

January  
2019

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one step at a time .....

Calendar....  
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## TRUCKSVILLE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Jan. 9—** PEG Undeck Halls  
& Meeting @ 9:35

**Jan. 14—** Registration  
Forms Distributed

**Jan. 14 & 15—** Blue  
Days

**Jan. 17 & 18 —**No School.  
Teacher Conferences

**Jan. 21—**NO SCHOOL

**Jan. 22—**Early Registration  
Begins

**Jan. 22 & 23—** Eye  
Screening  
\*2 Helpers Needed ea day.  
Must have ALL clearances.  
Sign up in office

**Jan. 28-2/1—** Open  
House Week for New Fami-  
lies

**2019-20  
FULL DAY  
KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM**  
(Star Fall Curriculum)  
Must be 5 by Sept 30, 2019  
&  
**KINDERGARTEN  
EXTENSION**  
For Dallas School District  
morning Kindergarten students.

**TECEC's Scholastic  
Online Book Order  
Code  
GZG8M**

## REGISTRATION FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

**JANUARY 14—** Forms Distributed to our  
Education Center, Alumni,  
& Church Families

**JANUARY 22—** Registration Begins for the  
the above families

**JANUARY 28—Feb 1 - Open House Week**  
Prospective Families are encouraged to utilize this  
time to tour our facilities and pose questions to our  
staff.

**JANUARY 28—** Registration Begins for  
New Families



### COMING SOON— CREDIT CARD PROCESSING

We are in the process of being able to accept credit  
cards for Tuition Payments. Processing fees will apply.  
Stop by the office for more information and specific  
start date.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### SNOW CLOTHING AND DELAYED SCHEDULE

We are looking forward to "all the experiences we will share together" during the new year. Hopefully, the children will have ample opportunity to play in the snow and build fabulous snowmen and discover the wonders of the winter season. Please send your child's labeled snow clothes to school in a labeled tote bag each session your child comes to school. Keep in mind teachers have many students to assist. Keep it simple please! (mittens instead of gloves, closures children can manipulate, etc.) We do not go out on days when the temperature or wind-chill is below 25 degrees.

Remember announcements concerning schedule changes due to inclement weather will be placed on TV Stations Channel 16, 22 & 28,. However, if Dallas School District cancels or delays, we will also. Phone moms will call only if there is an emergency. If there are phone numbers that should be called other than your home number or if your number has recently changed, please let us know in the office.

**Weather Delays** will be announced on TV as follows: **1 Hour Delay**

**Before Care**—9:30 start

**AM Classes** 10:15—12:15 or  
10:30—12:30

**Kindergarten** 10:15-2:45

**4's PM Extensions** dismiss @  
2:30

**Kindergarten Ext** dismisses at  
2:45.

**Aftercare** dismisses at 4:00



### BOX TOPS

Don't forget to bring in Box Tops.  
There is a mail box in the lobby

### "Cookie & Art Night" - it was a huge success and a lot of fun!!!

(Over 100 Painters..)

- Thank you to Hillside Farms for donating the milk.
- Thank you to Jodie Pellegrini, Jessica Cawley, Tara Sinclair, Desiree Edwards and the TECEC Staff for all their hard work in prepping and leading the efforts for a great night.
- Thank you to the Art Party Place for the easels and everyone who donated cookies to make the evening fun.

### New Playgroup Class (2 year olds)

**Monday & Wednesday 9:30-  
11:45**

Mrs. Stephanie Kachinko will return again this year as the Playgroup Teacher and Mrs. Pellegrini is the Teacher Aide.

## KINDERGARTEN & KINDERGARTEN EXTENSION—

### \*Full Day Kindergarten—9:15-2:45

Our Kindergarten class size is limited to 14 children promoting opportunities for more individualized instruction. We utilize Starfall and Starfall Math Curriculums, and implement Writers Workshop, utilizing the Lucy Calkins model. The Starfall Curriculum is research based and field tested. It incorporates reading and language art skills and strategies with social studies and science, and employs technology in the classroom. The curriculum meets and exceeds PA Standards for Kindergarten. You can learn more about Starfall by visiting [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com) and click on Kindergarten Curriculum, then Curriculum at a Glance.

