

From The Director's Desk



Happy Mother's Day !

May 2018

With summer just around the corner, I have lots of information for everyone about programs, activities and schedules. At the end of May we will be transitioning to our summer schedules for outdoor time, lunch and nap. Infants, toddlers and Junior Preschool will not be affected by these changes, but our Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten (Summer Camp) will have new times for the playgrounds, lunch, and scheduled times for the swimming pool. New schedules for these age groups will be coming out soon and will be posted in each classroom.

*Our swimming pool will be opening on June 4th this year and will stay in operation until Friday, July 27th (Family Picnic Day). We will have two Red Cross certified lifeguards on duty at all times, with a third lifeguard assisting with swim lessons in the morning. In order to participate in the pool activities, children must be three years old, completely potty trained and in Preschool or older classrooms. We offer "open swim" during which each classroom will be assigned a specific time in the pool. During open swim, the classroom teacher(s) will accompany the children to the pool and will assist the lifeguards with supervision. Swimming skills are not required for open swim- we provide water toys so the children can play and have fun in a safe, well-supervised environment. Please don't send any sort of flotation device including inflatable rings, water wings (to put on your child's arms) or life vests. These items actually make it difficult for the children to keep their feet on the bottom of the pool and they can easily become disoriented in the water. During open swim, the children will be learning how to stay balanced and upright in the pool. Keep in mind that the pool is two feet deep at the shallow end where most of the classrooms will be assigned. Our pool is kept at a balmy 90 degrees throughout the summer to help little bodies feel more comfortable. This makes a big difference for those children who are sensitive to cooler water. I find that children will enjoy the pool more when the water is almost at body temperature and will be more likely to be willing to learn new skills. Parents are welcome to observe pool activities at any time, but don't be surprised if your child wants you to take him/her home afterwards. Swim lessons, which cost extra, are available to all children in Preschool and older classrooms. These are group lessons during which the lifeguards work with children individually and as a group. Lessons are available in **one week sessions** and are taught each day of the week. If a child is signed up for multiple weeks during the summer, the skills taught continue to advance each week. Most of the children who take lessons are able to swim underwater, stroke across the pool and float on their backs by the end of the summer. Parents will receive a detailed report at the end of the week so that you can find out what your child learned. I highly recommend that you sign your child up for lessons this summer. Swim packets, with information and sign up forms will be sent home in the next week or so.*

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Families who have children attending elementary school or our own Private Kindergarten are invited to check out our exciting Summer Camp program. We have many new field trips scheduled for this summer, as well as presentations on site from staff at the zoo, a professional cake decorating class, a Lego building challenge, plus weekly reading and writing practice, games, free swim lessons, cooking and much more. The kids love the variety of activities and parents love the small group size and safe, secure environment. Stop by the front office if you would like more information or to register your child for this unique program.



Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 13th this year, and we are planning a special celebration in recognition of the mother's at HRLC. On Friday, May 11th we are hosting a "Muffins with Mom" breakfast from 7a.m. to 9 a.m. Muffins and other special treats, along with juice and coffee will be available near the front entry so that moms (or dads if moms can't make it) can take the treats to their child's classroom and enjoy a relaxing breakfast with their child. Please save a little time in your schedule that morning so you are able to join us for this special event.

Speaking of "special", Teacher Appreciation Week is scheduled for May 7th through the 11th. We plan special treats for our staff throughout the week to acknowledge the hard work, dedication and unique role these people have in the lives of the children at HRLC. We invite all of you to join us in treating your child's(rens') teachers to a token of your appreciation for caring for and educating your child. Teachers enjoy notes from parents and, if you would like to acknowledge them with a gift- flowers, gift cards and special treats are always appreciated. We will have a list of all the staff in each classroom at the front office, so that no one gets overlooked. If you would like ideas for your child's teachers, just stop by the front office so we can help.

As always, please let me know if you should have any questions or suggestions regarding your child's care while at HRLC. Have a great month!

Teresa

- "A mother's love is the tool that enables a normal human being to do the impossible".
Unknown author

Dates to remember:
Teacher Appreciation Week – May 7-11
Mother's Day with Mom – May 11 from 7-9a.m.
Memorial Day – Closed – May 28, 2018

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Staff Birthdays:

**Please join us in wishing the following staff a
Happy Birthday!**

Ms. Sonya – Office – May 5

Ms. Dawn – Raccoons - May 10

Ms. Emily – Porcupines – May 24



Congratulations:

**Please join us in congratulating and thanking the following staff for their
years of service and dedication
to HRLC:**

Ms. Duecker-Office- 1 year

Ms. Barb-Antelopes-1 year

Ms. Lisa-Coyotes-2 years

Ms. Janet-Cottontails-6 Years

Mr. Kurt-Building Engineer-10 years

Ms. Sonya-Office-11 years