



# 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

# Parent - Teacher Conferences

Some preschools schedule meeting during the year to talk about your child's progress. These meetings provide a chance to talk about your child's social, language, and cognitive development. For many parents, this conference provides your first opportunity to sit down one-on-one with your child's teachers to talk about how things are going.

While teachers often have information and work samples to share, it's equally important for parents to share impressions of their child's school experience, and to have any questions answered.

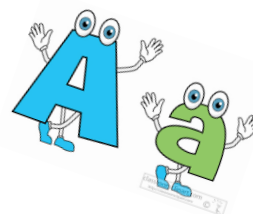
**Here are some questions that might help set the tone for productive and positive conference:**

- What activities and centers does my child gravitate towards?
- Do you feel my child is meeting developmental milestones for his/her age?
- What sorts of things can we do at home to keep our child excited about learning?
- What sorts of reading activities so you recommend we do at home?
- What goals do you have for the classroom this year?

Did you run out of time? Most meetings are scheduled in 20 minute increments. It's often hard to fit it all in during one conference. IF you still have unanswered questions, follow up with a written note, or schedule a second face-to-face meeting. Develop a solid relationship with your child's teacher - consider it your homework for the year!!!!



<http://www.readingrocketet.org>



## October 2019 Events

**October 9th—Coffee Talk here at The Center in the Family Resource Office 9:00-10:00 A.M.**

**October 15th—Parent/Teacher Conference per Schedule.**

**October 17th—Parent/Teacher Conferences per Schedule.**

**October 18th—The Center is CLOSED**

**October 21st—The Center is CLOSED for Professional Development Day.**

**October 23rd—Coffee Talk here at The Center in the Family Resource Office 9:00-10:00 A.M.**

**October 24th—Picture Retake Day**

**October 31st—Classroom Celebrations here at The Center 12:30-1:30 P.M.**



## 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

## BUS EVACUATION DRILL



Our first bus evacuation practice drill took place in the back parking lot at The Center on Wednesday, September 18, 2019. 23 of our preschool bus friends participated in an emergency evacuation drill conducted on the bus your child was riding in. Drivers and monitors conducted the drill jointly as a team. The children followed instructions given by the driver.

The Final Rule requires three basic topics to be addressed in every drill:

- Ridership rules. Safe riding practices are taught to children. This is the most important lesson young children should learn about Transportation -related emergencies.
- Every Head Start drill should include discussion about, and more importantly practice in, safe and orderly evacuation from appropriate exits. Our preschoolers evacuated through the front door of the bus.
- Children are taught how to sit and slide out an emergency door, and are taught to go to a prearranged point about 100 ft. from the bus and to stay there holding hands with each other in a safety chain or buddy system.

**AFTER WE CONCLUDE THE DRILL:** We Thank and praise your children!

A total of three emergency evacuation drills must be conducted each program year.

# Dear Parents,

**PLEASE** remember that front office staff may be assisting other parents at drop off and pick up, please allow a few seconds for them to respond to the door buzzer. **PLEASE** only ring this once, we have noticed with families with more than one sibling that you are allowing them to each ring the bell and it creates a lot of unnecessary noise. We will not open the door until we can see a parent at the door.

**PLEASE** do not hold the door open or open the door for people waiting outside unless you know who they are, we will buzz them individually.

**PLEASE** remember to talk with all your authorized pick up and drop off people, that they need to be signing in and out with a time and **PRINTED** name.

**THANK YOU**

**FOOD  
PANTRY!!**



The First Presbyterian Church has opened their doors to the Food Pantry on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month from 5:00-6:30 P.M.  
299 McWethy Drive / 719-486-0673

## **BIG PLAYGROUND**

**We know how fun it is to play on the BIG playground after preschool. There are a few rules that we MUST follow.**

- 1. Please stay on the playground all times with your child.**
- 2. No children should be climbing the fence.**
- 3. Please no climbing or jumping on the picnic tables.**
- 4. Please be safe on all the equipment, and use it correctly.**