**\*Dallas AM Kindergarten Extension** - Children are bused to our Center where they eat lunch (brought from home) and participate in our program until 2:45. This program integrates math and language skills they are learning at Dallas into creative and challenging art, science, math, and cooking activities. They also participate in Writers Workshop.

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## EYE SCREENING

The Association for the Blind will be here on January 22 & 23 to conduct vision screening. It is estimated 85% of what we learn comes through our vision, so it is important to detect problems as soon as possible. You will receive a parental consent form. This form **must** be signed and returned by the above dates to your child's teacher.

We also need volunteers (2 per session) to assist the Association. If you would like to help, please contact the School Office. **All Clearances Needed.**



### Jan 22nd (Tues)

Higgins 2 day class  
Teixeira 4's  
Edwards Y4s  
Carpenter 4's  
Magdalinski 4's

### Jan 23rd (Wed)

Higgins 3 day class  
Blazure 3's  
Rost 4's  
Kinney 4's  
Collins Kindergarten

**\* Playgroup classes will not be tested**

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## MANY THANK YOUs.....

Thank you to all who decorated TECEC for the holidays and those who participated in our Holiday Workshop and Store. Our PEG committee did an outstanding job. The elves had a fun time and the children were thrilled with their purchases. (Fundraisers provide this fun experience)

Thank you parents and caregivers for your patience in our parking lot when you bring your children to school and at dismissal time. You and your child's safety is our priority.

Our students and families also donated over 500 hats, gloves & undies to St Vincent's for them to give to families in need.

Thank you to Mark Pisano from Phil's Sunoco Gas Station, Wilkes-Barre for the Christmas Trees. Thank you to Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Kauffer and the Nav-rocky Family for their generosity.

Thank you to everyone who donated toys so generously to "Maddy's Gift" in our lobby. They had a wonderful turn out this Christmas.



# STEM (MATH & LANGUAGE)

M/W and T/TH Classes w/ Mrs. Teixeira

This program will begin in January and is **available to 4/5 students and** is designed to be a 2 day program utilizing the combination of these days for optimum uniformity of this program.

The class emphasizes Science, Technology, Engineering, Math & Language Skills. Your child will create and stand in a giant bubble, catapult marshmallows, create a bridge, make a race car, go on scavenger hunts, make ice cream and so much more.

Cost—\$160 for 6 weeks

Enrolling for all 6 weeks guarantees your child's spot in the class.

Register in the office by Jan 23rd

## Monday/Wednesday

Jan 28, 30

Feb 4, 6, 11, 13,

March 4 & 6

## Tuesday/Thursday

Jan 29, 31

Feb 5, 7, 12, 14

March 5 & 7

## ***DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR LUNCHES!***

*We are a peanut free facility.*

***No peanut butter or products with peanut butter or nuts (including Nutella), or manufactured in a facility where nuts are present. Sun butter is OK, as long as it's labeled in the lunch.***

**A Note from the TECEC Board of Directors**  
**TECEC Scholarship Program**

The 2016-17 school year was the inaugural year of the awarding of a scholarship to attend our incredible center. This scholarship is sponsored by the TECEC Board of Directors and the TECEC Staff, and will be granted annually to a child whose family's financial circumstances would prohibit him or her from attending otherwise. This school year, the scholarship was brought to fruition by generous donations from the Trucksville United Methodist Church Mission Committee, and donations from several individuals from the TUMC Church and the TECEC Teachers, Aides and Staff.

For the upcoming 2019-20 school year, we would like to give our TECEC families the opportunity to contribute to our scholarship fund. The amount needed to attend a three-day 4/5 year old program is \$1872.00. Please consider making a donation of any amount when you pay your tuition. An additional amount from several families can add up very quickly! Please clearly indicate the amount of your donation as separate from your tuition on your check. If you would like a receipt for your donation, see our office staff. You will also have an opportunity to make a donation to our scholarship fund included with our Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy Sale order form. We hope to be able to offer 2 scholarships again next school year, and feel confident that with the generosity and team work of our TUMC and TECEC families, we can accomplish this goal! Thank you in advance for your generosity!

If you know of a family who may qualify financially for our scholarship, please refer them to us. They can get more information by calling our office at 570-696-3899 and speaking to Brenda Strutko, our Director. We wish all our TECEC families a very Happy and Healthy 2019!

