

# HAMPTON LANE

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

### Winter 2019 Newsletter

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

##### January

January 16 **Bill Wood Story Teller**  
January 21 **Martin Luther King Day - Center Closed**  
January 28 **New Family Registration begins**

##### February

February 14 **Valentine's Celebrations**  
February 18 **Presidents Day - Center Closed**

##### March

March 8 **Staff Development Day -Center Closed**  
March 11-15 **St Patrick's Week Celebrations**  
March 15 **Mike Rose the Magician at 10am**

##### April

April 18 **Easter Parties and Egg Hunts**  
April 19 **Good Friday - Center Closed**  
April 22 **Easter Monday - Center Close**  
April 26 **Field Trip to the Maryland Zoo 10am**  
**Parent Attended-HLCDC closed all day**

##### May

May 6 **Parent Teacher Conferences**  
May 27 **Memorial Day - Center Closed**

##### June

June 7 **Spring Program/Silent Auction**  
at 4:30pm  
June 10-13 **Special Events Days**  
June 13 **Last Day of the School Year**  
June 14 **Staff Development Day -Center Closed**  
June 17 **1st Day of the Summer Program**

##### July

July 4 **Independence Day - Center Closed**

##### August

August 28 **Last Day of the Summer Program**  
August 29-30 **Staff Development Days - Center Closed**

TBD-Spring Photos, IronBird Game, Baltimore County Vision/Hearing Screening (Ages 4 & 5) and Bill Wood Story Teller

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#### CHRISTMAS WINTER CONCERT

Our winter concert this year was on Friday, December 7, 2018. The theme was "Winter Wonderland". The children did an incredible job learning and performing their songs under the guidance of our talented music

teachers Miss Katie and Miss Baylee. We cannot thank them enough for all of their work and dedication. Special

thanks to Mr. Doug Mock for his musical assistance on the piano and guitar, we were truly blessed to have his talent as well. The artwork that the children created for the backdrops was truly impressive.



Thank you to the teachers for helping to create the artwork inspiration and for practicing the songs with the children. Thank you to all of the families who came to see the program. We are very proud of all the Hampton Lane students.

#### *Holiday* **FOOD DRIVE**

**Thank You, Thank You!!  
to all of the families that donated!**



Hampton Lane Child Development Center was able to collect many items and donate them to the **Towson United Methodist Church Emergency Food Pantry** which serves many households, in need of food assistance within a large radius of the church. Thank you for your generous donations throughout the holidays.



## IN-HOUSE REGISTRATION AND OPEN ENROLLMENT

Our In-house registration has begun. Please check your email for the Registration forms. Please complete and send in the registration forms and deposit by January 16th.

Pre-K students please use your registration form to inform us if you will be here for the summer (no registration fee is necessary for this) Also Please be aware that our Pre-K classroom has gone to Full Time only status. The new financial policy is also available in this email.

We will open the enrollment to outside families on January 28th.

Parents of prospective students are encouraged to call or email Hampton Lane Child Development Center, to set up a tour of our facility. HLDCDC is an MSDE approved educational preschool utilizing Creative Curriculum for children ages 2 through Pre-K.

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## 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

February 4th will be our unofficial 100th Day of School. (unless we have any snow days) The Pre-K and the Tigers class has been counting down the school days that we have been together. It is a great way to encourage your child's counting skills. While 100 seems like a very big and daunting number, it is actually 10 groups of 10.

## VALENTINE'S DAY CLASS PARTIES

The children will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. We have planned some

special activities and class parties on that day. We will be ordering pizza for the party. Please send in \$3.00 per child. If it is not your child's normal attendance day, your child may attend with an adult.

We love to "mail" and share Valentines! We ask that if your child is bringing Valentines to school, please have one for every child in the class. The teachers are planning to help the children distribute their valentines during the morning. We will provide a class lists for current students.

*Valentine's Cards can be purchased or homemade! Sounds like alot of work right? Well it doesn't have to be nor does it have to be expensive. Most likely you can make Valentines with items you have at home. ..It inspires creativity and can be done anytime. Find an area/table to designate for this craft and allow the child access at any play time. You can keep the card station in a storage bin or put it on a cookie tray to help keep it basically contained. Collect materials, such as construction paper, index cards, crayons, markers, stickers, glue sticks, cut-*



outs (you can quickly cut many different size hearts and other shapes), buttons, ribbons, tissue paper, wrapping paper, pom poms-beads, sequins etc...anything goes. They love it and it can keep them very busy while having fun. It will give them "Pride in Ownership" of their accomplishments and they are extra proud to hand out and share with their peers.

The same can be done with purchased cards, allow the child to sign and decorate the cards and/or envelopes. Stamps and stampers are great to use-especially for the younger students. It will also allow the child the act of creating and giving to their peers.