**The playground needs to be locked by the custodian. We ask that you please be off of the playground by 6:00.**

**Have fun and please be safe!!!**



## **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).

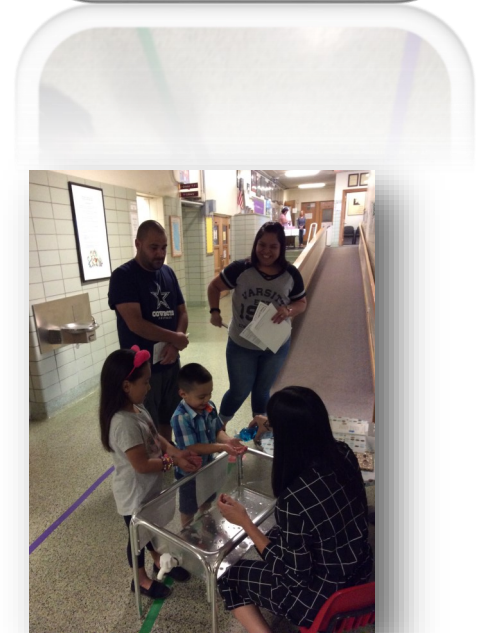
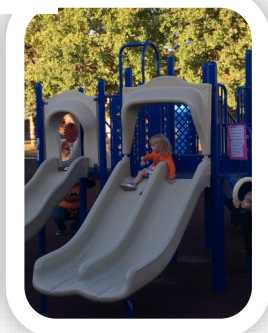
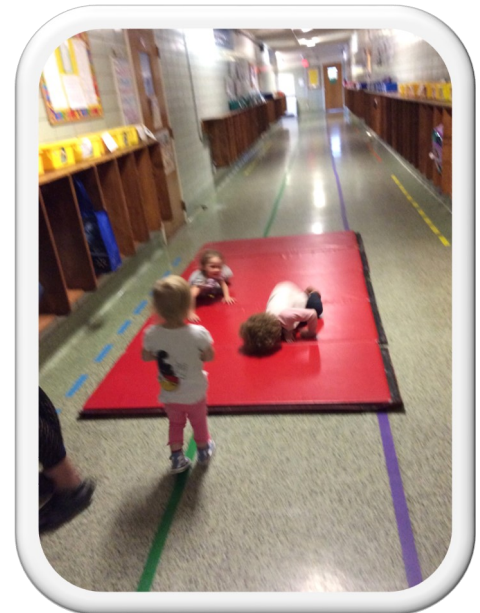
Here in Lake County, our very own Kelly Horning is the first contact for families interested in a Child Find evaluation. Please reach out to her at [khorning@lakecountyschools.net](mailto:khorning@lakecountyschools.net) or 719-486-4405.

# FAMILY SPOTLIGHT



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*Family Fun Night  
Health and Safety*



# POLICY COUNCIL

The Center Early Childhood Programs – Policy Council Minutes – Meeting Date – September 17, 2019

**Attending:** Maria Perez, Casey McGovern, Anahise Shoukas, Karen Brungardt, Elizabeth Saunders, Fernando Luna Lopez, and Teresa Haynes

**Not Attending:** Kelly Callahan, Ana Pizana, and Lelis Gonzalez

**Roll Call:** Anahise called roll and determined that a quorum was present.

**Approval of Agenda:** Since this was our first meeting of the 2019 – 2020 school year, Lisa went over what the agenda’s would look like, and if there needed to be any changes.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** There were no minutes to approve at this time.

**Parent Activity Fund:** Lisa showed the Council the Parent Activity Fund, and let the Council know that this job is the responsibility of the treasurer when elected. The Parent Activity Fund balance is \$929.63.

**New Business:** This was our first meeting on the 2019-2020 school year. Lisa had all elected members stand and tell the group a little about themselves. The Council was the given their Policy Council binders. This has all the information of the Council along with important documentation that will need approved and reviewed throw-out the program year. Lisa reviewed the member guide and explained what a meeting looks like. There was discussion around job descriptions, sub committees, and Officers Duties. There was a Confidentiality discussion and each member signed a confidentiality statement. The Council then nominated and voted on their 2019-2020 Officers. Casey McGovern volunteered to be Treasurer. Anahise made a motion to accept Casey for the 2019-2020 Treasurer. Fernando seconded and all were in favor with no one opposed. Elizabeth Saunders volunteered to be Secretary. Casey made a motion to accept Elizabeth for the 2019-2020 Policy Council Secretary. Teresa seconded. All were in favor with no one opposed. Maria then volunteered to be Chairperson. Fernando made a motion to accept Maria as the 2019-2020 Policy Council Chairperson. Casey seconded. All were in favor with no one opposed. The Council agreed on their future meeting dates, and the meeting dates that are needed in October for the new five-year grant. Lisa reviewed the Policy Council bylaws, and there was discussion of a few items that will be added before the Council votes to accept them. The last bit of business was Program Governance. The council reviewed the Program Governance. Casey made the motion to accept the 2019-2020 Program Governance. Elizabeth seconded. All were in favor with no one opposed.

Chairperson – Maria Perez  
Secretary – Elizabeth Saunders  
Treasurer – Casey McGovern

**Unfinished Business:** There was no Unfinished Business

**Announcements:** September 19 – The Center Picture Day, September 20 – No School it is a Professional Development Day, and September 25 – Health and Safety Family Fun Night here at The Center 5:30-7:00.

**Adjournment:** Lisa adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maria Perez - Policy Council Chairperson

I wanted to let you all know about a great opportunity to serve our community. There is an open trustee position on the Board of Trustees for Lake County Public Library.

The trustees are involved in supervising the budget, forming policies, and other oversight duties. The time commitment is a few hours per month with one regular meeting on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00pm. There are sometimes other commitments around special projects.

It's a great way to support the library and the community and connects to so much that we do here at The Center with literacy and love of learning. If you would like to know more about the position, please just ask me. I'd be happy to chat with you about it.

Thanks for considering this,  
Mary

Mary Jelf  
Business Manager  
The Center Early Childhood Programs  
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Leadville, CO 80461



## HOW TO CONTACT THE CENTER

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

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**Mary Jelf**- Business Manager  
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**Jackie Lujan**-Education Director  
(719) 486-6927      jlujan@lakecountyschools.net

**Jenny Mascarenaz**-Transportation Manager  
(719) 486-6920      j mascarenaz@lakecountyschools.net

**Lizz Holm**- Health Manager  
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**Lisa Roeder** - Family and Community Partnership Manager  
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**Kelly Horning**- Early Childhood SPED & Child Find  
(719) 486-4406      khorning@lakecountyschools.net

**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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