

THE LIGHTHOUSE NEWS BEACON

CHILDREN’S LIGHTHOUSE LEARNING CENTER
EDUCATIONAL DAY CARE WITH A PURPOSE



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... Happy 11th Anniversary to us! We are proud to serve this community for 11 years. Check out the beautiful celebratory balloon installation in our lobby. Thank you Balloon Vault!

The 2024 – 2025 school year is here! We celebrate our first day of school on 8/12/24. We have a beautiful anniversary celebratory balloon installation in our lobby for photo opportunities. Thank you Balloon Vault!

We have already sent out move up letters and new Tuition Contracts reflecting 2024 – 2025 tuition. Please sign and return the new Tuition Contract asap if you have not already done so.

You will soon receive new Enrollment Forms to complete with the most current and up to date information. The State of Texas Child Care Licensing requires this paperwork be updated annually.

... Over the next two weeks we will post teacher assignments on the information board outside each classroom. These information boards already show classroom schedules and curriculum.

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KEEPING INFORMED AND IN TOUCH

Because we have a large number of families in our group now, we have several methods of communication to keep information flowing so all our families are well informed of announcements, activities and programs.

This monthly newsletter and our monthly calendar are always posted on our web site (www.ChildrensLighthouse.com/BulverdeRoad).

Additional Resources to stay informed about activity announcements and reminders:



LIKE us on facebook

Children's Lighthouse – 25473 Bulverde Road, San Antonio



Instagram

Follow us on Instagram

Our Handle is: @clclbulverderoad



**** GENERAL INBOX EMAIL ADDRESS ****

BulverdeRoad@ChildrensLighthouse.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

8/12/24 New pricing in effect

8/12/2024 Week -
Children moving to new
classroom assignments

8/12/2024 – Children's
Lighthouse – Bulverde Road's
First Day of School!

8/12/24 – NEISD's First Day of
School

8/20/24 – Comal ISD's First Day of
School

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ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Returning late August/ early September 2024

MONDAY



BRICKS, BOTS & BEAKERS

Visit website for enrollment and payment
www.bricksbotsbeakers.com

TUESDAY



SOCCKER SHOTS

Visit website for enrollment and payment
www.socckershots.org

WEDNESDAY



Webby Dance

Visit website for enrollment and payment
www.webbydance.com

THURSDAY



TEAMS OF TOMORROW

Visit website for enrollment and payment
www.teamsoftomorrow.com

FRIDAY



KINDER DANCE

Visit website for enrollment and payment
www.kinderdancealamocity.com

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NEW FACES

You may notice several new faces around the center... we have many new families enroll this month. Welcome!

With the increasing enrollment, we also have many new staff members. Welcome to you as well.

PARENT REFERRAL PROGRAM

Help us spread the word about Children's Lighthouse – Bulverde Road and earn FREE tuition!

When you refer family, friends, neighbors, or co-workers to our Center, you will be credited a free week of tuition for your oldest child after the referred family has enrolled and attended our center for four (4) consecutive weeks!

Thank you for your continued support of our Center. We appreciate our families!

OUTDOOR PLAY

We take advantage of nice weather when we can.

We watch the air quality index and air temperature. If conditions are too hot or air quality is not good, the children will not go outside.

NO SANDALS

Children are to wear closed toe shoes while at school. No sandals.

UPDATE MEDICINE POLICY

We are only administering doctor prescribed medication to children. The times we administer medications are 11:30 AM and 3:30 PM. Please arrange your child's medication schedule to align with our timeframe.

Further, we are no longer able to administer any medication, OTC or prescribed, unless we have a doctor's note with explicit directions for administration of the medication. All medication MUST be in it's original packaging. If prescribed, RX must be on the packaging.

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Back to School Preparation

In preparation of the 2024 – 2025 school year, we have been repainting, refreshing supplies and materials, and reorganizing our rooms to make each class the best learning environment for your children. All classroom resources will be refreshed as well.

All our staff attended Back to School Training sessions in August. We are excited about our updated curriculum and enhanced centers will make for exciting classroom experiences. The teachers will be trained in the latest techniques to deliver this excellent curriculum.

Important Information for Parents of Elementary School Children:

Last The Last Day of our Summer Camp for School Aged Children in NEISD Schools is Thursday, August 8, 2024

The Center is closed for Teacher In-service Training Friday, August 9, 2024

NEISD STUDENTS return to school Monday, August 12, 2024



The Last Day of our Summer Camp for School Aged Children in COMAL ISD is Friday, August 16, 2024

COMAL STUDENTS return to school Tuesday, August 20, 2024

We are available for ALL DAY CARE on Monday, August 19, 2024

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New and Updated Drop Off and Pick Up Policies

DROP OFF CUT OFF TIME

Circle Time at our Center is at 9:00 AM. We strongly encourage all students are present and in class by 8:55 AM so they are able to participate in Circle Time and not arriving during Circle Time. Circle Time initiates the learning portion of our day.

To ensure that the children are present for key learning concepts and to maximize early learning concepts, we are initiating a Drop Off Cut Off Time . Children must arrive to school no later than 9:30 AM unless previous notification has been given for doctor's appointment, etc.

