



Newsletter

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After-school clubs will be starting soon!!!

- Cross Country Team
- Girls on the Run/Heart and Sole
- Let Me Run
- After-School Martial Arts Program
- RC Car Club
- Pokemon TCG Club AT INDIAN TRAIL!

We are still looking for another Let Me Run Boys Coach! (Season starts Oct 5)

- If you need early drop-off at either location, please email admin@thelearninghabitat.com to see your options.



September NEWS

Welcome back, Learning Habitat families!

What an incredible, energy-filled first week of school we've had! From seeing familiar faces return to welcoming new students into our community, the energy across both our Indian Trail and Monroe locations has been inspiring.

Students jumped right into hands-on learning, reconnected with friends, and started exploring all the exciting activities coming up this year. It was wonderful watching our classrooms come alive with curiosity, creativity, and enthusiasm.

This week, we are excited to feature our math classes! Be sure to check out the following pages to see all the engaging activities and problem-solving our students have been up to!

A Few Quick Reminders:

Field Trips & Clubs: Registration for field trips is officially open, and sign-ups are ongoing for our new clubs—including RC Car Club, Pokemon TCG Club, Girls on the Run / Heart and Sole, Let Me Run, Cross Country, and Martial Arts

Coaching Opportunity: We are still actively searching for a Let Me Run Boys Coach (season starts October 5). If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out!

General Info: Be sure to check the newsletter pages for location-specific contact details, early drop-off procedures, and supply/checklist updates.

Thank you to our amazing parents, teachers, and staff for making this first week such a smooth and memorable success. We can't wait to see what the rest of the school year holds!





REMINDER

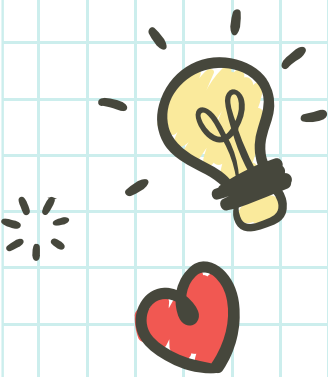


Doors open at 8:55 am.

**Please feel welcome to
walk your child to class
until they are able to do
it themselves!**



REMINDER CHECKLIST



• **MICROWAVES ARE LIMITED. PLEASE PACK ACCORDINGLY.**

• **Utensils and plates/bowls are NOT provided.**

• **Please send a water bottle and snacks!**

• **Pack extra clothes/shoes for rainy days or accidents. WE GO OUTSIDE IN THE RAIN.**

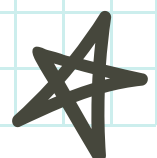
• **Doors open at 8:55 am! (early drop-off is available...email HERE)**



• **Drop off all medications with instructions to Trista (Monroe) or Jereline (Indian Trail).**

• **If your child did not receive their shirt, please let Trista or Jereline know via email.**

• **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER SEES YOU AT PICK-UP BEFORE LEAVING (BELOW 8TH GRADE).**



ABSENT

Please report absences via Blackbaud through the NEW "Report Absence" function.

The screenshot displays the Blackbaud Learning Habitat user interface. At the top, there is a blue header with a menu icon, the 'The LEARNING Habitat' logo, and a user profile for 'Everett Price '35'. Below the profile, a button labeled '+ Report absence' is circled in purple. Underneath this button is a grid of tabs: 'Progress' (highlighted in blue), 'Schedule', 'Assignments', 'Conduct', 'Course Requests', 'Contact Card', and 'Checklist'. Below the tabs is a 'Select Grade:' dropdown menu currently set to 'Fourth'. At the bottom, there is a 'Performance' section with a message stating 'Performance data not currently available.'

How to Opt In to Text Notifications in Blackbaud K-12

ParentStep-by-Step Guide

What you will do: Sign in to your school's Blackbaud Family Portal, open your notification settings, add your mobile number, and select the text alerts you want to receive.

Important: Blackbaud says the phone number entered in Notification Settings is a text-enabled device and is separate from phone numbers stored elsewhere in your profile.

Step 1 — Sign in to your Blackbaud Family Portal

Use the Blackbaud login link provided by your school. Sign in with the email address and password associated with your Blackbaud ID. If you are unsure which email address to use, contact your school.

Step 2 — Open your Settings

After you are signed in, look in the upper-right corner of the screen for your name or profile menu. Select your name, then choose Settings.

Step 3 — Select Notifications

In Settings, select Notifications. This is where Blackbaud lets parents choose whether eligible notifications are delivered by email and/or text.

1. Add your text-enabled phone number

Select how you would like to receive notifications.

	E-mail Address: None Available! 	TEXT Number: None Available! 
	Type	Setup E-mail

Screenshot: The Text Number area in Blackbaud's notification settings. Select the add option and enter the mobile number that should receive school text notifications.

Step 4 — Add your mobile number

Under the Text section, add the mobile phone number you want Blackbaud to use for notifications. Make sure it is a number that can receive SMS/text messages. If your carrier is not listed, do a quick google search to see which towers your carrier uses. You will need to receive a confirmation code and enter it.

Step 5 — Turn on the text notifications you want

Return to the notification list. Find the notification types you want and select the checkbox under the Text column. You can select individual notification types rather than turning on everything.

