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



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Let's Rodeo San Antonio!

February 6 through 23, 2025 is the San Antonio Stock and Rodeo Show! To celebrate and get in the rodeo spirit, we have Dress Like A Cowgirl/ Cowboy Day on Friday, February 7.

Remember... a cowgirl/cowboy costume is the best ranch dressing!

CHILDREN'S LIGHTHOUSE LEARNING CENTER

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Congratulations

Ms. Heidi – 6 year Work Anniversary

Ms. Yahaira – 10 year Work Anniversary

Ms. Veronica – 1 year Work Anniversary

Thank you for all you do!

Valentine's Day Class Parties

Friday, February 14, 2025 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm Sign up for party treats will be in each classroom.

If your child does not normally attend school on Fridays or is not normally here past 2:00 pm, please know your child is welcome to join the party. Please call in advance to let us know if your child will be participate from 3:00pm to 4:00pm.

The children will exchange Valentine's Day cards. Please bring UNADDRESSED Valentine's Day Cards for each child in class. Email will be sent with the number of children in your child's classroom.

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The Center will be closed Monday
February 17, 2025
for
Teacher In-Service Training

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Nothing Scheduled

Welcome

We welcome our
new families and teachers
to the
Children's Lighthouse
Family!





Dr. Seuss Parade

We celebrate Read Across America by celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday on February 3, 2025.

This month, the classrooms read a variety of Dr. Seuss books. The classes make costumes and parade through the center!



Monday March 17, 2025 is Dress In Green Day



SPRING BREAK 2025

If you need care for you school aged child, we are available

- NEISD March 10-14, 2025
- Comal ISD March 17 -21, 2025

Please let a member of the Front Office know if your child will be in attendance. We will provide daily or weekly prices.

If your child will not be in attendance, let us know so that we can apply one (1) of your five (5) weeks of Absentee Credit.



2024 Tax Statements Were Emailed

The 2024 Tax Statements were prepared and sent out via email January 10, 2025 at 9:37 am. Please save the email or print the Tax Statements for your records.

We will have duplicates available, but there will be a \$5.00 fee for a copy.

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.

Discounted Annual Curriculum Fees & Continuous Enrollment

In April we look forward and begin planning for the 2025 – 2026 School Year.

To prepare, we ask parents to complete a Continuous Enrollment Form and pay a discounted Annual Curriculum Fee for the upcoming school year. We appreciate you helping us in the planning and preparation and offer discounted Annual Curriculum Fees. The discounts are as follows, if the Annual Curriculum Fee is paid the 1st week of April we offer a 25% discount, the 2nd week we offer a 20% discount, the 3rd week we offer a 15% discount, and the 4th week we offer a 10% discount.

Open enrollment for new families begins May 1, 2025. Annual Curriculum Fees will be full price April 28, 2025.

WINTER ASSESSMENTS

The teachers completed Winter Assessments. Parents will receive them the second week of February 2025. Parent Teacher Conferences will be February 18, 19, & 20.

Spring Assessments will also begin and those completed Assessments will go home to parents in May.

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 with Winter Assessment.

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

Mid-Year Move Ups

Because of the way some of the children's birthdays fall, we do mid-year move ups. This will take place the last week of February 2025. Only parents who have children that will be making a mid-year

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Parents of children that will be moving up mid-year will be notified by a member of the Front Office staff.

OUTDOOR PLAY

We take advantage of nice weather when we can. We watch the air quality index and air temperature.

The weather is getting colder. As everyone is wearing extra layers, please label your child's belongings to avoid mix ups....clothing/jacket/ sweater/ etc.

CALENDAR 🚣

FEB 6 to 23 – SAN ANTONIO RODEO FEB 7 – DRESS LIKE A COWGIRL/ COWBOY DAY

FEB 10 – WINTER ASSESSMENTS & UPDATE TO ENROLLMENT FORMS OUT TO PARENTS

FEB 14 – VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES 3:00 PM– 4:00 PM & COMAL ISD CLOSED

FEB 17 – CENTER CLOSED FOR IN-SERVICE TRAINING & COMAL SCHOOLS CLOSED & NEISD SCHOOLS CLOSED

FEB 18, 19 & 20 WINTER

ASSESSMENTS – PARENT
TEACHER CONFERENCES

MAR 3 - DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY/ READ ACROSS AMERICA CELEBRATION & PARADE

MAR 7 – EARLY RELEASE NEISD MAR 10 - MAR 14– SPRING BREAK

FOR NEISD

MAR 17 – WEAR GREEN FOR ST. PATTY'S DAY

MAR 17 - MAR 21– SPRING BREAK FOR COMAL ISD

MAR 24 - MAR 28– SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

KEEPING INFORMED AND IN TOUCH

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).

Main Telephone

Number: 210-494-9200

Backline Telephone

Numbers: 830-980-6940

830-980-6941

General Email Inbox:

BulverdeRoad@ChildrensLighthouse.com

Additional Resources to stay informed about activity announcements and reminders:





Follow us on Instagram
Our Handle is: @clclbulverderoad

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ENRICHMENT CLASSES Spring 2025

MONDAY

TUESDAY

Nothing Scheduled



SOCCER SHOTS Vist website for enrollment and payment www.soccershots.org

WEDNESDAY

Nothing Scheduled

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



Vist website for enrollment and payment

MY GYM

Vist website for enrollment and payment

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 after schooler 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.

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 Coachworks 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.

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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.

Current Illness Policy:

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

We have a <u>NO</u> temperature policy at our school. If your child has <u>ANY</u> fever, they will be sent home and must be picked up within the <u>hour</u>. 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.).

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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2025 Center Closings

Our Center is closed on

December 24, 2024 (Tuesday) **Christmas Eve Day**

December 25, 2024 (Wednesday) Christmas Day

December 31, 2024 (Tuesday) **New Year's Eve Day**

January 1, 2025 (Wednesday) **New Year's Day** February 17, 2025 (Monday) In Service Day for

Teacher Training

April 21, 2025 (Monday) Easter Monday

May 26, 2025 (*Monday*) **Memorial Day**

June 19, 2025 (Thursday) Juneteenth

July 4, 2025 (*Friday*) **Independence Day** August 8, 2025 (*Friday*) In Service Day for

Teacher Training

September 1, 2025 (Monday) **Labor Day**

October 13, 2025 (*Monday*) In Service Day for

Teacher Training

November 27, 2025 (Thursday) **Thanksgiving Day**

November 28, 2025 (Friday) Day after Thanksgiving

December 24, 2025 (Wednesday) Christmas Eve Day

December 25, 2025 (Thursday) **Christmas Day**

December 31, 2025 (Wednesday) New Year's Eve Day

January 1, 2026 (Thursday) **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 &an additional \$2.00 per minute after 6:40 PM



