



Remember to sign your child in and out daily-required by DHS. Thank you-



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## THE LEARNING CENTER

Our mission is *to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

### 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Labor Day- <i>TLC closed</i>	<b>September 4</b>
Fall Break- <i>TLC closed</i>	<b>October 19 &amp; 20</b>
Spring 2018 Enrollment	October 23-27
Thanksgiving Break- <i>TLC closed</i>	<b>November 22-24</b>
Last day of fall session	December 22
Christmas Break- <i>TLC closed</i>	<b>December 25-Jan. 2</b>



### September Birthdays

Katherine Davis	September 2
Nora Staley	September 2
Vann Staley	September 2
Catherine Stuckey	September 3
Cannon Coe	September 3
Carter Fitch	September 8
Hezekiah Miller	September 10
Harper Prescott	September 15
McKenzie Moore	September 15
Roger Petter	September 17
Knox Orndorff	September 19
Lillian Boyd	September 23
Mel Carrion*	September 24
Nile McKinney	September 24
Ritter Enea	September 26
Liam Stewart	September 26
J Schulhoff	September 29

### PICTURE DAY SCHEDULED

Larch Family Photography will take school pictures on September 7. Photographs will begin **9 a.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Siblings may have pictures taken together. You



may purchase pictures from proofs with a very swift turnaround. Send one dollar to school for the photo sitting fee (per family.) TLC receives a percentage of total sales.

We know you will love the quality of the photographs and the prices. No obligation to purchase if you do not want any pictures. Mark your calendars. . .



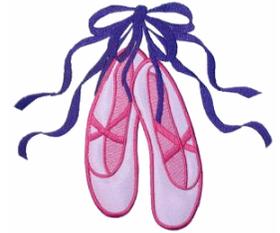
### Weekly Specials Fall 2017

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Amazing Athletes 10 Tippi Toes Dance* 10:30	Art Lessons 10 & 2:30 Children's Chapel 2:45	Children's Chapel 9:45 Munchkin Music 10	Amazing Athletes 10 Children's Chapel 2:45	Amazing Athletes
*cost extra \$35 monthly	Chapel is for 3 yrs & up	Chapel for 3 yrs & up	Chapel for 3 yrs & up	

## Tippi Toes



Tippi Toes offers positive, fun dance classes for girls and boys ages 1.5 – 6 years-old! Our mission: to develop a love of dancing in children by creating a positive experience that promotes healthy living habits, helps build self-confidence, and a love for others. Classes at TLC are on Mondays from 10:30-10:55 a.m. Tuition is \$35 per month. To enroll, please go to [www.tippitoesdance.com/oklahoma-city](http://www.tippitoesdance.com/oklahoma-city) and follow the instructions to enroll!



## Amazing Athletes



Amazing Athletes is an introduction into the basic fundamentals and mechanics of nine different sports and focuses on self-confidence, practicing teamwork, and improving seven key areas of motor development. Young children need guidance in building their balance, agility, strength training within a non-competitive, learning-based environment. Each class focuses on two different sports and incorporates activities proven to increase children's overall cardiovascular fitness, muscle tone, hand-eye coordination, reaction time and more! Teaching children life skills through sports is FUN! Classes are held on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, too. The program is for Monkeys, Zebras, Jaguars and Cheetahs. This program is a year-round activity. Enjoy your new Amazing Athletes' shirts!

## Music Classes

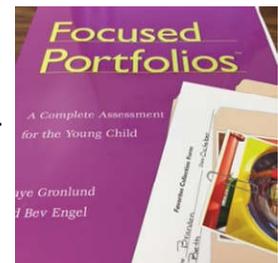


Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We have a Music Program scheduled to share what the children have learned in the spring and one at Christmas. Each month we send out songs, finger plays and key concepts that Andrea is working on with the children. Watch for this information each month in an email. Drop by to see the children in action. It is quite fun!

