

## THINGS TO KNOW

Hey Tri-County!

Welcome to the new school year! I hope each of you found moments to decompress and enjoy quality time with your loved ones over the summer break.

As we gear up for the upcoming school year, let's embrace our theme: "Back to Basics." This theme reminds us of the importance of focusing on foundational practices that support the growth and development of the children and families we serve. By honing in on these essentials, we can create an environment where everyone thrives.

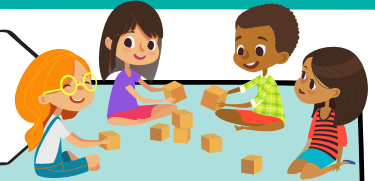
If you have not had the opportunity to check out our newly updated Maywood Center, please go by and see the exciting changes we've made. We are committed to enhancing our facilities to better serve our community.

I am excited about the year ahead and look forward to a journey filled with progress, innovation, and collaborative success. Together, we will continue to make a meaningful impact on our community and support the bright futures of the children in our care.

Thank you for your continued passion and dedication. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Dr. Welch

## CALENDAR



### Tri-County Head Start Events:

- August 13 Home-Based Graduation
- August 16 Last Day Summer School
- [August 19 Policy Council Meeting](#)
- August 20 Board of Directors Meeting
- August 19-23 Closed for Staff Preservice
- **August 26 First Day of School**
- September 2 Closed for Labor Day Holiday
- September 12 Family Kick-Off Event



### Free Community Events:

- [Waterloo Urban Farmers Market](#) - every Saturday 8 am to Noon
- [Friday Loo](#) - August 9 & 30, 5:30-9:30 pm
- [Story Time](#) - August 15 & 21
- Back to School Events:
  - [Backpack Drive](#) - August 3, 4:00-6:00 pm
  - [Crossroads Community Church of the Nazarene](#) - August 10, 11:00 am-1:00 pm
  - [Cedarloo Church of Christ](#) - August 10, 5:00-7:00 pm
  - [Sullivan Park](#) - August 17, 11:00 am-4:00 pm
  - [PAYNE AME Church](#) - August 18, 12:30-3:00 pm

### OUR MISSION

To inspire every child and support every family.

### OUR VISION

Changing the world one mind at a time.

### OUR CORE VALUES



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Tri-County Head Start

## HEALTH

### National Immunization Month

[Recommended Schedule](#)

### Environmental Hazards: Noise

Many parents know that loud noise can hurt a child's hearing. Very loud sound from fireworks or firearms for example can cause immediate damage. Using personal listening devices for music, videos and classes, can also cause damage if they're too loud.

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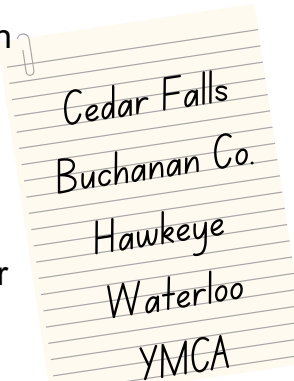
## LCC

As we gear up for an exciting school year, I'd like to first introduce myself. My name is Shayla Stevenson and I am the program manager at the LCC. If there are ever any questions, comments, or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.

Teachers and staff have been engaged in trainings and planning sessions so that we are able to provide the best possible learning and care to your child and your family!

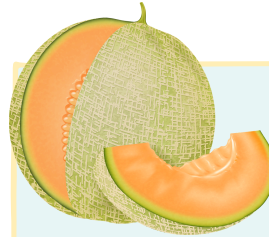
## PARTNERS

Welcome to all of our families and children to the 2024-2025 school year. We are so excited to meet each of your children and see how they grow and develop throughout the school year! Each month, we will share exciting events coming up or that occurred, as well as ways you can extend the learning from school to your home! Click Read More to find information about staff in each location.



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## NUTRITION



In August, we will learn about melons. Melons are a healthy fruit to include in your families diet! For more information click read more below.

[READ MORE](#)

[Menu](#)



U.S. Breastfeeding Committee  
National Breastfeeding Month 2024

*Nourish, Sustain, Thrive*

### It is National Breastfeeding Month!

Breastfeeding is a healthy choice for both mom and baby.

## MAYWOOD

August and the end of our Summer Session is here. We have had such a wonderful summer at Maywood. We have seen so much growth and learning; it is exciting to think about beginning our regular school year. Although it has been very warm, we have had plenty of time to get outside and play as well. As we wrap up summer at Maywood, we would like to thank you for sharing yourselves and children with us and welcome everyone attending Maywood this fall!

## HOME-BASED

Welcome back to school for another exciting year! The Home-Based team is excited for a new year and new opportunities! To learn more about the Home-Based program, click Read More below!

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