



TLC Learning Center

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Family Newsletter
October 2024

Dear TLC Community,

This past month has been buzzing with activity! We welcomed our brave local Fire Department, who shared valuable safety tips and engaged with our students. A talented children's author brought stories to life, igniting the imaginations of our young readers. Our family day at Bee Hugger Farm was a delightful adventure, filled with laughter and learning as families explored the wonders of nature together. We also had a fantastic time trick-or-treating with the residents of Solista Senior Living, creating joyful connections between generations. Additionally, we enjoyed a variety of enriching activities both in the school and out in the community, fostering connections and unforgettable memories.

We are also exploring a relationship with some of the residents at Balfour Retirement Community! This initiative will pair some of their wonderful residents with our classrooms, allowing for meaningful interactions and scheduled visits. Research highlights the incredible benefits of intergenerational relationships, enhancing children's social skills, academic learning, self-esteem, and emotional growth. We can't wait to see the magic that unfolds through these connections!

As we look ahead, we're excited to celebrate and recognize the diverse holidays that enrich our community in the coming months. These celebrations offer us a wonderful opportunity to come together, share traditions, and create lasting memories. Let's embrace the joy and spirit of this season together!

Kristen Gregory
Educational Services Manager & Childcare Center Director

A message from TLC President/CEO, Matt Eldred:



Thanks to everyone who helped make our Groundbreaking Ceremony on Oct. 3 a success! It was awesome to see so many current and former TLC students there to commemorate this important occasion. If you couldn't make it, you can check out a video of the ceremony highlights [here](#).

We hope to begin construction on the new facility at 4441 E. 3rd Ave. in mid-November and will keep you updated on our progress as construction continues. Stay tuned to the [Capital Campaign page](#) on our website for everything you need to know about this exciting expansion for our organization. Thanks for sharing your kids with us and for all you do for Team TLC!

Very best,

Matt Eldred
President/CEO

REMINDERS:

ON THE HORIZON...



- Oct. 28 Bingo Night @ Longmont Bingo Alley (5-9pm)
- Oct. 29 Kindergarten Here We Come! (4:30pm)
- Nov. 6 Late Start - School starts @ 10am
- Nov. 5-14 Hearing and Vision Screenings
- Nov. 12 Dinner Out Event @ Panda Express (All Day)
- Nov. 12 Family Toolkit Night: Mealtime Success (4:30pm)

- Please call the front desk if your child will be absent and let us know the reason for the absence.
- Please label all of your child's belongings before sending them to school.
- Please continue to send water bottles daily, as well as seasonally appropriate clothing as the weather can be very unpredictable this time of year.

Thank you!

WE ♥ OUR TLC FAMILY VOLUNTEERS!

It takes a village and our TLC families have been doing an awesome job of pitching in this year! Following are a few things we need help with around the Center:

- **Parent volunteer for Pyramid Model Leadership**
- **Help out with our Christmas Tree Festival Fundraiser!**
- **Thank You notes** (especially Nov.-Jan.)
- **Share your gifts with your child's class**
- **Bingo volunteers** (every 4th Monday, 5-9pm @ the Longmont Bingo Alley)
- **Refer to our [Bloomerang](#) Volunteer Homepage for more volunteer opportunities!**



You can also donate items in lieu of completing service hours. Every \$12 spent equals one hour of service, so save your receipts and share them with Ana at the front desk so they can be added to your family's volunteer log. You can find classroom Amazon wishlists posted at the end of each classroom update in this newsletter or access the Therapy Services wish list [here](#).

CLASSROOM VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Swallowtails have a hole in their wall that needs patching up

Chickadees' plastic cube chairs could always use a good scrubbing or power washing.

Bearcubs could use help cleaning highchairs and walls.

Bobcats would love a couple of families to make pumpkin pie scented cloud dough for sensory bin. Keep bringing fall items like leaves and pinecones or whatever you find on your walks this season.

Hummingbirds would love to have volunteers come in to make a food that is special to them and could be made with the whole class.

Have questions about volunteering? Email [Ana](#) for more information!

THANK YOU!

THANKS TO THE TLC COMMUNITY FOR ALL YOU DO!

KINDERGARTEN ANNOUNCEMENT!

Kindergarten Here We Come! is October 29th from 4:30-5:25. If your child will be attending kindergarten starting in 2025, please come learn

about the process. Please RSVP to Shari at

SKarmen@LearningWithTLC.org ASAP!



