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WELCOME to the Learning Center and to Christ Lutheran Church. We hope that your child will have a happy year of learning and fun. **THE LEARNING EXPRESS** is published monthly. We will be sending your newsletter via e-mail. Please take the time to read through it as this is our primary way of sharing news and information with you. You may wish to print and post the monthly calendar as a reminder of school activities. Before leaving today, please make sure your child's teacher has an e-mail address for your family. If you do not wish to receive the newsletter via e-mail, please let April know and she will make sure your child receives a paper copy each month. The newsletter is also posted on the church website each month for your convenience (www.clcgtm.org).

"MEET & GREET"

Holiday Parties

We are giving parents an opportunity to get to know each other better on Wednesday, October 3rd at 8:30-9:00 a.m. in THE LINK next to the kitchen. The children will be preparing muffins for your special time and there will be coffee and juice. Please take a few minutes to grab some refreshments and visit with some of the other preschool parents. This is a great way to get to know other CLLC



families. I look forward to visiting with you too!

MUD DAY September 19 will be Mud Day

for the Learning Center. A special notice will be sent home after school starts to let you know about getting "down and dirty" with us on these fun days!



BOOK ORDERS... Periodically the Learning Center will send home book order forms. If you wish to purchase these children's books, we encourage you to order online. Book orders are not a fund raiser for the school, but they do provide parents the opportunity to purchase some quality children's books at a very reasonable cost. The school does earn bonus points from each purchase which are used toward free books for the school.

Please help your child's teacher by volunteering to organize a holiday party. The holiday parties will be held early in the morning after drop-off time so parents can attend if they wish. Party parents will be responsible for providing a snack, drink, and paper goods. We encourage party parents to plan a story, game, or craft, as time allows. Each party will be approximately forty-five (45) minutes in length. Children will bring their regular lunch on these days.

School Pictures....[Teddy Bear Portraits](#) will be taking individual pictures here on Wednesday, October 10. All the children will be photographed unless we are told otherwise. Proofs will be available to view and / or purchase the following week. As always, there is no obligation to buy.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED....*We are looking for parents who could spend about 5-10 minutes one day a month filing library books. If you are interested, please let April Peters know. We need enough parents so that we can have a volunteer in the library everyday.*

FALL FUNDRAISERS

Community Garage Sale on Saturday, Oct 13th

BBQ TO GO! ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

MORE INFORMATION COMING LATER!

Let me introduce the CLLC STAFF.....

ANN HARPER (LAMBS): I was born and raised in Garland, Texas and graduated from Garland High School in 2000. My family and I moved to Jarrell four years ago and have fallen in love with the area. I've been married to my childhood best friend and high school sweetheart Elliott for eleven years. We have two amazing kids, Everleigh and Grady. Everleigh attended Christ Lutheran Learning Center last year and it was a great experience for both of us. I'm so happy to be a part of the CLLC family.

NANCY HUMPHRIES (FROGS): Hello, my name is Nancy Humphries and I am very excited to be on staff at CLLC! I am a trained EFL teacher who began teaching immigrants in the evenings at Westwood High School in Austin (many years ago!), before heading off to Moscow, Russia, to teach young children, teens and adults for five years. After Russia, I returned to the Austin area and became an instructional designer working on an EFL project for middle school-aged Chinese students. I then left teaching and happily became a stay-at-home mother. A little about myself....this January my husband Daniel and I will celebrate fourteen years of marriage. We have two great children: Nathaniel who is just beginning the fifth grade and Joy who will be in second grade. In closing, please know that I am looking forward to getting to know both you and your child. We all are going to have a wonderful and exciting year full of new experiences and new friends!

MICHELLE DE LEON (TURTLES): I am originally from Irving (love those Dallas Cowboys), but grew up in San Diego. I graduated from San Diego State University in 1997 with a Bachelors in Business Management and began my career in Human Resources. In 2005 I moved back to Texas and met my husband, Jeff. We live in Georgetown with our three children, Jeffrey (13), Makail (10) and Hannah (5), including our dog, Gulliver. As a family, we love to travel to any place with water, especially Port Aransas, Inks Lake and San Diego. We also enjoy spending time on our back patio listening to music. After nearly twenty years in HR, coupled with the expansion of our family, it was time for a

change. This will be my second year teaching at Christ Lutheran Learning Center. I am truly grateful and blessed for the opportunity that I have been given here to teach. My goal this year is to provide a fun and positive learning environment for your child(ren). I look forward to getting to know the children and working together to make this school year a successful one.

