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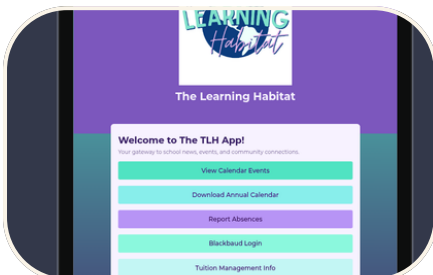
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**Click HERE to join our Facebook Group!**



# March News

**Dear Families,**

**What a fantastic week we've had here at school! From high energy in the classrooms to seeing our students support one another on the playground, the halls have been filled with positivity and growth. We are so proud of the hard work and kindness our students have shown this week!**

**SPRING BREAK IS NEXT WEEK! HAVE A WONDERFUL BREAK!**

**Some sad news: this will be Kim Woodward and her girls' last week with us as they move back to Virginia. We wish them all the best!**

## **Outer Banks Field Trip!**

**We are getting closer to our highly anticipated trip to the Outer Banks, and spots are filling up fast! This is going to be an incredible opportunity for hands-on learning and coastal exploration. If you haven't yet, please Sign up here! by March 31st!**

**Please note that our students enjoy daily outdoor dining, we encourage lunches that are ready-to-eat. To ensure all children have ample time to eat and play, please minimize items requiring the microwave. If a warm meal is necessary, we kindly ask that it requires no more than 60 seconds of heating time. Please note that we cannot accommodate items requiring extended preparation, such as stovetop-style noodles or ramen.**



**WE NEED ONE MORE COACH FOR THE BOYS RUNNING CLUB!!!! Please click here.**

**Our Summer Camp sign up is now open! Please see following pages for details on how to register and a special discount code to enroll!**

***Loads of Love,*  
Your TLH Admin, Teachers and Staff**

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# MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO REGISTER HERE!

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KID CAMPS

USE CODE  
TLH2026!

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TEEN CAMPS

ADVENTURE AWAITS



PUBLIC  
REGISTRATION  
OPENS 02/01

REGISTRATION  
OPENS FOR  
TLH FAMILIES  
01/15

INCLUSION  
BASED  
CAMPS!

- FULL DAY CAMPS
- HALF DAY CAMPS
- BEFORE & AFTER CARE

- ARCHERY 
- FORTBUILDING
- FOAM PARTIES 
- ARTS AND CRAFTS 
- MESSY SCIENCE
- AND SO MUCH MORE!

## WEEKS OF:

JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>  
JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>  
JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>  
JULY 6<sup>TH</sup>



JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>  
JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>  
AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>  
AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>



THE LEARNING HABITAT - MONROE  
2850 OLD CHARLOTTE HWY  
MONROE, NC 28110



**FOR SOME KIDS, SUMMER IS THE  
LONELIEST TIME OF YEAR.**

Your sponsorship provides a week of belonging,  
mentorship, and pure joy at TLH Outpost!

[SIGN UP TO SPONSOR A CAMPER HERE!](#)

**SPONSOR**

# REQUIRED TESTING INFORMATION



Parents,

Only students in **grades 3 and up** have required testing. If your child receives **ESA+ or Opportunity Scholarship funds, they are required to be tested** in the spring semester.

If your child does not receive these funds but are in grades **3, 6, 9 or 11, they also must be tested.**

This is NC Law, not our policy.

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If your student has already completed testing elsewhere this spring, please notify us as soon as possible.

We are trying to get all of the testing done before our testing week (May 18th-22<sup>nd</sup>) **however**; there is still a possibility that some students may need to complete their testing during testing week.

Testing Appointments: We are currently scheduling testing sessions. If you would like to schedule your student's testing **during testing week** so they are not pulled from their regular classes, please click here to email Mrs. Roper to do so or with any questions!