TLC Learning Center Dinner Night Out Fundraiser Presented by



When: Tuesday, November 12th

Time: 9:30AM to 9:00 PM

Where: Panda Express
155 East Ken Pratt Blvd.
Longmont, CO 80501
303-776-6907

How to Order



Online

PandaExpress.com or the App.
Enter 374617 in the fundraiser
code box

or

In-Person



Bring paper flyer or show
it on your smartphone

CLASSROOM NEWS

Hello Bear Cub Families,

Happy fall! We have had an amazing start to the school year. We have been exploring all things camping this past month, including pretending to make S'mores, playing with a pretend campfire, and even painting our own campfires.

We welcomed some new friends in the last few weeks. We had Delilah, Marlo, and Jace join our classroom. In November we also have Morgan and Ember joining us. Sadly that means we have some of our oldest kiddos moving to the Otter's classroom, Elias and Wynter. We are so excited to see what growth they are ready for in Toddler Land but are sad to see them go. We also welcomed back a former infant teacher, Ms. Viviana. We are so excited to have her back and in the infant room. Please help us in welcoming all the new faces.

In November we will be exploring all things fall, especially the fun sensory of the crunchy fall leaves. We also will be talking about all the differences we see outside. The colors in the trees, the coolness of the air, etc. We will also start working on our "All About ME" unit for the end of the year before we have a big group of kiddos move to Otters in January. Which means we will need some parent feedback and involvement, so please keep an eye out on ProCare and emails for our fun questionnaires about your child.

Best Wishes,

Ms. Michelle, Ms. Sonia, Ms. Viviana, and Ms. Diane

Please make sure we are switching out extra clothes to warmer items and keeping them size appropriate for your child. We know they grow fast, so if you haven't switched their clothes out lately, please feel free to do so. Also, we are still hoping to go on walks as weather allows, so please have socks/shoes and an extra jacket available in their hallway cubby.

We added a few new items to our wishlist!

Click [here](#) to access the wish list for the Bear Cubs classroom.



Hello from The Otters!

The Otters have been enjoying this fall season, especially looking at all the pretty leaves that are falling on the ground and coloring super fun pictures. The littles love watching the rain through the windows and seeing the wind blow through the trees as well. They are loving the cooler weather that's for sure! In November, we will be continuing to learn how to play with our friends. Of course, going along with our room theme we will also be learning about all the different animal sounds. Reading books, coloring pages, and more to learn all about animals and animal sounds!

Ms. Libby

Click [here](#) to access the wish list for the Otters classroom.

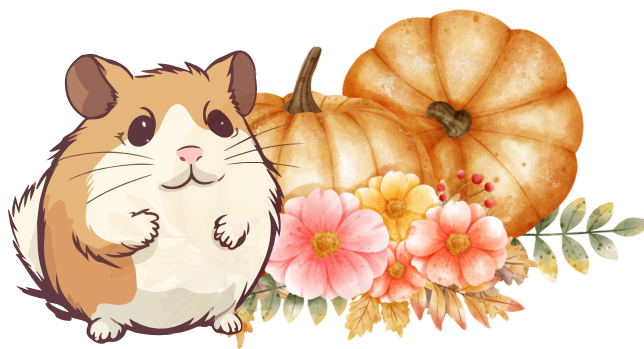


Hi Pikas,

We would like to start off by saying thank you for all your consistent support throughout these first weeks. We are so proud to see how most of our children have settled to our routines and how happy they come into the classroom. It's been amazing listening to all these new words the kids come up with every day. Miss Carolina and I love to see your kiddos accomplishments day to day. In the next couple of weeks, we will work with Pikas on sharing, taking turns, and being thankful but our main focus is to have them improve their gross motor skills.

Ms. Denisse and Ms. Carolina

Click [here](#) to access the wish list for the Pikas classroom.



Our Newest and 9th Final Classroom!

Hello from the Owls!

We are so excited to welcome 8 little owls to our classroom. Charlotte, Eleanor, Clark, Maven and Xitlali moved up from Otters. New to TLC are Eva, Ellis, and Sierra. We are getting to know everyone's personalities and interest so we can plan engaging curriculum. We will continue to practice and build routines to create predictability and a sense of safety and confidence in our little ones. We will be working on lots of self help skills such as using utensils and going up and down stairs safely as well as how to get in our chairs safely. The little Owls love singing songs and doing finger plays so we will continue to add new ones. We've got some climbers so we will be doing some heavy work and gross motor activities to help them build those big muscles!

