front desk. Items are dispersed each week. We can certainly email or fax the form as well. Typical items include:

- Diapers/Pull-Ups
- Personal Hygiene Items
  - feminine products
  - toothpaste
  - deodorant

Let us know how we can help you!

## A WHOLE-CHILD APPROACH



CONTACT INFO  
1701 NE Wildcat Way  
Bentonville, AR

Ph: 479.273.3552  
Fax: 479.271.6803

HWCEC.ORG

## Evacuation Site Reminder



In case of an emergency our evacuation site is First Presbyterian Church on J Street

When a community crisis strikes, we tend to forget details. Please place our evacuation site location in your phone.



**Holiday Closings**  
Closed: January 2

## Yoga in January

By introducing yoga at a young age, children begin to see how everyone and everything is connected. They learn tools to breathe better and release energy. Practice these techniques at home with your child or even just for you when you need a break!

### Connect

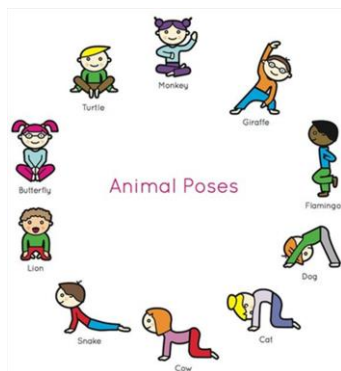
Ring a bell and listen until the vibration can no longer be heard.

### Breathe

Begin lying down. Use a stuffed animal on the belly to show how to fill the belly first by lifting the animal up on the inhale.

### Move

Have fun! Here are some introductory poses that work great for all age groups.



## PAC Meeting

(Parent Advisory Committee)

Wednesday, January 11  
11:30 – 12:30 p.m.  
HWCEC Training Rooms

## Free Tax Services

Visit: <http://unitedwaynwa.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/FTSI-poster-1.pdf>

## Tax Season

The Center has tax information which will be available on January 6 at the front desk. Information includes:

- 2016 tuition charge & credit summary
- 2016 AR-1000 CR tax form

The state offers a 20% tax credit for using a quality approved child care facility. This credit may be used in lieu of any other dependent care credit you may be entitled to.

Federal Tax ID: 71-0559432

Quality Accreditation #: 1622

## Class Pictures

**January 24 (tentative) \* \$10 per sheet**

All children must be present by 8:30 a.m. to participate in pictures.

More information to come!

## It's Cold Out There!

Let's remember coats, hats and gloves! Even when it's cold our friends like to go on walks or short visits to the playground. Fresh air is great, however, we want to make sure everyone is bundled up and warm while outside!

## Dept. of Human Services State Licensing Review

All early childhood programs (child care) are monitored 3 times a year by DHS to ensure compliance with all Minimum Licensing Requirements.

The written reviews (form 521) are available for parent review. Feel free to contact any manager for copies (we can email for convenience).

## 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 a 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.

## Kick-Off to Kindergarten

TBA

Pre-K parents

Information to prepare families for the transition to Kindergarten.

