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March 2024

Lakeshore Little People's Place

Applications Open

I am happy to announce the launch of the LLPP Parent Engagement Team. Parents are vital partners in the work we do at LLPP, so it is my pleasure to offer the opportunity for parents to support the ministry of Lakeshore Little People's Place by volunteering their time, talents, and resources. Parents (guardians, step-parents, grandparents) may view a Guidance Document on the Parent tab of our [website](#), which includes helpful FAQs for more information. An application may be submitted by clicking this [Google Form](#), to express your interest.



Save the Date

Mark your calendars for the First Annual LLPP Walk-a-Thon!

Date: Saturday, June 22

Time: 8:00am-11:00am

Place: Helder Park, large pavilion (3751 104th Ave., Zeeland, MI 49464)

Why: Healthy Kids are Happy Kids! Let's all walk together to support LLPP, raise some funds, and enjoy what we hope is a beautiful Michigan summer morning!

MORE DETAILS TO COME, including how you and your child can find easy and fun ways to gather pledges and generate interest from your own network of family, friends, and neighbors.

Community Connections

Please consider supporting Ed and Nancy Hanenburg's Children's Advocacy Center, by donating new and unused personal care items to Cora's Closet. Look for a bin to donate items in the entryway of your site location. Click [HERE](#) for more information and a list of needed items.

A heartfelt THANK YOU for the nomination and to all who voted for LLPP in the Holland Sentinel's 2023 [Community Choice Awards](#) for Best Child Care. It is our honor and privilege to serve our community and provide high-quality, faith-based child care and preschool.



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Celebrating reading in March is a time-honored tradition for educators. Growing up, I developed a love for reading early, and still hold dear some favorite books from my early years. My childhood favorites include The Snowy Day, anything by Richard Scarry and Beverly Cleary, Charlotte's Web, and Where the Red Fern Grows, many of which are pictured (right) from my personal collection I've cherished all these years. As a mom, some of my treasured moments were when my boys piled on my lap to snuggle up with a blanket and a big pile of books. I hope you are able to savor those special moments and help your child develop a love for reading too!



Could you spare a few moments?

Interested in making a big impact with just a few minutes of your time? Click the Google Form below and complete a brief survey. Valuable and helpful data can be collected when every LLPP household participates. And that data will be used to strengthen our relationships with area businesses, local churches, and community partners.

Thanks in advance for your time.

[Parent/Family Survey](#) ➡

[Staff Survey](#) ➡

Staff Spotlight

Many heartfelt thanks to our veteran team of teachers and caregivers who have been with us for 10 years or more this year! Their dedication and commitment is truly a blessing to LLPP. Thanks to ALL our amazing staff.



- Nicole Schipper (12)
- Darshan Collins (10)
- Kylie Irenand (11)
- Cassie TenHarmsel (20)
- Gabi VanHuis (10)
- Sara Walters (10)
- Colleen Walters (11)
- Jan Zoerman (11)
- Amanda Trevino (10)



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