Sincerely,

Brenda Strutko, Director  
Pastor Jay Jones  
Janis Seeley Co-Chairmen,  
TECEC Board of Directors

# JANUARY 2019



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		2 New Playgroup Class Begins Room 9	3	4
7	8 <b>PEG Undeck                      Halls &amp; Meeting                      @ 9:35.</b>	9	10	11  Book Orders Due
14	15	16	17	18
2019-20 Registration Forms Distributed  Blue Days			Parent/Teacher Conferences No School	
21 NO SCHOOL	22	23	24	25
		Eye Screenings		
Open Registration Week				
28	29	30	31	
		Music & Movement		
Open House Week for New Families				

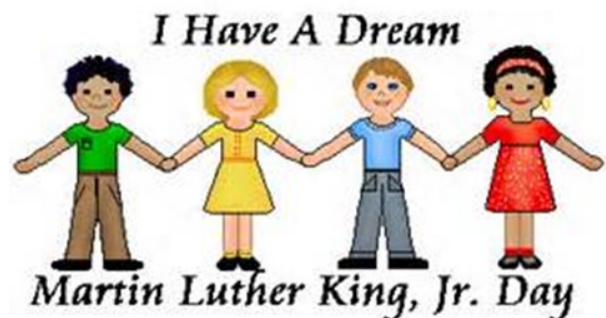
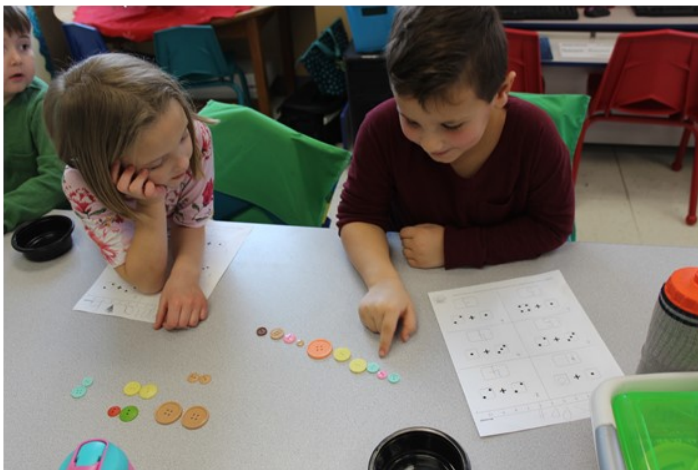




# Kindergarten Connection

Happy New Year to all of our Kindergarten families! It is great to see our students back and eager to learn! The goal of the Kindergarten Connection for T.E.C.E.C. is to provide information to current and prospective Kindergarten families. Our current Kindergarten class has been having an amazing year! Through the Starfall curriculum, students are making tremendous progress towards becoming independent readers and are also familiarizing themselves with American Sign Language. Our mascot, Backpack Bear, is a constant friend who motivates his classmates to grow and explore. Our math curriculum, Starfall Mathematics, is carefully designed to build and expand a student's mathematical proficiency and understanding. During Writer's Workshop, students will continue to strive to write stories with a beginning, middle and end. If you are considering our program for your child next year, please do not hesitate to talk with Mrs. Strutko, Mrs. Collins, Ms. Nelson or any of our current Kindergarten parents. Best wishes to all for a wonderful 2019!

During January, children will review what they have learned about citizens and their actions. We will learn about peaceful ways to solve problems through discussion and literature that introduces pioneers in America's civil rights movement, to include Martin Luther King, Jr., Ruby Bridges and Rosa Parks. We will review each letter and its sound and we will begin discovering vowels. We will continue to learn the difference between living and nonliving objects. With the help of Backpack Bear's Plant Book, we will discover how plants and animals cooperate, or help each other exist, through the oxygen cycle. We will plant and observe the growth of lima beans while discovering the parts of a plant and their functions. We will end the first semester at the end of the month.



Note to Kindergarten Parents: Kindergarten students will go outside for recess daily, weather permitting. Please dress your child appropriately for the colder weather. The children will need to wear all snow gear, including snow pants and boots in order to play in the snow. You can send snow gear in separate bags/backpacks. It is also very helpful when the children can put on their winter gear independently, including fastening buttons, snaps, zippers, and putting on boots/gloves.