...To provide notice of a late arrival, please send an email to our General Inbox: BulverdeRoad@ChildrensLighthouse.com.

PICK UP TIME

Our latest pick up time is 6:15 PM. Late pick up fees begin at 6:30 PM. The late pick up fee is \$2.00 a minute with a \$20.00 minimum.

NO CALL/ NO PICK UP FOR AFTER SCHOOLERS

... If your afterschooler is absent from elementary school or is picked up early due to illness or doctor's appointment, parents must notify us that they will not be present /on our bus that afternoon. It is our policy that our school buses do not leave the school until all children are accounted for. If a child is not present for bus run and we have not been notified, our driver will contact the front office and a member of the front office will reach out to the child's parents to account for their whereabouts. Our bus drivers are not permitted to leave the school until a member of the front office has spoken to one of the child's parents to confirm they are accounted for.

The No Call/ No Pick Up Fee is \$20.00 per child.

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Texas Rising Star (TRS) Certification

Our Center is preparing for a certification from Texas Rising Star. Part of this process is a mentoring partnership with United Way. United Way provides Quality Coaches visits to classrooms a few times a month. The Quality Coach works with teachers side by side in their classroom modeling best practices during the visit. Quality Coaches also provide direction regarding the administrative documents ready for TRS assessment.

Our objective is to reach goals for certification before the end of the year. The TRS certification shows that our center exceeds minimum standards and provides the highest quality early learning child care.

New Enrollment Forms

The State of Texas Child Care Licensing Division requires that we have the most up to date family information on file. We will be sending home new Enrollment Forms to be completed with the most current information.

Please complete the forms as quickly as possible and return them to a member of the front office.

Toys from Home

We are discouraging children bringing toys from home. If a child does bring a toy from home we are asking parents to either 1. Bring the toy back to the car, or 2. Place the toy in the child's cubbie where it will remain until pick up.

... We have had several toys from home coming in to the building and they toy gets broken, lost or causes a distraction.

... We do have Show and Tell on occasion where Toys/ items from home are permitted.

MISPLACED ITEMS

We have had incidents of "temporarily misplaced" belongings recently. These things happen occasionally, we do our best to locate the items and get them back to whom they belong as quickly as possible. It really helps if parents label all their child's belongings: clothing (jackets, sweaters, hats, etc.), blankets, and "lovey" toys. backpacks, bags, and car seats.

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Current Illness Policy:

Most medical professionals consider a fever to be 100.4. If your child has a fever at or above 100.4, please seek medical attention. Please keep them home.

We have a NO temperature policy at our school. If your child has ANY fever, they will be sent home and must be picked up within the hour. The child must remain out of the school for 24 hours and be fever free without the use of fever reducing medication for 24 hours before they can return.

If your child is absent or has been sent home due to illness with, fever, cough, or contagious illness (Covid, Hand Foot & Mouth/ RSV, Strep, etc.), a doctor's note with a date that the child may return to school is required

Going into the 2024 fall and winter season if a child is diagnosed with a contagious illness, household members /siblings are strongly encouraged to stay at home to reduce the spread of germs to others.

A doctor's note is always required for children to return to school after a contagious illness (COVID, Flu, Strep, RSV, Hand Foot & Mouth, Pink Eye, etc.).

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The children are taught to sneeze into their elbow, wipe/ blow their noses often, as well as maintaining frequent hand washing. We do this in addition to our cleaning/ sanitizing/ disinfecting protocol to help reduce the spread of illness.

Hand washing is the best way to reduce the spread of illness. We are diligent about handwashing procedures.

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We have
changed our
late pick up fees

2024 Center Closings

Our Center is closed on

- January 1, 2024 (*Monday*) New Year's Day
- January 2, 2024 (*Tuesday*) New Year's Day
- February 19, 2024 (*Monday*) In Service Day for Teacher Training
- May 27, 2024 (*Monday*) Memorial Day
- July 4, 2024 (*Thursday*) Independence Day
- July 5, 2024 (*Friday*) Independence Day
- August 9, 2024 (*Friday*) In Service Day for Teacher Training
- September 2, 2024 (*Monday*) Labor Day
- October 14, 2024 (*Monday*) In Service Day for Teacher Training
- November 28, 2024 (*Thursday*) Thanksgiving Day
- November 29, 2024 (*Friday*) Day after Thanksgiving
- December 24, 2024 (*Tuesday*) Christmas Eve Day
- December 25, 2024 (*Wednesday*) Christmas Day
- December 31, 2024 (*Friday*) New Year's Eve Day
- January 1, 2025 (*Wednesday*) New Year's Day

HOURS OF OPERATION ARE: 6:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Latest Pick up is 6:15 PM

LATE PICK UP FEES ARE ASSESSED PER CHILD:
\$20.00 Minimum
and
an additional \$2.00 per minute after 6:40 PM

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*It is Back to School
time!*



Ms. Angie



Ms. Katie



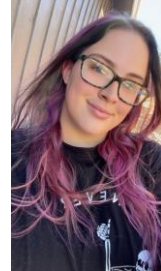
Ms. Heidi



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Ms. Sarrah



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