



Shepherd of the Hills Christian Church and School

Early Learning Center News August, 2019

~WELCOME~

Welcome to all of our new and returning families. We are glad to have you and your children here!

The year is off to a great start.

Cubby in a bag!

Thank you to all of you who have adjusted to our “Cubby in a bag” system. We encourage sharing in the ELC. These non-porous bags serve as a barrier to germs, and other things we would rather NOT share. Please leave these bags at school, and simply use them to store your child’s belongings while at school.

Student Registration: We still have some families who have not completed their full registration. If you are one of these families, please reach out to Mrs. Hatton kristenhatton1@gmail.com to get that done.

School Calendar clarification, re: Professional Development early release dates: On the school calendar, you may have noticed that there are some days showing Professional Development (K-8 early dismissal 1:00). Early Learning Center Afternoon Programs and B.A.S.E. Camp will be running on a normal Friday schedule on those days.

Would you like to volunteer in your child’s classroom?

There are many ways in which you can volunteer in our Early Learning program. Please speak to your child(s) teacher to find out how you can plug in! If you will be working in the classroom with children, please take time to complete the “Safeguarding our Children” course. It is available from the Church Website.

Upcoming Classes for kids and parents:

MUSIKGARTEN

Just a reminder: Musikgarten, a wonderful Music Curriculum for 3-5 year olds, is offered at SOTH Preschool on Thursdays during the school year.

The early bird registration of \$250 covers the materials packet and the tuition for the 15 (45-minute) classes for the Fall Session and will be honored through this Thursday, Aug. 29. Checks are made payable to Nancy Duensing. If you have any questions, you may email nancy.duensing@gmail.com.



PARENTING THE “LOVE AND LOGIC WAY™”

(Raising Self-reliant Kids in an Entitled World)

- Want to raise responsible kids prepared for the real world?
- Tired of the arguing, reminding, and rescuing games you get stuck in?
- Want to help your kids learn to make wise choices and develop critical thinking skills?
- Want to see real results and changes in your parenting?
- Want to get you and your spouse on the same page?

THEN... THIS CLASS IS FOR YOU!

A ONE DAY intensive course for busy parents on Saturday, September 14, from 10:00 to 3:00, downstairs in the Portico at Shepherd of the Hills, 7691 S. University Blvd. Jack Lipski, M.A., School Counselor, Marriage & Family Therapist, and Certified “Love and Logic™” facilitator will be presenting.

Participants will learn to apply 6 phrases that will change your parenting forever! The cost is underwritten by Shepherd ELC as a gift to any interested parents.

Contact Kristen Hatton khatton@sothfamily.org/303-798-0711 ext. 379 to register. There will be free childcare for participating families! Registration is required!



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Please make note of the upcoming dates!

Monday Sept. 2 – NO SCHOOL in observance of Labor Day

Friday, Oct. 4 – NO CLASSES in the Early Learning Center
Teachers will attend have a professional development conference.

Monday – Friday, Oct. 7-11 Fall Break

There is Fall Break Camp available for families who need it. Please contact Michele Tinsman to book your child’s place.

mtinsman@sothfamily.org

Family Survey Results

THE RESULTS FROM OUR SPRING SURVEY ARE IN!

78% OF RESPONDENTS STATED THEY WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND A LOVE AND LOGIC PARENTING CLASS, AND 80% OF THEM SAID THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THIS FALL-**WATCH FOR UPCOMING EVENTS**

60% OF RESPONDENTS SHOWED AN INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN A PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT MEETS 3 TIME A YEAR- **A SIGNUP SHEET WILL BE AVAILABLE LATER THIS FALL**

100% OF RESPONDENTS STATED THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ACCESS TO MATERIALS THEY CAN CHECK OUT TO SUPPORT LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT AT HOME-**CHECK OUR RESOURCE CENTER IN SEPTEMBER**

62% STATED THEY WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THEIR GIFTS AND TALENTS WITH THE ELC- **A SIGNUP SHEET WILL BE AVAILABLE LATER THIS FALL**

23% STATED THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PTL.

This year's theme. Along with our website tagline: Believe Belong Become, we have a church and school theme

A Little about me!

Hello, my name is Kristen Hatton, and I am the new Early Learning Center Director at Shepherd of the Hills. Miss Otto took a position out of state over the summer for those of you who may not know that. I am so blessed to work with wonderful people who love to share Jesus' love with kids every day. I love the way kids look at the world!

I have been working at Shepherd of the Hills for 10 years, and most recently as a PreK teacher in the Bookworms class. I have handed the baton to Mrs. Julie Ropte (Ms. Julie) for this school year.

I was born and raised in Colorado, and attended Colorado State University (Go Rams!). I lived in the UK for 10 years, and have been back in Colorado for 11 years. I am married to my husband Rob, an Englishman, and we have two children who were both born in the UK. Our daughter Kyra is a Junior at Lutheran High School, and our son Cameron is an 8th grader here at Shepherd. I also have a step-son who still lives in the UK.

I love to spend time with my family. I enjoy movies, theater, singing, skiing, and kayaking (quiet on a lake kind, not white water!)

I look forward to a wonderful year with you and your children!

If ever I can help you with anything, please reach out to me.
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