



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



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Quality childcare is not expensive. It is priceless. . .

THE LEARNING CENTER

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

2022 Calendar of Events

- Spring Break *TLC closed March 14-18
- Summer enrollment March 21-25
- School photos April 5
- Good Friday *TLC closed April 15
- Teacher Appreciation Week April 25-29
- Last day of spring session May 27
- Memorial Day *TLC closed May 30-June 3
- First day of summer session June 6

Safety Precautions Continue

Drop off and pick up procedures will continue at the assigned doors. We appreciate the cooperation you all are giving to keep everyone healthy. **Drop off is 9-9:15 a.m. every day and pick up is 15 minutes before closing.** Thanks!

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please watch the main news channels, 4, 5, or 9, to see the list of school closings when there is **ice or snow**. Our school will be listed under **Nichols Hills United Methodist Church**. We will text and email you all to the best of our ability. When in doubt you may always text your teacher, home room representative or Denise. See page five in the newsletter for contacts.



SUMMER ENROLLMENT BEGINS

March 21 families are encouraged to email Denise regarding summer enrollment plans. Each session requires a \$75 enrollment fee for the first child and \$60 for the second child. Current families are urged to re-enroll promptly to insure the days requested. It is first come first serve. Once a class is full on a certain day you will be notified promptly. Don't delay.



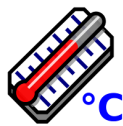
Weekly Specials 2022

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Amazing Athletes 10:00	Tippi Toes Dance* 10:30 Children's Chapel 2:45	Children's Chapel 9:45 Munchkin Music 10 (Everyone does music)	Amazing Athletes 9:30 Children's Chapel 2:45	Amazing Athletes French 10:00
*cost extra \$45 monthly	Chapel is for 3 yrs & up	Chapel for 3 yrs & up	Chapel for 3 yrs & up	French 3 yrs & up



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 when we know they will be available. We will call to see if your child is well. Everyone wants to know if someone has something contagious, especially during this endemic. Please help us with this process. Thanks!



IMMUNIZATIONS must be kept current. Please bring an updated shot record to school.



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!



French on Fridays

Each week French lessons are given on Fridays for the Jaguars and Cheetahs. Thirty-minute lessons take place in the children's classrooms. Our French teacher is Susanne Huffman. She is an adjunct instructor at UCO in French and mother to one of our Cheetahs, Oliver. Susanne has a degree in Elementary Education from the University of Oklahoma and another degree in Modern Language in French from the University of Central Oklahoma. We are thrilled to have Susanne teach our oldest groups the beginning of conversational français. Merci Madame Huffman!



Developmental Milestones

Each week we distribute copies of your child's classroom lesson plan via email. Listed are all of the learning centers with an activity planned in relation to the weekly theme. Our teachers plan the weekly themes for the entire year based on holidays, special events, and the children's interests. Children are learning in every task and activity that we have. We follow Oklahoma Early Learning Guidelines which focus on different areas to support children's over all development. You will see ELG listed at the bottom of each center with a code of:

- CS for Creative Skills
- M for Math
- HS for Health and Safety
- PD for Physical Development
- SE for Social & Emotional
- LA for Language Arts
- SP for Social and Personal skills
- SS for Social Studies
- S for Science

There are additional codes which relate to specific standards and indicators of a child's progress. Teachers write anecdotal records, take photos of an activity or get a work sample to validate their observation of progress. We keep this together in a portfolio of each and every child. We share this information with you during family conferences. Should you wish to look over your child's portfolio at any time you are welcome to do so. Teachers work on these every day to capture the full picture of your child's development at TLC.

DANGER in the Parking Lot!

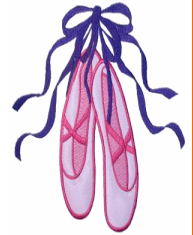
Cars have been racing through our parking lot at speeds exceeding 20 miles per hour and this is a problem. Please remember that young children are at risk with speeding cars in the parking lot. We appreciate everyone remembering that there is precious cargo every where. SLOW it down.



