

From the Program Director

Hope you all have been enjoying your summer!

Special thanks to the AllCare Community Advisory Council for the grant award of \$6000 for our Summer Preschool program. Thanks to this grant, we have been able to have a summer program for children ages 3-5 years, providing them with two days a week of classes, including snacks and lunches. Our teacher, Ms. Retta, has been busy teaching; volunteer, Lisa Retherford and I have made sure everyone has yummy snacks and lunches. We have been wanting to offer a summer program for quite some time and are so happy to be able to provide this opportunity for children and families in our area.

In July, the preschool hosted a co-ed softball tournament fundraiser. We had some amazing sponsors that covered the cost of t-shirts and players that came in from all over the valley, even a couple of alumni that came all the way from Washington to play. There were 4 teams. The Landing, The Learning Tree @the Landing preschool, Tree of Life Learning Center, and another team of various players. Thank you to Loretta Ellis for organizing the event, Shane Smith, Sarah Wilson, and Susie and Jakob St. George for running the concessions stand, KaCee Eller for doing the books, Jeff Gorman and Kevin Newby for preparing the field, and all the players and spectators for being such good sports and helping to make this a fun event. Sponsors were: GFab, Inc., The Sugar Pine Company Cafe, Don Hamann, Inc., TLC's Heavy Equipment Repair, Tree of Life Learning Center, and 98 Restoration LLC for sponsoring the team and championship shirts. The Landing team took first place and, although ibuprofen was used by quite a few players, everyone seemed to have a good time. Many players had not played in years and for others it was their first time playing softball. We hope to make this an annual event. Thank you to Don and Cory Hamann for sponsoring some of the players. This event brought in gross proceeds of over \$1500. Thank you all so much for your support!

This month, on August 24, the Butte Falls Community School Partnership will be holding our annual fundraising benefit in the Landing parking lot. We will be doing a school supply giveaway for Butte Falls Charter School students, a memorial succulent garden dedication to honor Linda Azavedo, a BBQ, and live music and dancing. Music performed by Mojo Tribe. All proceeds from this event will go towards supporting the programs offered at the Landing. Last year we had to cancel due to smoke in the air. If the air quality is poor this year, we will move event indoors. For any questions please contact me at the Landing at 541.865.3500.

Please check out our Facebook page @thelandinginbuttefalls for ongoing events and announcements.

Once again, thank you to all of our supporters and volunteers for all you do to help us serve the greater Butte Falls community.

Thank you,

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