Laurie Bones(BEARS): I am a native Texan, married to my husband, Steve, for almost 40 years. Our daughter, Lindsey lives in Austin with her husband and two boys, Wyatt, 8 and Emmett, 6. Our son, Michael, lives in Dallas. I have been in education since graduating from SMU. I have been in the classroom, been a director and most importantly, am a parent. I hope I can share my experience with you and your children and as always, I hope to learn more from your children and you. At home, we love to hike, have our grand boys with us and sometimes our grand dog and grand hamster!! Much of our time is filled with music. Steve has a music room and, along with our family, we'll often listen and "make" music as well as attend live music in Georgetown and Austin. I am so happy to be a part of such a kind and supportive staff and am looking ahead to a happy school year with your sweet children.

Mikala Shanklin (AIDE / EXTENDED CARE) Hello everyone! Are you excited for the upcoming school year? I sure am! My goal for this year is to make the extended care program an exciting, fun, and learning experience that the children want to be apart of. Another goal is to provide the assurance to parents that this is a safe place for their child. A little more about myself....I live on a farm that has lots of animals. I have a big family with 6 brothers and sisters (7 nieces and nephews to go with that). I am the youngest girl and was adopted when I was three along with my younger brother. My two favorite past-times are art and spending time with my family. I also enjoy helping the Jarrell Animal Shelter as well. I am currently attending college for a Bachelor in Early Child Education. Last year was a blast! I can't wait to see what happens this year!

Cheryl Schneider- (AIDE): Hello, I'm Cheryl Schneider, a Licensed Massage Therapist since 1999. I worked for St. Davids Georgetown Hospital for 14.9 years as the office coordinator for Therapy Services. Before that I worked for Georgetown ISD at Carver Elementary as the PE Aide. I really missed working with children and was super excited when the opportunity to work at CLLC arrived. I could not contact April fast enough! I look

forward to all I am going to learn from you and your precious children.

CAMELIA TELIZ - (AIDE) I will be a teacher aide in the Friday Falcons and Monday Monkeys class with Ann Harper. I love working with children and am also a lead teacher at A Child's Place Preschool on TWTH at Wellspring Methodist Church here in Georgetown. My husband, Eusebio, and I have two daughters (Elizabeth, Esmeralda) and one son named Eusebio Jr. We also have one grandson named Adrian. I am from Mexico and my hometown is Huitzucro Gro and my native language is Spanish. In my spare time, I enjoy volunteering at my church, teaching Sunday School, reading the Bible, and spending time with my family.

SYLVIA MAKAR (ASST. DIRECTOR): I grew up in South Texas in a little town named San Juan. In 1998 I moved to Austin and continued my education at Austin Community College. In 2000, I married Scott Makar and then had two beautiful children. Our daughter Marissa is fifteen and our son Matthew is thirteen. We also have two toy poodle named Sage and Peanut. Our family loves fishing, riding bikes, and going camping. I'm active in Girl Scouts both as my daughter's troop leader for the past ten years, along with being our service unit's troop treasurer. I am also the treasure for the Round Rock High School Cheer Booster Club. We are members of Christ Lutheran Church and I have worked at CLLC for the last three and half years as a teacher. Last year was my first year as Assistant Director and music teacher here at CLLC. I very excited and am looking forward to the upcoming year.

APRIL PETERS (DIRECTOR): I was born and raised in Austin, but moved to Georgetown in 1980 and became a member at Christ Lutheran Church soon after. I taught the 4's class from Jan. 1981 until May 1996 when I became Director. I have truly loved being here at CLLC and continue to enjoy coming to work each day even after 37 years! I have been married to my

husband (Don) for 45 years and we have four children that range in age from 28 to 43 years old. We have also been blessed with six grandchildren that I love to spoil! Our newest addition was born this summer on July 5...another boy! All four of our children along with two of our grandchildren have attended CLLC. When I am not at the preschool, I enjoy exercising....either walking, yoga, or natural movement. Yes, this granny can even stand on her head! Five years ago, I began offering free yoga classes here at the church several times a week in hopes of others coming to enjoy the benefits that yoga provides. Now that all our children are out of the house, I enjoy traveling more. I am so excited for another fun year here at CLLC. I love being with the children and spending time with them in the classrooms and on the playground. I think I have the best job in the world!

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