**[Roper@thelearninghabitat.com](mailto:Roper@thelearninghabitat.com)**

# **IEP INFORMATION**

**It has been a very busy year at TLH as we have supported many families through the IEP process.**

**As a reminder, once we return from February break, the application window for ESA funding will close on March 2.**

**Additionally, in North Carolina, public schools are allowed up to 90 days to complete the evaluation and data collection required for an IEP.**

**WHEN WE RETURN FROM BREAK IN MARCH, THERE WILL NOT BE 90 INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS REMAINING IN THE SCHOOL YEAR WHILE TLH IS IN SESSION. FOR THIS REASON, IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT ALREADY IN THE IEP PROCESS, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND WAITING UNTIL EARLY SEPTEMBER TO BEGIN.**

**THIS ENSURES THAT OUR TEACHERS AND STAFF ARE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY CLASSROOM DATA, OBSERVATIONS, AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THE EVALUATION.**

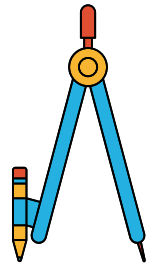
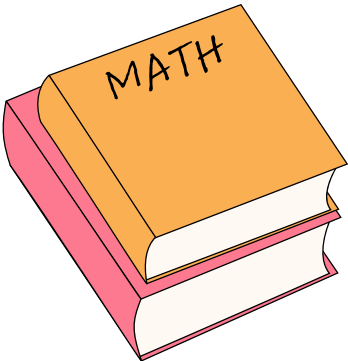
**Beginning the IEP process between September and November will allow sufficient time for eligibility determination and will align well with ESA application timelines.**

# ***Substitute Teachers Needed!***

***Pay rate is \$25.00 an hour.***

***If you are interested please send  
your resume and information to  
[trista@the learninghabitat.com](mailto:trista@thelearninghabitat.com)***

***Please share with  
interested/qualified individuals!***



# FREE MATH TUTORING WITH MS. EMERY!

**WHEN: MONDAY -FRIDAY FROM 8:30-8:55 AM**

**WHERE: IN HER CLASSROOM AT THE MONROE  
LOCATION**





field trip

# White Water CENTER

JOIN US AS WE ZIP-LINE, COMPLETE ROPE COURSES, AND MORE ON OUR HALF-DAY LAND ADVENTURE! WE WILL PAIR AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AS WE BUILD OUR OWN BOAT. WE WILL COMBINE PRINCIPLES OF PHYSICS WITH CREATIVITY TO DESIGN AN ORIGINAL WATERCRAFT PROTOTYPE. YOU MAY BRING A BAGGED LUNCH OR CHOOSE TO PURCHASE LUNCH ON SITE.

SIGN UP WILL CLOSE ON 4/16/2026.

THE ADDRESS IS: 5000 WHITEWATER CENTER PKWY,  
CHARLOTTE, NC 28214

[Sign up here!](#)

# Mrs. Elias' Class



**IN BUILDING FRIENDSHIP SKILLS CLASS, WE'VE BEEN EXPLORING HOW FOOD CAN BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER, BRIDGING GAPS AND HELPING CLASSMATES CONNECT DESPITE DIFFERENCES. FOR A TRULY FUN AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE, WE BECAME ICE CREAM MAKERS TOGETHER! EVERYONE GOT TO ADD THEIR FAVORITE TOPPINGS, WHICH PUT SMILES ON EVERY FACE, AND ENJOYING THE DELICIOUS TREAT TOGETHER TRULY DEMONSTRATED THE SWEETNESS OF BONDING OVER FOOD!**



# MR. WEAVER'S

## CLASS



FOR PE THIS WEEK, IN THE SPIRIT OF MARCH MADNESS, WE HAVE BEEN PLAYING BASKETBALL RELATED GAMES. WE HAVE PRACTICED DRIBBLING, PASSING, AND SHOOTING, WITH GAMES LIKE KNOCKOUT AND THE ALWAYS POPULAR GARBAGE.





# MRS. MARTINEZ'S CLASS



Learners have been working on adding and subtracting this month as well as exploring place value. They have also continued to work hard on their letter sounds and blending new words.

Our class has had a great time learning about plants this month as well. We've learned the important parts of a flower and their purpose, and we've been observing bean sprouts to see if we can identify it's parts. They created beautiful flower art for the art show, and they had a blast decorating cups and growing and styling grass "hair."

Our learners have grown as much as their plants!! I'm so proud of them all!



# OUR ART CLASSES



A huge congratulations to our art students on a spectacular show! The gallery was buzzing with excitement as families viewed the incredible talent within our halls. Here are just a few examples of the masterpieces created by our talented creators.



# MRS. WEAVER'S CLASS



This week in PE we have been working on hand-eye coordination activities and tennis. For my K-2 classes we did bowling, ladder ball, and a giant board game which the students really enjoyed. My 3-5 classes have been also been talking about sportsmanship and teamwork as part of Emotional Education, as well as making up their own games and yoga sequences.



