



## *Day Camp Enrollment is OPEN!*

Day Camp is one of our favorite times of the year. We create a summer program with hopes to give our school agers the best summer that they deserve. The memories, laughs, friendships that are made during our Summer Day Camp are unforgettable and something we all cherish.

Our school age planning team is working extra hard to plan a fun summer filled with field trips, cooking projects, STEAM activities, and so much more!

If you are interested in learning more or would like to enroll today, please contact KIM at [Kim.Avendt@learningtreechildcare.com](mailto:Kim.Avendt@learningtreechildcare.com)

We can't wait for a FUN summer!

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# St. Patrick's Day

Our teachers and their classrooms are starting to work hard to create a Leprechaun Trap that follows "S.T.E.A.M" next week!

Science  
Technology  
Engineering  
Art  
Math



By creating these Leprechaun traps, we decided to create a little FUN curriculum contest for our teachers for St. Patrick's Day!

We are asking families to go over to our Facebook pages and "like" or "love" your favorite Leprechaun Trap. We hope to catch the sneaky little leprechaun tonight, we hear that he is up to lots of tricks and surprises!

Pictures will be up next Friday, March 15th and voting will end Sunday, March 17th!

Be sure to head over to our Facebook Pages to like or love a trap of your choice and to check out all the Leprechaun Traps to see all the hard work all our teachers and children have been putting into for this FUN activity.

## Spring Parties

**COMING SOON!**

Spring parties are right around the corner and we can't wait to celebrate with LT families. Our teachers are busy planning a lesson plan filled of literacy, art, sensory, cooking projects and more!

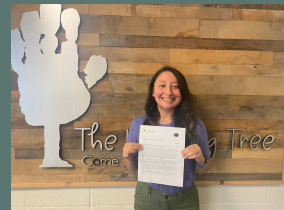
We will also be having a special visit from the BUNNY!!! The bunny will be hopping around from classroom to classroom to visit with the children and we cannot wait!

Be sure to check out LTs social media pages for all the pictures and FUN

SPRING CELEBRATION DATES:  
HOWELL: Monday, March 25th  
NORTH: Tuesday, March 26th  
SOUTH: Wednesday, March 27th  
WEST: Thursday, March 28th  
SOUTH LYON: Friday, March 29th



## Investing in our Teachers Futures!



One of our Core Values is "Investing in Our Teachers Futures" The Learning Tree is proud to have a fully supported CDA program to support teacher's education growth.

We partner with CCEI, a nationally accredited program, for teachers to earn their Child Development Associates Certificate. Earning education is a life goal, and we are proud to support this journey with our CDA program.

The Learning Tree covers 85% of the cost of this program so that amazing assistant teachers can earn their credentials to be a Lead Teacher. This shows the teachers how much we believe in them, their future and that we are passionate about giving our time, resources and supporting their education financially. But we don't stop at just teachers looking to be leads! We also have teachers in the assistant position who are dedicated to each child's growth as well as their own and want to support their classroom with the CDA.





## Recipe to Try at Home!

### CARROT CAKE OATMEAL



#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1/3 cup oats
- 2.3 cup milk of choice
- 1/4 cup finely grated carrots
- 1/4 tsp cinnamon
- 1/8 tsp ground ginger
- 1/8 tsp ground nutmeg
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 1 tsp brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp vanilla
- pinch of salt

#### DIRECTIONS:

- Combine oats, carrot, milk, vanilla, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg and salt in a microwave safe bowl or container and cook on high for 2 minutes
- Add brown sugar and raisins and more milk if needed. Enjoy!



Serving a fresh,  
*Organic Menu*

## Tip from Sarah!

### How to teach your kids positive, life-long eating habits

@sarahremmer X The Learning Tree

#### Instead of...

Talking about "good" vs. "bad" foods

Restricting sweets

Teaching about calories or macros or portion sizes

Teaching about balancing eating with exercise



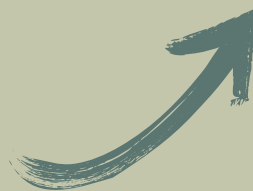
#### Consider...

Teach that we need a variety of foods everyday

Offer sweets

Teach them (and model) intuitive eating

Engage in and encourage enjoyable movement



Sometimes we revert back to old-school rules and teachings with our own kids, even when we know that they don't work or won't serve our kids in the long-run. Nutrition and feeding is no exception! It's tough to break generational patterns (because it's what we know!), but even if we can shift our thinking in the slightest way, it can make the biggest difference.

When it comes to feeding your kids and teaching them healthy eating habits, I want you to focus on one thing: your child's long-term relationship with food. Will what you're doing or saying benefit them in the long run? Encourage them to love a variety of foods on their own? Love and accept their bodies? If your goal is to get them to eat NOW, or to micromanage the amounts or types of food they eat in the name of "health", I want you to be aware of this and consider a different way.



# LT-Lyon Township

## COMING SOON

We are in the final stages of construction and we are so excited to open the doors to families soon! The classrooms are ready to go and we are so excited to share with you pictures of the BRAND NEW building.

Alexis McNett, The Learning Tree's Curriculum Director has taken the role of Center Director at The Learning Tree- Lyon Township!

If you are interested in learning more about the BRAND NEW center, please contact Kim at [Kim.Avendt@learningtreechildcare.com](mailto:Kim.Avendt@learningtreechildcare.com)



*Coming Soon*



## Putting Families First

### CORE VALUE HIGHLIGHT



T - Putting Families First

Putting Families First is our Core Value that supports PARENTS and Customer Service. We have a "what we CAN do" mind set with all that we do for serving families. We understand parents are trusting us with the most important part of their life; their child! This promise of trust is why we put families first, so that they feel welcome and have many opportunities to enjoy and feel confident in our program.

Ways we put our families first:

- Communication App
- We are dependable
- Birthday parties LT Style
- Farmers Market
- Family conferences
- Our doors are always open to talk
- Family events

[Click HERE to watch our video to learn more about our core value.](#)



# Valentines Day!

We celebrated Valentine's Day in all of our classrooms on February 14th. There was nothing but LOVE going around our centers! During our party LT children explored their social emotional skills, language skills, literacy skills, and more during their activities, cooking projects, crafts, and through all the fun they had celebrating Valentine's Day!

We also celebrated LT teachers!! LT Bloom Wellness team set up a Valentine's Day station for the LT team!!

Everyone was able to make a charm bracelet on their lunch break yesterday to celebrate Valentine's Day! We are so grateful for our team and loved spreading the love with a special gift. Huge thank you to LT Bloom Wellness team for putting this event together!!



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# *Celebrating LT Employees!*

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES!**

We are so grateful for LT employees, and we LOVE celebrating birthdays and anniversaries each month! This month we are celebrating the following birthdays and anniversaries!

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Hannah S - LT Howell 3.22  
Shelbie V - LT Howell 3.23  
Shannon O - LT North 3.4  
Morgan H - LT North 3.6  
Emma H - LT North 3.9  
Brooke B - LT North 3.11  
Bonnie M - Regional Team 3.31  
Tami W - Regional Team 3.20  
Brenda R - LT South 3.18  
Connie K - LT West 3.24

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

Heather LT Howell - 1 year on 3.10!  
Cassel LT North - 2 years on 3.7!  
Morgan LT North - 2 years on 3.28!  
Lisa LT South Lyon - 2 years on 3.16!  
Maria LT South Lyon - 1 year on 3.27!  
Paula Regional Team - 2 years on 3.24!  
Alexis Regional Team - 9 years on 3.26!

# LET'S CELEBRATE!

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