Brenda C and Marissa

Click [here](#) to access the wish list for the Owls classroom.



Hello Chickadee Families!

It's hard to believe October is nearing an end! We spent most of this month discussing emotions, how we can express emotions and recognizing these feelings in others. We also talked about strategies to use when we are feeling upset or angry. *Allie All Along* by Sarah Lynne Reul was a big hit in our classroom and we highly suggest including this in your library at home. It gives great strategies to use when one might be feeling angry. This is such a fun time of year and we are so excited for all the festivities ahead.

As we head into November we will stick to a more autumnal theme, reading books such as *Duck and Goose Find a Pumpkin* and have many fall themed crafts we look forward to creating. With all the upcoming holidays we will do our best to honor as many as we can. If there is a holiday you don't want your child participating in, please let us know. If you have a special tradition you would like to share with our class we would love to collaborate with you!

Thank you for all that you do to support our classroom,

Sondee and Lesly

A message from Lesly: I have been in Chickadees for little over two months now, and this fall in our classroom is going amazing!! I'm getting to know all my amazing students and learning a bit about each and every one of them. I think them getting to know me has been just a sweet experience and I always look forward to their warm welcome every morning.

Click [here](#) to access the wish list for the Chickadees classroom.

Click [here](#) to access the wish list for the Toddler playground.

Our class loves fine motor table work, we have a few activities on our wishlist that we would love to bring into the classroom!



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Hello Bobcats families!

It has been a busy Month already! The children have been enjoying creating art based on Halloween and the change to the fall season. The favorite activities so far were exploring with the pumpkins and leaves on the light table and making potions.

Throughout the month the children have also been working with materials that support one-to-one correlation, counting, and sorting with our farm and leaf counting materials. Finally this month there has been a lot of exploration and support on what helps calm our bodies and emotions. First, we noticed providing opportunities for sensory play, heavy work, work systems (closed ended activities) swinging, and a predictable schedule really support our bodies and regulation. We have also been talking about solutions and options to what to do when big feelings or conflict arise and we have been learning how to ask for timers and for a turn and working on how we wait.

We are quickly approaching the end of October and are excited to see you all for the Halloween snack party and parade on Oct 31! As we move into November we will continue to talk about the change of season, being thankful and grateful, and working on self-dress skills (getting in and out of winter gear). We will also be reaching out to see how you as a family celebrate and enjoy the winter months so we can bring your homes into our classroom.

Sincerely,
Meghan and Anahi

**If you feel inclined, please check out our [Amazon wish list](#).
Any of the sensory or seasonal items from our Wishlist
would be helpful.**

***Change of season is coming please remember to bring
EXTRA clothes in the right season and the right gear we do
go out when it is cold and wet.***





Highlights from Bobcats!





Fall into Winter with after school YogaKids!

- YogaKids classes combine storytelling, art, games & music to engage the whole child in learning through yoga.
- Focused on building self-regulation skills; energizing & calming through yoga.
- Small (8 students max) group size, open to current TLC students and children in the community.
- Each class is centered around a theme, includes a story, yoga game/activities, handouts, and art project.
- Caregivers should plan on attending with their child if they require additional supports or if they feel it would enrich their child's experience.
- Children cannot exceed 9 hours max/day at TLC.

TIME & DATES: 4:15-5:15pm, Thursdays from November 14th-February 6th, excluding November 28th and January 2nd.

TUITION: \$150 for 10 weeks for 1 child, plus \$20 annual registration fee. Scholarships and sibling/refer-a-friend discounts available.

REGISTRATION: To register, ask Ana or Crystal at the front desk or email amitchell@learningwithtlc.org or cblancarte@learningwithtlc.org.

Students must register by 11/11 to attend our first class 11/14.



Parents Say!

"My daughter was always excited for (yoga on) Thursday!"

"We couldn't be happier with this program! We have no doubt it will have a lifelong impact."

"Mia's pretty much the ideal teacher: sincere, experienced with kids, enthusiastic."

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Dear Hummingbird families,

Happy Fall! Ms. Lupe and I are so excited for the autumnal festivities. We celebrated the season by painting pumpkins and gathering fallen leaves to spell out the letters of our first names. We had fun describing the different textures and colors of the leaves as well as the variety of pumpkins we painted that came from one of our friends very own pumpkin farm! Next Thursday is Halloween and our friends can bring in costumes, so check your emails for an outline of the activities the school has planned and prepare to have fun! November is just around the corner and we are excited to construct thankful turkeys, favorite food collage cornucopias, and more. As we get closer to Thanksgiving we will have a Grateful week leading up to the holiday to help our friends think about the different people and things they are grateful for in their lives!