**FOR OUR  
TEENAGERS!  
OPPORTUNITIES  
WITH MECKLENBURG  
PARKS!  
(PAID AND  
VOLUNTEER )**

Stevens Creek Conservation Corps

**Community Service  
& Intern Program**



**Attention All  
High Schoolers!**

Interested in nature? Want to volunteer outdoors this Spring?

Obtain up to **20 hours** of **community service credits** by participating in hands-on projects and environmental stewardship lessons offered at the nature preserve

**8 Week Program**

**April 1st to May 27th, 2026**

Sessions every Wednesday 3:30-6:00pm (excluding April 8th)

**Stevens Creek Nature Preserve**

15700 Thompson Rd in Mint Hill (unless otherwise specified)

**Free program -**  
Register using QR Code by **March 23rd**



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT [GRAYSON.MANZI@MECKNC.GOV](mailto:GRAYSON.MANZI@MECKNC.GOV) OR [ALEJANDRA.FLORES2@MECKNC.GOV](mailto:ALEJANDRA.FLORES2@MECKNC.GOV) OR CALL (980) 314-2526

Mecklenburg County  
Nature Centers  
Eastway • McDowell • Quest • Reedy • Stevens  
**Internship Opportunities**



**REC MENTEE**

Work-based learning program employing teens as Mentees for a facility within the Park and Recreation Department. Mentees will be paired with a Park and Recreation Professional who will supervise and mentor them.

- Teens Ages 14-17
- Apply by March 13
- Start in April

**APPLY** →



**MECKPATHWAYS**

Provides high school and college students an opportunity to gain professional work experience in their career field of interest.

- Highschool & College
- Start in June

**APPLY** →



**CLICK THE  
IMAGES FOR  
MORE INFO**

# CAREER DAY 2026

For TLH Middle & High School Students



## COME SHARE YOUR EXPERTISE!

We're looking for participants to share what it's like working in your field!

Some areas of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Veterinary Careers
- Information Technology
- Arts-Related Fields
- Law Enforcement / First Responders
- Trades
- Agriculture
- Sciences / Research

- Q&A with Professionals from Various Fields
- Interview Skills Workshop & Resume Building Session
- SPCC Career Counselors and Special Field Educators

- April 1, 2026
- 10am - 1pm
- Monroe School Gymnasium

Click Email to Register:

Nicole Draiss, Director of Programs & Foundation Development



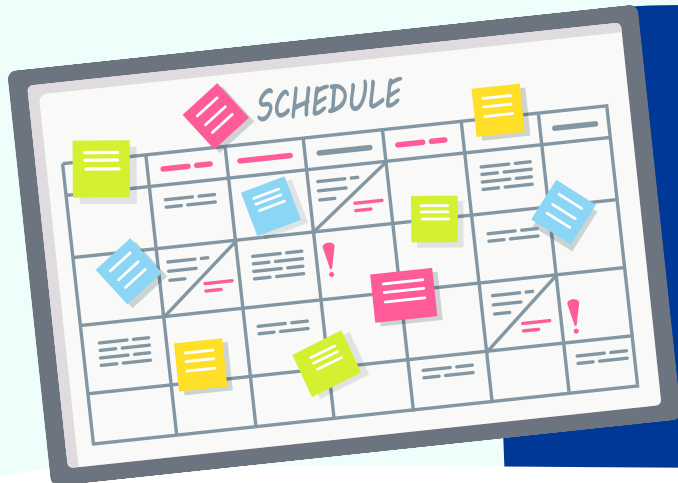
**JOIN US FOR  
OUR  
END OF THE  
YEAR PARTY!**

**MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FROM 10:00- 1:00 PM  
AT OUR INDIAN TRAIL LOCATION!**

**WE WILL HAVE  
FOOD AND FUN,  
INCLUDING**

**PIE THE  
TEACHER!**





**APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>: CAREER DAY AT OUR MONROE LOCATION FROM 10-1PM**

**APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> : SPRING BREAK**

**MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> - WHITEWATER CENTER FIELD TRIP**

**MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> - END OF YEAR PARTY AT INDIAN TRAIL 10AM-1PM**



**We are in need of some supplies! If you wish to donate please bring to either location.**

- Baby Wipes (unscented)
- Trash bags (of any size)
- Printer paper
- Plastic forks for students who may need them at lunch
- Markers
- Liquid Glue
- Glue Sticks
- Construction Paper
- Musical Instruments for our Kindergardent Class

**Thank you for all your help!**