



# The Center

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## Early Childhood Programs of Lake County School District

Our mission is to serve and respect children and families by providing research-based early childhood services that promote the development of knowledge, life skills, and self-esteem

## Preschool News

I would like to take a minute to welcome you all to The Center Early Childhood Programs for our 2019-2020 preschool year. We are so excited for the year ahead and the precious opportunity to work with all of our preschoolers and their families too! Our program strives to provide quality researched based educational experiences for your children by providing a balance of activities across the preschool day. We are very proud of the experienced and qualified staff that we have at The Center. Our teachers have been busy with trainings, setting up classrooms, planning for the first few weeks of school, meeting with families, and of course getting the first few days of school off to a great start.

Much of our work is built on the four cornerstones of Head Start: Children, Family, Community, and Staff. Research shows that the first five years of life are critical to a child's readiness for and success in school. By building partnerships around these cornerstones, we can be successful in preparing children for their later experiences in school. We hope that our open house and home visit process was a positive experience and that this event made the transition to preschool easier for you and your child. We value your input, please always feel free to reach out your child's teachers or the management team with questions, concerns, and input regarding your child and your experience here at The Center. **We are ready for a wonderful year ahead!**

**WELCOME  
BACK**

On September 13, 2019 and throughout the year there may be photographers in our building to capture photos and / or video of LCSD students. These photo's may be used on our website, social media channels, or in printed district material. If you have specified that you do not want your child photographed, we will review photos for these children before they are released.

Questions, please contact Lisa Roeder @ 719-486-6928.

## **September 2019 Events**



**September 2—No school, The Center is Closed.**

**September 17— Policy Council Meeting, here at The Center 5:00—7:00.**

**September 19— Picture Day.**

**September 20—No School, The Center is Closed for Professional Development.**

**September 25— Family Fun Night at The Center 5:30-7:00. Health and Safety**

### **Parents' Voices**

It is important for us to hear from you. We welcome your input to operate a program that meets the needs of the families we serve. To reach:

**Holly DeBell** 486-6921  
Director of Early Childhood Programs

**Policy Council** 486-6888  
extension 2190

## IMPORTANCE OF CLEAN-UP SONG IN PRESCHOOL

According to Cheryl Gabbert, author at Bright Hub Education “Cleaning up is never fun for preschoolers, but a catchy little song can make all the difference. Songs at transition times reinforce the routine, and easily lead children into the next activity. Predictable transitions are an important way to ease the anxiety and stress of new situations. When kids follow a routine that is reinforced through transition activities, they are less likely to react to changes in a negative way. Using a clean-up transition song for preschool routine changes make for smoother transitions. Young children rely on having a predictable routine, so using transition songs helps students to recognize the changes that are about to take place. This makes children feel more secure, since they always know what to expect.”

The Center teachers chose and voted the song “Try Everything” by Shakira, it was the theme song of the children’s movie “Zootopia”. Parents are welcome to use this clean-up song at home as a connection to our routine at school.

### **Try Everything**

From “Zootopia” by Shakira

I messed up tonight  
I lost another fight  
I still mess up but I'll just start again  
I keep falling down  
I keep on hitting ground  
I always get up now to see what's next  
Birds just don't fly  
They fall down and get up  
Nobody learns without getting it won

I won't give up, no I won't give in  
Till I reach the end  
And then I'll start again  
Though I'm on the lead  
I wanna try everything  
I wanna try even though I could fail  
I won't give up, no I won't give in  
Till I reach the end  
And then I'll start again  
Oh oh, try everything  
No I won't leave  
I wanna try everything  
I wanna try even though I could fail

Oh oh try everything

Look how far you've come  
You filled your heart with love  
Baby you've done enough that cut your breath  
Don't beat yourself up  
Don't need to run so fast  
Sometimes we come last but we did our best

I won't give up, no I won't give in  
Till I reach the end  
And then I'll start again  
Though I'm on the lead  
I wanna try everything  
I wanna try even though I could fail  
I won't give up, no I won't give in  
Till I reach the end  
And then I'll start again  
No I won't leave  
I wanna try everything  
I wanna try even though I coul fail