Ms. Lupe and Mr. Sam

Click [here](#) to access the wish list for the Hummingbirds classroom.



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Hello, Swallowtails families!

We can't be-leaf how much fun we're having this fall. We painted pumpkins donated to us by the Rocky Mountain Pumpkin Ranch with a mixture of paint, baking soda, and vinegar to make fizzy paint! It was so great to mix art and science. Right now we are learning about the signs of fall and the change of seasons. We're noticing a lot of things changing in the world around us, from the leaves to the weather. We are also learning letters A-C, uppercase and lowercase, and have done some great crafts!

Teacher Layla and Ms. Kat

Click [here](#) to access the wish list for the Swallowtails classroom.

We are in need click markers, washable markers, and dry erase markers that can be found on our wishlist.



Hello Marmots!

We are happy to announce that Ms. Emily is back! It has been a fun filled fall in the Marmot room! We have loved exploring with pumpkins, leaves, and nocturnal animals. The students have also been creating various fall themed art projects- come take a look at their hard work! In November we look forward to talking about emotions, friendship, and families. We will continue learning about our spots of emotion, as well as learn all about different families and traditions around the upcoming holidays. Please feel free to share pictures or stories of your own family traditions!

Ms Brenda and Ms Emily

Click [here](#) to access the wish list for the Marmots classroom.

Please send your child's costume with them to school on Halloween if they would like to dress up! See the email from Kristen regarding the details about our parade.



SHARE THE LOVE!

Do you love TLC? **Share your experience and earn an hour of volunteer time!** Just Google "TLC Learning Center Longmont" and click on "reviews" in the Google listing that appears on the right side of the page to write your review. Once you are finished, let Ana know and she will add an hour of service to your volunteer account.

Thanks in advance for your help!





Health updates

Dear TLC Caregivers and Families,

Mark your calendars! Hearing and vision screenings will take place during the first two weeks of November. If you would like your child to opt out of these screenings, please email me directly. All screenings will be conducted by me, Karianne Lesch, TLC's Child Health Liaison. I am a trainer with Boulder County Public Health on auditory and vision screenings, and will be using provided screening tools from the Early Childhood Council of Boulder County. We are excited to be using their newest screening equipment!

As we prepare for these screenings, it's also important to consider the health challenges that come with the changing seasons during this time of year. With fall in full swing and winter on the horizon, colder weather can often lead to an increase in illness. To ensure the health and well-being of our students, TLC consistently follows the "How Sick is Too Sick" guidelines established by CDPHE. We are still strictly implementing a 48-hour exclusion period. Our exclusion policy defines that a student may return to school 48 hours after their last symptom has resolved.

For information on the latest medical updates and current illnesses, please refer to the two prominent red medical boards in our building. The boards are posted in key locations for your convenience. One is located on the right of our curved entry hallway, and the other is directly across from the preschool bathrooms.

A few important health reminders:

- TLC adheres to the AAP guidelines for well-child checks and physicals. Please provide a copy of the after-visit summary and updated immunizations after each appointment.
- Check that your child's sunscreen, diaper cream, and lotions are still within their expiration dates.
- If your child will be absent, please call the front desk. It's crucial to inform us about any symptoms if your child is sick.

Thank you for your support as we prioritize the health and well-being of our students!

Karianne Lesch
Child Health Liaison



Turn Your Shopping Dollars into Donations for TLC!

Did you know you can help support the work we do at TLC just by shopping at your favorite retailers? Read on to find out how your everyday shopping can add up to big benefits for nonprofits like TLC.

- The **King Soopers Community Rewards Program** gives money back to schools of your choice for every dollar you spend. Just go to KingSoopers.com, scroll down to the "King Soopers Community Rewards Program" at the bottom of the page, and enter "WW513" in the "Find an Organization" box. Share this info with friends and family and help TLC earn even more!
- **American Furniture Warehouse** will donate 2% of your purchase to a PreK-12 school of your choice. Purchases made in-store, online, and over the phone all count, so tell the cashier you're with TLC and 2% of your purchase will be donated to TLC.
- **Longmont Dairy's Milk Caps for Moola** is a great way to support local nonprofits. Each cap is worth five cents, and they really add up, so collect those milk caps and drop them off at TLC for big rewards. Thanks!