## Focused Portfolios

Our staff uses a process of documentation called "Focused Portfolios" to record children's growth and development. Through photographs, anecdotes and children's work samples, teachers put together a visual account of each child's accomplishments. This process recognizes and celebrates that all children develop at different rates and with various strengths. Collections are completed in fall and spring and are kept in a folder for the year, after which the portfolio becomes a keepsake for the child and family. This collection is a representation of your child as an individual with distinct interests, background, skills and desires. We will offer family conferences twice a year to share these special collections and to celebrate the accomplishments of your child. Families are invited to participate in this portfolio collection process in whichever special way you choose. Here are some suggestions:

- ⇒ Create a photo collage of your immediate or extended family
- ⇒ Write about a special family event or trip and include a photo
- ⇒ Share how your child's name was selected
- ⇒ Describe a family hobby or typical weekend past time



## Monthly Fire Drill



Our last fire drill was conducted August 18, in the morning. The children exited the building in 1 minute and 10 seconds. They all go straight to the BIG outdoor playground. Teachers take attendance and talk to the children about the process so they can learn about fire safety. Each class practices going to our tornado shelter (downstairs) monthly as well. Make sure you practice what to do at home, too.

## Art Classes

Our art instructor, Ms. Heather, will continue her instruction with the children each week. The Monkeys and Zebras will have their lessons on Tuesday afternoons and the Jaguars and Cheetahs will be on Tuesday mornings. We are really enjoying their creative experiences. Thank you all for your contributions to the projects! Each week she takes pictures during art class. The photos are uploaded here: <https://www.flickr.com/>



## Children's Chapel Time

Our children are enjoying their time learning about God in our Sanctuary on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. We have a prayer, song and quick Bible story. As part of the Nichols Hills United Methodist Church's mission we are committed to leading children into faith for the transformation of the world. Tuesdays and Thursdays our chapel time is 2:45-3 p.m. and Wednesdays we have chapel 9:45-10 a.m. Families are always welcome to join us.



## Services at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church

We invite all families to our church services on Sundays. There is an 8:30 a.m. and a 10:50 a.m. service. Sunday school is typically 9:45 to 10:30. Child care is available. Our music, choir and sermons are very much the antidote for a hectic life. Please join us. For more information call the church 842-1486. See you then!

**IMMUNIZATIONS must be kept current. Please bring an updated shot record to school following vaccinations. Thank you!**



*It is very strange... that the years teach us patience; that the shorter our time, the greater our capacity for waiting.*

*-Elizabeth Taylor*



## Professional Development

Each staff member is responsible for completing 20 hours of professional development annually. This past August The Learning Center provided seven hours of instruction with presenters from the Center for Early Childhood Professional Development. For four hours we covered Professionalism & Leadership expectations and three hours we refreshed our Focused Portfolio skills and process. Team building activities were built into our week which included tie-dyeing shirts and visiting four childcare programs in our city. Thank you all for supporting our week by keeping your children home. We were grateful for this opportunity.





## Recycle plastic bags



The Learning Center uses many plastic bags for soiled clothing or diapers. If you shop and have extra plastic bags we would love to take them off your hands. Bring one – bring a bunch. We appreciate them all. Thanks!

## Absences from School

We understand that people will miss school from time to time, but it helps us to know if you don't plan to attend. Call and let us know if your child is ill so we may let other families know too. Families benefit from the extra days available when we know they will be available. Please help us out with this process. Thanks!



## DANGER in the Parking Lot!



Cars have been racing through our parking at speeds exceeding 20 miles per hour and this is problem. Please remember that young children are at risk with speeding cars in the parking lot. We appreciate everyone remembering that there is precious cargo every where. SLOW it down.

*The most wasted of all days is the day when we have not laughed.*

*-French proverb*

## Mission Work

Nichols Hills United Methodist Church is collecting items to be donated to John Marshall Neighborhood Market. We have worked to develop a relationship over the past few years. Recently we became aware of another support opportunity that will impact the students in a very meaningful way. With reduced administrative staffing from budget cuts, our church missions group was asked to take on the responsibility of the school food pantry. There is a huge need as evidenced by over 75% of the students qualifying for free or reduced lunches.

### On-going Needs for the Neighborhood Market:

- **Women's Deodorant\***
- **Toothpaste\***
- **Small Laundry Detergents** (10 oz size is best for them to carry home)\*
- **Snacks** (bars, crackers, etc.) Anything that you can find a good deal on.
- **Travel Toiletries** (the students love the shampoo, conditioners, and shower gels)

\*You can usually find these at the Dollar Tree or other stores.