Tippi Toes



Tippi Toes offers positive, fun dance classes for girls and boys ages 1.6 – 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 Tuesdays from 10-10:30 a.m. Tuition is \$45 per month. To enroll, please go to www.tippitoesdance.com/oklahoma-city and follow the instructions. We do have classes all summer, too.



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 and 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. Wear your Amazing Athletes' shirts on the day you attend!

Music Classes

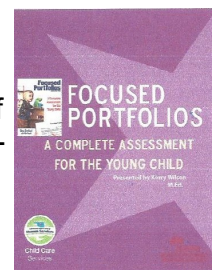


Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We usually have a Christmas Music Program and spring demonstration to share what the children have learned. Sadly this year we have scratched these events to keep everyone healthy and safe. Each month we do 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.

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 held February 12. The drill went well at just over one minute to completely exit the building. The loud noise of the alarm definitely gets everyone's attention..

Make sure you practice what to do at home, too. What does your plan look like? Where does your family meet? Things to think about before the time is necessary. . .

Toiletries for John Marshall

One of the ministries of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church is collecting items for students at John Marshall. Here are some items needed:

- ◆ Men's and women's deodorant
- ◆ Toothpaste
- ◆ Toothbrushes (prefer four pack)
- ◆ Body lotions 8 oz.
- ◆ Laundry detergent 8 or 10 oz.
Tide or Gain
- ◆ Sample size perfume or cologne



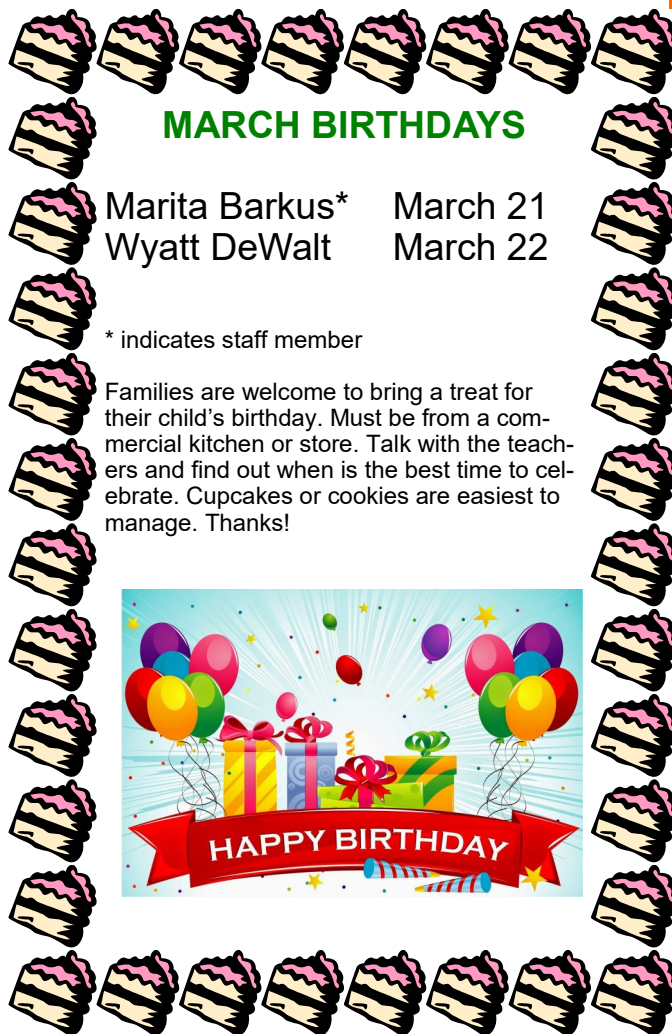
Services at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church

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.

Stay clean, stay safe, keep your hands off your face.