I'll keep on making those new mistakes  
I'll keep on making them every day  
Those new mistakes



# Meet our New Staff



**Holly DeBell**  
Director of Early Childhood  
Programs



**Emily Ward**  
Teacher Room 6



**Jazmin Villa-Chairez**  
Teacher Room 8



**Jessica Anguiano**  
Teacher Room 3



**Kym Medina**  
Teacher Room 5



## **Child Find** **Early intervention for children with special needs**

Every county in Colorado has professionals who are trained to evaluate children in a variety of areas, including cognitive functioning, physical functioning, hearing and vision, speech and language and social and emotional development. This service is referred to as Child Find. Evaluations are conducted by the Child Find team at no cost to parents.

Once the child find evaluation team, which includes the parents, has gathered sufficient information used to determine a child's eligibility for early intervention or preschool special education services, an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP; birth to three years of age) or an Individual Education Plan (IEP; three to five years of age) is developed and services begin shortly.

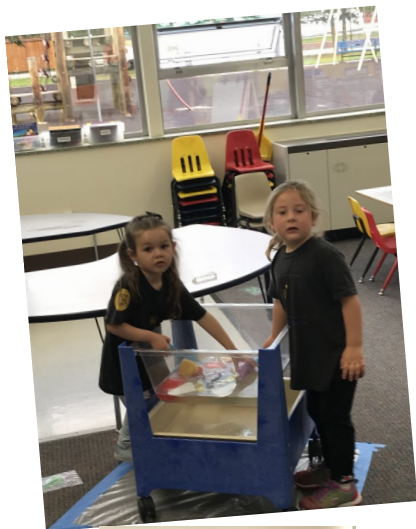
Children under the age of six may be referred at any time for an eligibility determination for early intervention (ages birth to three) or preschool special education services (ages three through five).

Here in Lake County, our very own Kelly Horning is the first contact for families interested in a Child Find evaluation. Please reach out to her at [khorning@lakecountyschools.net](mailto:khorning@lakecountyschools.net) or 719-486-4405.



# FAMILY SPOTLIGHT

**THANK YOU** so much to all of our families who participated in orientation. This helps set up your child for a successful start to the school year.



**The first few days of school!**

# POLICY COUNCIL

**Participants**

**\*Free Dinner  
\*Free Childcare**



## **Policy Council Members**

**Is a Committee of parents and community representatives who meet monthly to review and approve budgets, policies, and strategies for our program!**

**Please call these dedicated parents that have recently served or are serving as Policy Council Members!!**

Beverly Lauchner 917-318-4780  
Maria Perez 719-293-5150  
Marika Guthrie 719-838-0977  
Casey McGovern 719-293-1347

**Please Contact:**  
Lisa Roeder  
719-486-6928  
[lroeder@lakecountyschools.net](mailto:lroeder@lakecountyschools.net)

**Please, Please, Please** drive cautiously through the back parking lot as families park there to bring their children to school.



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Parents, if you would like to receive your child's tuition statement by email, and have not received anything by September 5, please see Marissa in the front office to make sure she has your correct email address.

Thanks.

### HOW TO CONTACT THE CENTER

Please see your child's classroom calendar for your child's teachers email address and phone numbers.

**Holly DeBell**-Director of Early Childhood Programs  
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**Lizz Holm**- Health Manager  
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**Lisa Roeder** - Family and Community Partnership Manager  
(719) 486-6928 lroeder@lakecountyschools.net

**Kelly Horning**- Early Childhood SPED & Child Find  
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**Lindsay Rapke**- Speech Pathologist  
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**If you need to call after  
3:30 P.M.**

**Please call us at 486-6925**  
***This is the only phone line that s  
staffed after 3:30p.m.***



You may leave a message at this number and it will be checked. If you call other numbers, or leave messages at other extensions, your message may not be heard until the following morning.

### **PARENTS**

If you need to reach your child's teacher, please look at your class calendar and information sheet!!!

You may also call 486-6920 and the office will direct your

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