



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



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**THE LEARNING CENTER**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



- Vision Screening December 2
- Christmas Sing December 16
- Christmas Parties December 17
- Last day of Fall Session December 18
- Winter Break-**TLC Closed** Dec. 21-Jan 4

**December Birthdays**

- Mila King 12/2
- Hudson Hickerson 12/4
- Ben McBride 12/5
- Eleanor McBride 12/5
- Denise Buthion\* 12/10
- Addilyn Tanner 12/12
- Isen Rupert 12/12
- Finley Pettigrew 12/15
- Katie Plumbtree 12/16
- Truman Hanna 12/24
- Kasyn Dieball 12/26
- Ben Holbert 12/30
- Hannah Akin 12/31
- Joseph Akin 12/31



**Christmas Sing Dec. 16**

Plan to join us for some caroling in our Fellowship Hall 10:30 a.m. Miss Andrea will lead the children in song and movement. Refreshments will be served following the performance. Everyone invited! Merry Christmas ~ Joyeux Noel Feliz Navidad~

\* denotes staff member



**Weekly Calendar of Events for Fall Session**

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Fridays</b>
Tippi Toes Dance* 10:30	Children's Chapel 2:45	Children's Chapel 9:45	Children's Chapel 9:45	Amazing Athletes* 10:00
Spanish 10:00 (2s and up)		Munchkin Music 10:15	Amazing Athletes* 10:30	Spanish 10:30
<b>*cost extra \$35 monthly</b>			<b>*cost extra \$40 monthly</b>	



## Tippi Toes

Tippi Toes Dance Company is our dance program at TLC. Children, ages two and older, are eligible to participate in this elective activity. Dance promotes self-confidence and healthy habits! Each Monday our dance instructor, Miss Elyse, gathers the children for a 25 minute lesson. There will be a spring recital held for families and friends to see the unfolding development of our children. You are welcome to try a class for free before enrolling. Monthly tuition for dance is \$35 per child and there is an enrollment fee of \$35. Boys and girls enjoy creative movement.

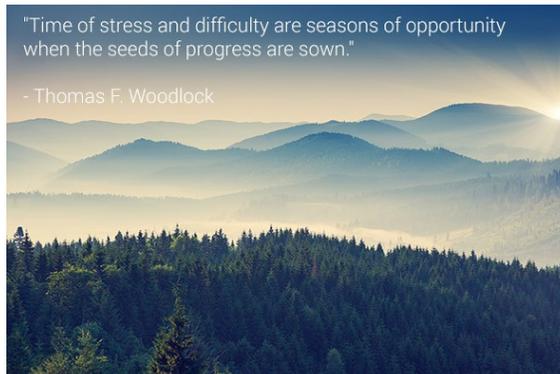
***Have no fear of perfection – you'll never reach it.***  
***-Salvador Dali***

## 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 will focus on two different sports and incorporate 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 \$40 a month and lessons are each Thursday and now a class on Fridays, too. The program is for Zebras, Jaguars and Cheetahs. This program is a year round activity. Enroll today for just \$20 (enrollment fee) and get your tee-shirt for Amazing Athletes.

## Spanish & Music Classes

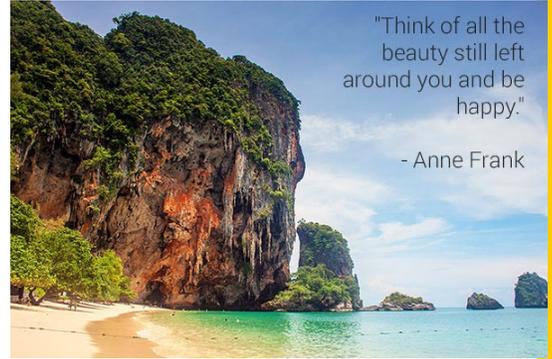
We are happy to share the addition of Spanish classes to our regular weekly program. Your monthly tuition already includes Music class each Wednesday and now we are adding Spanish class twice a week for Zebras (2 years old), Jaguars (3 years old) and Cheetahs (4 year olds.) On Mondays and Thursdays Senora Catalina will visit the classrooms for a lesson that will be interactive and fun. Planting early seeds of language will help to wire the brain for future acquisition of more languages. Also on Wednesdays we will continue to have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs (4 year olds.) All of the children enjoy their music time. We have a program in May to share what the children have learned. 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 from our Parent Advisory Committee classroom Representative.