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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Marita Barkus* March 21
Wyatt DeWalt March 22

* indicates staff member

Families are welcome to bring a treat for their child's birthday. Must be from a commercial kitchen or store. Talk with the teachers and find out when is the best time to celebrate. Cupcakes or cookies are easiest to manage. Thanks!

Scholastic Books

Each month we send home a plethora of catalogs for you to order books from Scholastic. You may have them delivered to your home or to the school. We distribute them upon arrival. Every dollar you spend affords us free books! Please encourage your child to pick up a book and read (could be just reading the pictures). The love of reading is instilled very early. Help your child to love books by purchasing new ones and reading them to your child often.





March Afternoon Snacks 2022



FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC; AM snacks by families Except for Cubs				
	1 Granola Bar & Juice	2 Ham slice & Ritz Crackers	3 Chex Mix & Pickles	4 Nilla Wafers & Pudding
7 Gogurts & Juice	8 Applesauce & Cheese Stix	9 American Cheese & Honey Pretzels	10 Veggie Straws & Juice	11 Chex Mix & Juice
14 Closed	15 For	16 Spring	17 Break	18 Spring!
21 Nutella & Graham Crackers	22 Applesauce & Cheese Stix	23 Pudding Cups & Saltines	24 Granola & Juice	25 Wheat Thins & Pickles
28 Diced peaches & Gogurt	29 Pepperoni & Ritz Crackers	30 Animal Crackers & Bananas	31 Honey pretzels & Apple juice	

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet upon request. Any family members who wish to participate are welcome to join us. The PAC serves as feedback for the management team, helps to distribute information, assists 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. The following people who represent the classrooms are:



- Cubs—Vanessa Stewart 405.343.5603
- Pandas—Carmen Croffie 918.892.7641
- Monkeys—Elyse Bradley 248.515.9211
- Zebras—Leah Roberts 405.250.0463
- Jaguars—Laura Ernst 405.823.4308
- Cheetahs—Wendy House 405.250.8424

Staff Anniversaries

Program quality is often measured by some key indicators, such as the consistency in staff. This month we are fortunate to recognize two teachers who are delightful to work with each day. It takes dedication, education and love to work with young children. Join us as we celebrate Ms. Ashley Butler on her **fourth** work anniversary and Ms. Melanie Fuentes on her **first** year anniversary at The Learning Center. We are so proud of them. Congratulations Ashley and Melanie!

Ashley Butler 3/2

Melanie Fuentes 3/25



Tuition Schedule effective **August 3, 2021**



Monthly Tuition

(Two day minimum, all ages)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
\$141	\$179	\$141	\$179	\$128

Examples: Monday, Wednesday, Friday = \$410
Tuesday, Thursday = \$358
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday = \$768
Any combination of days based on availability.

Other Fees:

- Enrollment Fee (per session) \$75 - 1st child; \$60 each additional child
- Drop-In Rate \$35 per day Monday / Wednesday / Friday
\$45 per day Tuesday /Thursday (upon availability)
- Late Pick Up \$1 per minute, per child. Five minutes grace given.

Ways to Pay On-line

We now offer on-line payments for checks and credit cards. You may set it up for monthly recurring payments or not. There is **no fee for the checks**, but there is a **3% fee** for Visa, Mastercard or American Express. Naturally the old-fashioned way of writing checks and giving them to us still works! Please read below.

To make electronic payments follow these steps:

Go to Nichols Hills UMC Website – nicholshillsumc.org

1. Click “The Learning Center.”
2. Click “Payment.” Establish a Profile. – This will allow you to make future payments without re-entering your information.
5. Enter Payment Amount and Child’s Name.
6. Enter Payment Method.
7. There is a **3% processing fee** for *Debit or Credit Card payments*.
For Debit or Credit Card payments, click “Help offset processing fee.” This is not optional.
8. Make your pay due date each month before the fifth day of the month. You will never be late then.

“When you get, give. When you learn, teach.”

– Maya Angelou

