

Learn & Play Christian Early Learning Center Newsletter

June 2017

WOW!

The end of our school year is coming very soon and do we ever have a lot going on! Please be sure to read this newsletter carefully and note dates and times of important events coming up this month.



Thank you to all the parents that helped us out this month by participating in our community helpers theme. The children really enjoyed hearing about what you do and how important it is to our community. Thank you also for supporting both our diaper drive and pet supply drive. Both organizations were very happy to accept our donations.



Our last music class with Ms Dorota will be on Monday, June 11th. We have had a fun-filled year of song and movement. We look forward to the fall when Ms Dorota will return for more music and new songs!



During this past school year our four year old Pre-K class has been visiting the Artis Memory Center across the street. We have formed a nice relationship with the residents and have enjoyed sing-a-longs, crafts and games on an almost monthly basis. This month on June 13th, the residents will come to visit us! Residents will participate in our chapel service and then be served refreshments in Herr Hall.



Reminder that toddlers, threes and fours MUST include an ice pack in their child's snack and lunch box if there are any foods included that can be considered perishable. (fruits, veggies, cheese, yogurt, sandwiches, leftovers) Unfortunately, freezing a go-gurt does not meet State requirements and we did get cited for a violation on this during our recent visit. Please include an ice pack!

Please Take My
Survey

Last reminder if you have not already done so, to please go to [surveymonkey.com](https://www.surveymonkey.com) and complete the Parent Survey that was sent to you and share any comments you may have (positive or negative). If you did not receive the link, please send us an email with the email where you would like to receive the link and we will be happy to forward the information to you. For those of you that have already completed the survey, thank you! Your input is important to us!



Thank you for the wonderful amount of support that we have been receiving to benefit Miss Mary Ellen. The Go Fund Me page has almost reached its goal due to your tremendous generosity and outpouring of love and support. If you have not already, please go to the go fund me link: <https://www.gofundme.com/help-support-mary-ellen-lynch> and share with your friends and family. We would love to reach our goal!

Other ways you can support Mary Ellen are:

1. We are selling “No Body Fights Alone” wristbands in Mary Ellen’s honor. These wristbands are orange in color, the color for leukemia awareness. Wristbands can be purchased in the school office or by returning the tear off at the bottom notice that came home. Wristbands are \$5.00 each.
2. If you are not comfortable with donating on the Gofundmepage, donations may be made by cash or check in the school office. Please make checks payable to Learn & Play and note “MaryEllen” on the memo line. We will be sure that she gets your donations.

End of Year Celebration and Pre-K Graduation

Our End of Year Celebration and Pre-K Graduation will take place on **Wednesday, June 20th at 4:30pm SHARP**. All children are encouraged to participate, regardless of the day that they attend L&P. PLEASE sign up in your child’s class so that we know how many children will be attending the performance. If you do not usually attend on Friday, please have your child to their class by 4:00pm in order to get ready. If your child will not be participating in the celebration, please be sure to pick them up by 4:00pm. Reminder, parking is tight. Plan extra time to be here on time. Please check with your child’s teacher as to what color shirt they should wear. (Each class is a different color)



Our annual Family Picnic will take place following the End of Year Celebration. Please sign up for the number of people that will attend and then sign up again in the hallways for a dish that you will provide. Learn & Play will provide the hot dogs and hamburgers and dessert. Please also plan on bringing a blanket to sit on outside. This event is held rain or shine. If it rains, (and we know it won't!) we will be sitting on blankets in Herr Hall.



We are currently transitioning children that are moving to new classes for the summer. Children will get the opportunity to visit their new classroom and teachers for a portion of the day. We will do another transition period at the end of August for those moving up in the fall.



Vacation Schedules. If you have a scheduled vacation time that your child will not be attending L&P, please let us know by noting it on a sign-up sheet that will be posted in your child's class very soon. This will help us to schedule the proper teacher coverage in the classroom each day. Please also note that you are responsible for tuition if your child attends L&P or not.



The last day of classes will be **Thursday, June 21st**. **L&P will be CLOSED on Friday, June 22rd** in order to prepare for the summer sessions that will start on Monday, June 25th. You are responsible for tuition for the week of June 18-21, regardless if your child attends class or not. All tuition **MUST BE CURRENT IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND SUMMER SESSIONS ON JUNE 25TH**.

New Financial Agreements will be sent home in the next week or so if your hours have changed for the summer. Please sign the form and return as soon as possible.



Summer camp for three and four year olds will begin on June 25th and continue for nine weeks of summer fun. Limited spots are still available for children that are five years old or younger. Families have the option of choosing one, two or all nine weeks of camp, either full day or half day. If you know of anyone that may be interested, please have them contact the school office.

Learn & Play will be **CLOSED on Friday, August 24th** to prepare for our fall classes.



Looking ahead to fall.....Our fall session of classes will begin on August 27th.

Most classes are already full with a waiting list in place. A limited amount of spaces are available if you know of anyone looking for childcare. New financial agreements, school calendars and Parent Handbooks will be coming home mid-summer.



Please be mindful of the hours that you have set for your child's attendance. We need your help in understanding that if you arrive early to class, even if it's only five minutes, we risk the chance of becoming out of ratio in our class. Teachers are assigned according to the schedules for the children in their class. If you arrive before that time, it puts us out of State required ratios. Also, please observe your scheduled pick up time. The same situation may occur at pick up time. Teachers are scheduled to leave when the numbers in the class should be at a certain level. If you are late picking up, it prevents the teachers from leaving at their scheduled time. Please remember that our teachers have their own family obligations and outside activities that they participate in at the end of their shift at L&P.



for entrusting us with your children this year. We have enjoyed each and every one of them! We wish those of you leaving Learn & Play many blessings in the future. Those of you that are taking a summer break.....enjoy! And those of you that will continue with us for the summer.....can't wait to share some summer fun with you! *Happy Summer!*