## GUEST READERS

We have been very fortunate to have several guest readers in our classrooms. Thank you to the Moms, Dads, Grandparents and especially our wonderful Alumni that come to the center and read to our classes. It is always a huge hit

with the children. We thank you for ,making it possible.

**Room Readers:** We love to surprise the children with special guest readers. Let us know if you are interested and we will schedule a time.

## PARENTS ON BOARD

Hampton Lane strongly believes that parent involvement and communication is one of the keys to our

school's success. We have a parents board located outside the office, appropriately named "Parents On Board". Our parent involvement has been a true asset to our program and this information is dedicated to the parents of our students.

## CLASS PARENTS

We would like to select Classroom parents or school team of parents to begin the new year, we will be finalizing soon. We would like to have a few more volunteers. Please email [cdcdirector@towsonumc.org](mailto:cdcdirector@towsonumc.org) if you are

interested.

**Room Parents:** Serve as a liaison between the director and/or teachers and parents. A room parent's responsibilities include: facilitating director or teachers including questions, concerns and suggestions. They help planning holiday celebrations, organizing fundraising activities and providing support to teachers in other areas.

**Specialty Helpers-**please let us know if you have a special talent or skill that could be beneficial to our center ie..occupation, computer savy, handy person or repair skills, artist, musician etc....

### Have you seen the Facebook page?

Please look for us on Facebook. It is by invitation only, therefore if you have a Facebook page please send a friend request.

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### BACK-UP CLOTHES-Colder Weather Attire

Please make sure that your child has back-up clothes. We try to go outside twice a day weather permitting. Always be sure to have 1 - 2 complete outfits for your child to change into as well as making sure they have appropriate shoes and extra socks. As the temperatures outside get colder-please make sure that your child has a sweater and eventually a jacket.



### VIRUS PREVENTION

We as educators know the value of frequent and thorough hand washing to help prevent the spread of illness among

children. At Hampton Lane we are working with the children to help guide them while learning the proper procedures for hand washing and how to cover their coughs. We teach the children to wash their hands with soap and water for more than 20 seconds, rubbing between their fingers and all of the surfaces of their hands. (Top and bottom and in between, is a popular song that we use to help guide the children-the Birthday song is also approximately the same length.) We are also teaching the children to cough into their elbow rather than their hands.



### SCHOOL CLOSURE POLICY

#### EMERGENCY AND INCLEMENT WEATHER

Hampton Lane aims to meet the needs of our working parents; therefore we make our own independent decisions to close due to inclement weather. All decisions are made by 5:30 am. On occasion, Baltimore County's reason for school closings do not apply to our center.



If it is safe for our employees and parents and we are able to staff the center, we will make every effort to open. Therefore we DO NOT follow Baltimore County School closings exactly. The basic guideline to our closing procedures are as listed.

- If Baltimore County Schools **open 1 hour late**, we will open at 8:00 a.m.

unless we notify you to the contrary.



- If Baltimore County Schools **open 2 hours late**, we will open at 9:00 a.m. unless we notify you to the contrary.
- If Baltimore County Schools are **Closed**, we will **Close** unless we notify you to the contrary. It is possible that we may be able to open or open late.

- If weather worsens throughout the day or if Baltimore County Schools **close early**, please check your email, listen to the media or telephone

message for a Center announcement.

Weather conditions could affect telephone and power lines, making it impossible to reach the media, our message system, or parents. However, when possible we will update our telephone answering machine message, which is accessed by calling our regular phone number, 410-825-0008. In addition announcements are posted on WBAL-TV, who will also put our announcements on their websites <http://www.wbaltv.com/weather/grid.html>. Please try to pre-register and get early information about delays or closings.

We will try to send an email and post the closings on our FaceBook page. Please make sure that you are receiving emails-let us know if you are not.

We will also utilize the **Remind App notifications**, usually only for school closures or special day/event reminders To receive messages via text, text @ch7fa to 81010. You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe @ch7fa'. Trouble using 81010? Try texting @ch7fa to (323) 629-4260 instead.



**In the event of inclement weather, parents/guardians should use their own discretion regarding travel conditions on or off Church property, whether or not the Center is open.**

### FLEXIBLE SPENDING

If you would like flexible spending receipts please complete the pink form available in the literature rack on the door outside the office or send us an email.

### TAXES

Our tax ID number is: 52-060-7989.

If you need a financial statement for 2018 please send an e-mail to [cdcassistant@towsonumc.org](mailto:cdcassistant@towsonumc.org) or put a note in the blue box on the Director's box. We have put W-10 forms in the pockets on the office door, if you need them.

