

School Pictures Scheduled

Jim Elkins will take pictures of HELC children January 31st– February 2.

The schedule for individual and classroom pictures will be:

Wednesday (January 31)

Rooms 101-106

Thursday (February 1)

Rooms 112-116

Friday (February 2)

Rooms 107-111

Sibling photos will be made on the day of the youngest child's class day. Parents are not required to buy pictures.



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HELC Office Hours

7 A.M.—6 P.M.



Parking Lot at Drop-off and Pick-up

- * We have had several issues with pedestrians approaching parents/teachers and asking for money in the late afternoon/evening. Please do not engage in conversation and please do not give them money. If you are in your car and someone appears to be lingering, please do not get out of your car. You can call someone in the office to let them know (and they will let Mr. Bill know). Also, do not leave the building if you see someone lingering in the Parking Lot. Again, let someone know so the situation can be handled appropriately.
- * We want to remind parents, relatives, and sitters that HELC keeps all entry doors locked to ensure the safety and security of your child as well as our staff. Please remember to use your card to enter the building or use the entrance where Mr. Bill is located. Also, do not let anyone in behind you that you do not know. If you have lost your card please let Lesa Harris know so we can issue you another card.

**HELC WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH FOR
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**



Flu Season and HELC

As you may know, Flu season is in full swing in the state of Alabama. HELC has sent multiple children home with flu-like symptoms and have received messages from multiple parents that their child has been diagnosed with the flu. Area hospitals are over their normal capacity due to a “major flu situation”, so we are aware that this may be a tough flu season. In order to minimize the spread of the flu at HELC, please help us by doing the following:

- 1. PLEASE do not bring your child to school when they are sick!** This is how viruses are spread to other children and we cannot minimize it if sick children are brought to school. Remember, your child cannot return to school until they are **fever free without medication for 24 hours**. If you cannot miss work, you can check with **Hugs and Kisses** ([\(205\) 324-8447](tel:2053248447)) to see if they have space available to send your child for the day.
 - 2. Be sure to check your child’s Daily Report through HiMama and their folder. This is where teachers will give you information to notify you that their classroom has someone who was diagnosed with the flu.**
 - 3. Wash your hands and your child’s hands frequently with warm, soapy water. Hand sanitizer does not kill viruses, particularly the flu virus.**
 - 4. If you have the flu in your home, disinfect hard surfaces with a bleach solution and wash laundry in hot water.**
- **FLU SYMPTOMS:** Fever* or feeling feverish/chills, Cough, Sore throat, Runny or stuffy nose, Muscle or body aches, Headaches, Fatigue (tiredness), Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

Parent Reminders

- * Please remember tuition is due on the first day of each month. If you choose to make two payments, you can pay half on the 1st and half by the 15th.
- * Don’t forget to send extra clothes for your child. If the weather is nice, but chilly, the teachers still try to take the children on the playground. This is why it is important that you provide weather appropriate clothes-hat, jacket, scarf, gloves, etc.
- * End of the year statements will be mailed to you by the end of the month. If your address has changed, please be sure to let someone at the front desk know before Friday, January 19th.

2018 Important Dates

January 15– HELC Closed

January 19— Parent Seminar

February 19—Staff Development Day—HELC CLOSED

March 30– Parent Selected Staff Appreciation Day

