

# Childcare at Legacy News

## From the Leadership Team

### Thank you for your donations!

We would like to thank you for your donations for our Hurricane Harvey Relief Drive. We collected a large amount of donations and cannot thank you enough for your support with such an important donation drive!

### Parking Lot Safety

It has been brought to our attention that increased safety in the parking lot is needed. If you are walking in the parking lot with your child, please ensure that you keep your child with you and remind your child to walk instead of run. We also ask that you please remember to drive slowly when entering and exiting the garage. We have partnered with Security to make the garage a safe place for everyone and thank you in advance for your support.

### Car Seat & Stroller Storage

We would like to send out a quick reminder to please fold up all strollers to ensure that there is enough space for families to store their car seats and strollers.



## Important Dates

### October 11<sup>th</sup>

Family Partnership Meeting  
12:00 - 1:00 pm

### October 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

Scholastic Book Fair – located in the Library

### October 16<sup>th</sup>

Picture day for Infants, Toddlers and Siblings

### October 17<sup>th</sup>

Picture day for Twos, Preschool and KPrep

### October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Pumpkins Due for Pumpkin Decorating Contest  
(More information to come)

### October 25<sup>th</sup>

November Tuition Due

### October 27<sup>th</sup>

Halloween Parade  
Time to be determined

## Reasons to Celebrate

We are excited to share that we have our very own watermelons growing in our garden! The children and teachers have done a wonderful job taking care of our fruits and vegetables and are excited to see them grow.



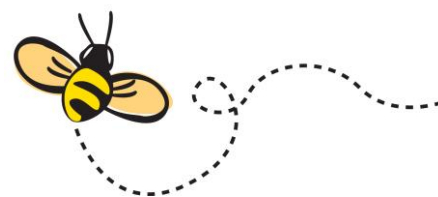
## Childcare at Legacy managed by Bright Horizons

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M-F 7:00 am – 6:30 pm

# “Bee” in the Know



## Happy Birthday!

### Infant Room 7

Ahavah's 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday – October 27<sup>th</sup>

### Infant Room 8

Louie's 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday – October 5<sup>th</sup>

Carson's 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday – October 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Toddler Room 5

Henry's 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday – October 30<sup>th</sup>

### Toddler Room 13

Rayaan's 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday – October 5<sup>th</sup>

Rayna's 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday – October 29<sup>th</sup>

### Twos Room 1

Abby's 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday – October 31<sup>st</sup>

Luke's 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday – October 31<sup>st</sup>

### Twos Room 2

Zayden's 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday – October 24<sup>th</sup>

Arabelle's 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday – October 30<sup>th</sup>

### Preschool Room 3

Sofia's 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday – October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ethan's 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday – October 8<sup>th</sup>

Stella's 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday – October 28<sup>th</sup>

### Preschool Room 4

Balan's 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday – October 7<sup>th</sup>

Ryan's 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday – October 17<sup>th</sup>

Wesley's 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday – October 19<sup>th</sup>

Andrew's 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday – October 25<sup>th</sup>

### Kindergarten Prep Room 17

Joshua's 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday – October 31<sup>st</sup>



## Staff Celebrations

10/20/17: Ms. Annie's 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



## Staff Planned Time Off

October 3<sup>rd</sup>: Marie

October 4<sup>th</sup>: Chand

October 5<sup>th</sup>: Regina

October 6<sup>th</sup>: Regina, Annie,  
Emily M.

October 9<sup>th</sup>: Kathy G., Jessica

October 10<sup>th</sup>: Kathy G.

October 13<sup>th</sup>: Barbara T.

October 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>: Kathy M.

October 24<sup>th</sup>: Morgan

October 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>: Grace,  
Anabel

October 30<sup>th</sup>: Grace

# READY FOR SCHOOL NEWS

## Building Relationships – A Family Affair

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Sometimes the “job” of parenting keeps us so busy that we don’t consider intentionally building close relationships with our children. Giving children focused attention helps them feel valued and important. Close physical and emotional connections create loving relationships.

Below are a few tips to building meaningful relationships with your child:

**Words and actions matter.** Show and express feelings of appreciation. Think of the message you give your son when you give him a hug and say, “I’m so glad that you’re my son. I love you to infinity and beyond.”

**Prioritize togetherness.** Schedule time when you can be fully present (without screens or phones). Even 30 minutes a day relays the message, “You are the most important thing in my world.”

**Invite participation in meal preparation and other family chores.** Yes, even toddlers can wash vegetables, mix ingredients, and sort socks.

**Appreciate family meals.** Eating meals together strengthen family bonds as you share your plans for the day in the morning and reconnect in the evening. Consider playing “thorns and roses” where everyone shares their best and worst experiences of the day.

**Capitalize on commute time.** Sing songs, play word games, or play, “I Spy.” On public transportation, read, talk, or enjoy the scenery.

**Write messages.** Leave messages on napkins, draw pictures, or put notes in lunchboxes or backpacks.

**Designate a game night.** From charades to board games, it’s all about family fun. A designated game night ensures that everyone will reserve that evening.

**Go for a hike or walk.** Hiking or walking is a shared experience that encourages bonding.

**Bond at bedtime.** A leisurely bedtime routine which might include cuddles, stories, quiet discussions, and lots of hugs helps children fall asleep feeling closely connected to their parents.

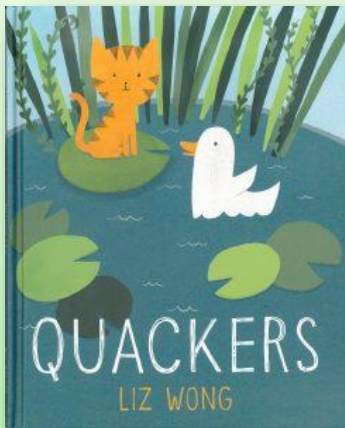
# BRIGHT HORIZONS NEWS

## Help Set a World Reading Record!

Bright Horizons invites you and your family to participate in JumpStart's *Read for the Record*® the world's largest shared reading experience — bringing together over 2 million people each year in classrooms, libraries, community centers, and homes across the US.

Jumpstart is a national early education organization working toward the day that every child enters kindergarten prepared to succeed. Sign up to participate in **#ReadfortheRecord** on October 19, 2017, to help shine a light on the importance of closing the kindergarten readiness gap by building early literacy and language skills for every child.

Partake in the group reading of the book *Quackers* by Liz Wong and help break the record this year! To learn more about Jumpstart's *Read for the Record* visit [www.readfortherecord.org](http://www.readfortherecord.org).



### **Quackers by Liz Wong**

*Quackers* is a delightful story about a kitten who grows up believing he's a duck, until the days he meets another kitten. What follows is a sweet tale about understanding, acceptance, and learning it's ok to be whoever you want to be.