

# HEL C NEWS

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## NAEYC's Week of the Young Child

The Week of the Young Child is an annual focus on the significance of the early childhood years and a time to honor adults who assist children in their development. A week to spotlight young children is designated each year by NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children), the accrediting body of HELC

and the largest early childhood education association in the world. This year, The Week of the Young Child is April 24-28.

To help celebrate WOYC, NAEYC has provided "themes" for each day and the teachers will incorporate special activities into their daily lesson plans.

### NAEYC Daily Themes

**Music Monday**– sing, dance, celebrate, and learn

**Tasty Tuesday**– Healthy eating and fitness at home and school

**Work Together Wednesday**–work together, build together, and learn together

**Artsy Thursday**– think, problem solve, create

**Family Friday**– sharing family stories



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#### HEL C Office Hours

7 A.M.—6 P.M.

## PLANNED CENTER-WIDE ACTIVITIES

Along with NAEYC themes, HELC teachers voted on special dress up days for the WOYC. Be creative and help your children participate!

**Monday, 4/24– Age Group Color Day**

**Tuesday, 4/25– Super Hero Day and Donuts for Dads at drop-off**

**Wednesday, 4/26– Luau/Beach Day and Cookies for Kids at pick-up**

**Thursday, 4/27–Storybook/Character Day and Muffins for mom at drop-off**

**Friday, 4/28– Tie Dye Shirt Day/Picnic Day**



## #WOYC

If you use social media, consider taking a picture of your child participating in any WOYC and use a hashtag associated with the activity along with #WOYC and #NAEYC. For example, on Family Friday/Tee Shirt day, you can post a picture of your child in their favorite t-shirt enjoying a picnic with you and use the following hashtags: #WOYC #NAEYC #familyfriday #tshirtday #HEL C

## Teacher of Excellence Nominations

Please consider nominating HELC teachers for the Elmer and Glenda Harris Teacher of Excellence Award. Nomination forms with details were placed in your child's folder and are also available at the front counter.

Eleven years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Harris, for whom the Harris Early Learning Center is named, established this award to acknowledge excellent teaching, which is expected in a quality child development program. Nominees must be full-time and on

our teaching staff for two or more school years. The nomination letter should include evidence of the nominee's professionalism, creativity as a teacher, dedication to HELC, and other areas of strength. **Nomination letters are due April 21st.**

Every year, one or two teachers receive the monetary award. The Teacher of Excellence winner/s will be announced at our annual Teacher of Excellence Awards Banquet on April 27th.

### ELIGIBLE TEACHERS

Pier Baggett	Lisa Miller	Lacy Stuart	Janie Yarbrough
Robin Bryant	Chandra Mitchell	Melissa Taylor	Lesia Rogers
Lucinda Hauer	Monica Patton	Alexis Westbrook	Jonita Steele
Megan Horsley	Casey Sims	Donna Williams	Henrietta Thompson

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### Important Parent Representative Nomination Information

Beginning with this school year, the Parent Rep group decided to add several "coordinator" positions for various Parent Rep-led activities throughout the year. This helped to take some of the load off of the Parent Rep Chair and offered parents that may not be able to attend monthly meetings an opportunity to get more involved in parent-led activities at HELC. Please consider volunteering for one of the positions listed below for the 2017-2018 School Year.

<b>Parent Rep Chair</b>	<b>Christmas Giving Coordinator</b>
<b>Parent Rep Co-Chair</b>	<b>Christmas Toy Drive Coordinator</b>
<b>Parent Rep Secretary</b>	<b>Art Auction Coordinator</b>
<b>Parent Rep Treasurer</b>	<b>Teacher Appreciation Week Coordinator</b>
<b>Snack Coordinator</b>	<b>Family Day/Night Coordinator</b>
<b>Fundraising Coordinator</b>	<b>Community Service Coordinator</b>

If you are interested in volunteering for a position, please let someone at the Front Desk know or you can contact Wynne Speir, [wynne.speir@gmail.com](mailto:wynne.speir@gmail.com)

Thank you!

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### 2017 Important Dates

**April 19- Parent Rep Meeting**

**April 24-28- Week of the Young Child**

**April 27- Teacher of Excellence Banquet**

**May 1-5—Scholastic Book Fair**

**May 29—Memorial Day— HELC CLOSED**