

HELCL 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 16-20.

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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HELCL Office Hours

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PLANNED CENTER-WIDE ACTIVITIES

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

Monday, 4/16— Favorite Hat/Crazy Hair Day

Tuesday, 4/17— Favorite Book/Character Day and Donuts for Dads at drop-off

Wednesday, 4/18— Decade Day and Cookies for Kids at pick-up

Thursday, 4/19—Luau/Beach Day and Muffins for mom at drop-off

Friday, 4/20— Special T-Shirt Day/Picnic Day



#WOYC

If you use social media, consider taking a picture of your child participating in any WOYC activity 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 #HELCL

Teacher of Excellence Nominations

Please consider nominating HELC teachers for the Elmer and Glenda Harris Teacher of Excellence Award. Nomination forms with details will be emailed to you on Monday, April 9th and will also be available at the front desk.

In 2006, 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 20th.

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 26th.

ELIGIBLE TEACHERS

Pier Baggett	Megan Horsley	Leah Reeves	Melissa Taylor
Belinda Bragg	Jazmine Mack	Lesia Rodgers	Jennifer Trussell
Amy Cullen	Lisa Miller	Casey Sims	Donna Williams
Kaitlin Hall	Chandra Mitchell	Jonita Steele	Janie Yarbrough
Lucinda Hauer	Monica Patton	Lacy Stuart	

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 available positions listed below for the 2018-2019 School Year.

Parent Rep Chair– Anne-Michelle Barnett

Parent Rep Co-Chair

Parent Rep Secretary

Parent Rep Treasurer

Snack Coordinator

Holiday Toy Drive Coordinator– Wynne Speir

Art Auction Coordinator

Teacher Appreciation Week Coordinator

If you are interested in volunteering for a position, please contact Wynne Speir, wynne.speir@gmail.com Thank you!

2018 Important Dates

April 18– Parent Rep Meeting

April 16-20– Week of the Young Child

April 26– Teacher of Excellence Banquet

April 30– May 4—Scholastic Book Fair

May 7-11— Teacher Appreciation Week

May 28—Memorial Day— HELC CLOSED