## Drop-In Charges Due

The next time you need to "drop in" (a day you don't normally attend) we will need the tuition to be paid at that time. All accounts must be paid in full by the end of the month. We appreciate your cooperation with this policy. Thank you!

## TLC Snack Suggestions

These are meant to be suggestions only. Please do **not** bring anything **home-made** or anything containing **peanuts**. We are a "peanut-free" zone. Thanks!

Apple Slices & Almond Butter  
Applesauce Pouches  
Bananas  
Blueberries  
Cantaloupe chunks  
Cheerios  
Crackers & Almond Butter  
Crackers & Cheese  
Deli Meat & Cheese  
Dole Fruit Cups  
Go Gurt

Oranges  
Pineapples Chunks  
Pita Chips & Hummus  
Pretzels and Cubed Cheese  
Raisins  
Rice Cakes & Hummus, Cream Cheese or Almond Butter  
Strawberries—cut up for younger children under 2  
String Cheese  
Vanilla Wafers  
Veggies with Ranch Dip or Hummus—baby carrots, cherry tomatoes  
Veggie Straws



# September 2017

				<b>1</b> Potluck
<b>4</b> Closed for Labor Day	<b>5</b> Black Olives & Ritz Crackers	<b>6</b> Chex Mix & Mandarin Oranges	<b>7</b> Applesauce & Cheese cubes	<b>8</b> Pretzels & Hummus
<b>11</b> Cereal Bars & Apple Juice	<b>12</b> Goldfish & Fruit cups	<b>13</b> Animal Crackers & Yogurt dip	<b>14</b> Honey Pretzels & Pickles	<b>15</b> Fruit snacks & Nilla Wafers
<b>18</b> Pudding Cups & Graham Crackers	<b>19</b> Wheat Thins & Pickles	<b>20</b> Apples & Cheese stix	<b>21</b> Veggie Straws & Apple Juice	<b>22</b> Carrots & Ranch Dip
<b>25</b> American Cheese & Honey Pretzels	<b>26</b> Pepperoni & Ritz Crackers	<b>27</b> Granola Bar & Juice	<b>28</b> Go Gurts & Graham Crackers	<b>29</b> Potluck

## Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet **September 13** in the Parlor at 1:45 p.m. This group typically meets the second Wednesday of each month. Any family members who wish to participate are welcome to join us. The PAC will serve as feedback for the management team, help to distribute information, assist with special celebrations and so on. We would welcome your input as to how to involve families in our program or any other suggestions for improvements. So far the communication has improved with your help. Your involvement is always appreciated! The following people who represent the classrooms are:



- Cubs—Jamie Johnson
- Pandas—Marina Williams
- Monkeys—Jessica Morey
- Zebras—Mary Fitch
- Jaguars—Kacey Trotter

## Staff Anniversary

We are thrilled to recognize the one-year work anniversary of Marita Barkus, assistant teacher in the Jaguars. She joined TLC September 19, 2016. Marita has studied at Rose State University and is now taking classes at Metro Technology in early childhood education. Once her course work is completed (140 clock hours) she will work on receiving her child development associate certificate. We are proud of her efforts to further her knowledge of children's development. Congratulations Marita!





Tuition Schedule effective **August 7, 2017**

## Monthly Tuition

(Two day minimum, all ages)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>\$122</b>	<b>\$155</b>	<b>\$122</b>	<b>\$155</b>	<b>\$122</b>

Examples: Monday, Wednesday, Friday = \$366  
 Tuesday, Thursday = \$310  
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday = \$676  
 Any combination of days based on availability.

### Other Fees:

- Enrollment Fee (per session) \$75 - 1<sup>st</sup> child; \$15 - less each additional child
- Supply Fee Included in enrollment fee.
- Drop In Rate \$35 per day Monday / Wednesday / Friday  
\$45 per day Tuesday /Thursday (upon availability)
- Late Pick Up \$1 per minute, per child.
- Returned Check Fee \$25

## GRANDPARENT "COME & GO" BREAKFAST SCHEDULED

We will honor our TLC children's grandparents with a "come and go" breakfast on Monday, **September 11**. Breakfast will be served from 9-10 a.m. If a grandparent is not able to come then any one is welcome to join their child for this celebration. This breakfast will consist of mini-muffins, rolls and orange juice. This is our celebration for the greatest joy in the world—to be a grandparent! Hope to see you here.