## Monthly Fire Drill



Our last fire drill was conducted **November 10** in the afternoon. The children exited the building promptly and went straight to the BIG outdoor playground. Teachers take roll and talk to the children about the process so they can learn about safety. Make sure you practice what to do at home as well.



"Think of all the beauty still left around you and be happy."

- Anne Frank

## 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. Wednesdays and Thursdays our chapel time is 9:45 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays we have chapel 2:45-3 p.m. We will have birthday blessings once a week too! Families are always welcome to join us.



## 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



## Services at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church

In the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season it's sometimes hard to find Christ in Christmas. Join us each Sunday during Advent as we explore the stories of those who sought Christ on that very first Christmas - the Wise Men, the Shepherds, even the murderous King Herod. We'll learn how their Christmas stories help us to find Christ in Christmas.

This holiday season, pause in the midst of your Christmas preparations to prepare your heart through worship. Each Sunday we'll share familiar carols, scriptures, and messages that offer encouragement and hope as we truly seek to worship Christ.

December 6	<i>The Wise Men's Story</i>
December 13	<i>Simeon and Anna's Story</i>
December 20	<i>The Shepherds' Story</i>
December 24	<i>Mary and Joseph's Story</i>

**\*\*Services are Sunday mornings 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.\*\***



**This Christmas Eve**, connect to the Christmas story like never before. Journey to **the manger** to celebrate the joy and hope that surrounds the miracle of Christmas. It's a chance to hear beautiful Christmas music and old familiar carols with family, friends, and neighbors.

Listen as the cherished Christmas Story of Jesus' birth comes alive through music and scripture in the warm glow of candlelight. We will conclude our service with our cherished tradition of passing the lighted candles as we sing **Silent Night**.

It's a Christmas tradition you will not want to miss!

**Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service**  
**Thursday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.**  
**Childcare is available on Christmas Eve.**



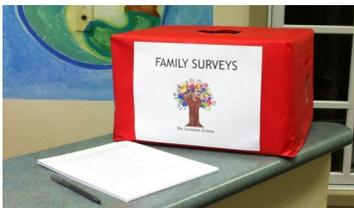
## Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet **December 14** in the Parlor at 1:45 p.m. This group typically meets the second Monday 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. So far the communication has worked well. Your involvement is always appreciated! The following people who represent the classrooms are:

Cubs—Jillian Murphy  
 Pandas—Kristi Pointer and Ashley Wilson  
 Monkeys—Rachel Huchton and Paige Woolbright  
 Zebras—Marina Williams  
 Jaguars—Sarah Lausen  
 Cheetahs—Jeri Lunsford, Chairwoman of the PAC



## Family Surveys

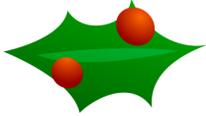


Please fill out a family survey so that we can see where we are doing well and where we need to make improvements. This is a requirement from DHS that families receive annual opportunities to share their thoughts with the program. We will compile the results and share with you and the staff the findings. This year we are adding on-line surveys to assist you with better convenience. The surveys are anonymous so that families can feel comfortable to share their opinions. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with your family. Surveys will be available December 1-11.

**"The brain gives the heart its sight. The heart gives the brain its vision."**

**- Rob Kall**



~DECEMBER 2015~				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Carrots & Ranch dip	2 Fruit snacks & Water	3 Pretzels & water	4 Animal Crackers & water
7 Cereal bars & water	8 Goldfish & water	9 Apples & Water	10 Fruit Loops & water	11 GoGurt & water
14 Banana & Water	15 Veggie Straws & water	16 Mixed Fruit cups & Water	17 Pudding & water	18 Holiday Parties 2:00
21  THE LEARNING	22 CENTER is CLOS	23 ED until January 4.	24 See you then!	25 
28	29	30	31	