2. Choose Text for the alerts you want

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Screenshot: The Text column is on the right side of the notification list. A checked box means that notification type is enabled for text delivery.

TLH PARENT PACK

Who are we? The Parent Pack is The Learning Habitat's parent volunteer group.

What do we do? We help coordinate and facilitate fun school-wide events like the Halloween Hullababloo, the Winter Workshop, The Valentine's Day dance, Teacher Appreciation week and the end of the year party.

Who can join? You! We need parents to volunteer their time, energy, and/or money. Choose the form of volunteering that works best for you. Together, we can offer our learners fun extra-curricular events!

***Fill out the info form
here or scan the QR
code***



REQUIRED SUPPLY LIST



☐ BINDERS AND FOLDERS

☐ PENCILS

☐ MARKERS, COLORED PENCILS

☐ GLUE STICKS (6-12 PACK)

☐ NOTEBOOK PAPER (1 PACK)

☐ ERASERS (1 PACK)

☐ SCISSORS (2-3 PAIRS FOR CHILDREN)

☐ PAPER TOWELS (3+ ROLLS)

☐ TISSUES (3+ BOXES)

☐ CLEANING WIPES (2+ CANISTER)

☐ PRINTER PAPER AND/OR COLORED PAPER (1 REAM)

☐ BAND-AIDS (1 BOX)

☐ MARKERS/ COLORED PENCILS

☐ HAND SOAP

☐ OPTIONAL BUT NEEDED: CARD STOCK

☐ OPTIONAL BUT NEEDED: ICE PACKS

☐ OPTIONAL BUT NEEDED: EXPO MARKERS

☐ OPTIONAL BUT NEEDED: PENCIL SHARPENERS

☐ OPTIONAL BUT NEEDED: LIQUID GLUE

FOR YOUR CHILD'S USE

*Teachers may have
specific requests for
their classes also!*

FOR COMMUNITY USE

Thank you so much!

Prefer to donate
funds?



2026/2027



Calendar

August 2026							September 2026							October 2026							November 2026						
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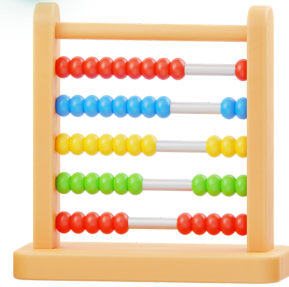
First Day of Classes
Last Day of Classes
End of Quarter

No School
Mandatory Testing Week



Mrs. Porch's Class!

2nd/3rd and 4th/5th Math



This week we are exploring math manipulatives and playing review games!

Please make sure to send in their math books!

MATH



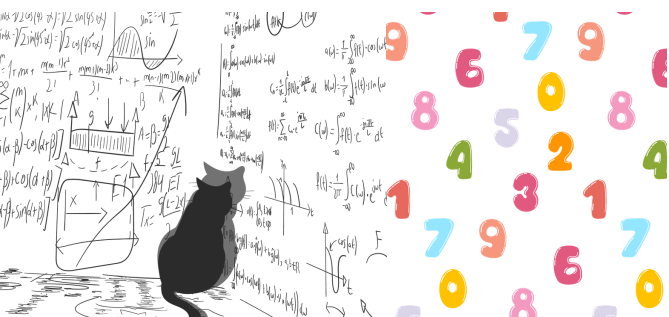
Mrs. Van Horn's Class!

**We worked on activity titles
"My Life in Numbers" and
posted them on the wall!**

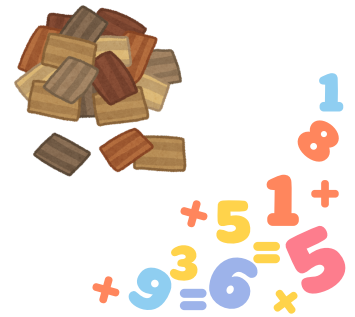
Mrs. Stublaski's Class!

What a great week! I am in love with your precious children! We had a good time this week.

We did our math outside using mulch pieces as counting chips. The kids thought it was silly and fun!



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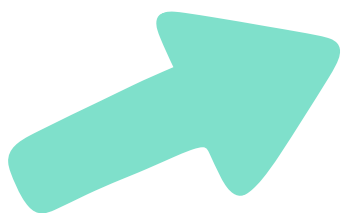
LET'S GO!

MIDDLE/HIGH CROSS COUNTRY TEAM!

Meeting at Monroe, running weekly. Let by TLH Parents, Monika and David Teixeira. New and experienced runners welcome.



Click here to
complete the
interest form.





GIRLS ON THE RUN OF UNION COUNTY

REGISTRATION IS OPEN
NOW! CLICK HERE TO
REGISTER!

→ **The Learning Habitat** ←

Season starts 9/14 and ends with

Gingersnap 5k on 11/21

**Practice days Mondays and Wednesdays from
3:15-4:45pm**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME ...OPEN TO ALL GIRLS
Grades 3-8 , NOT JUST TLH STUDENTS, so INVITE
YOUR FRIENDS!!!**

JOIN ^{OUR} team!

Click here to
help coach!

Click Here



WHAT IS LET ME RUN? Grades 3-5

OUR MISSION

Let Me Run is a nonprofit wellness program that inspires boys to be themselves, be active, and belong. With a comprehensive curriculum that applies the power of running, we encourage boys to develop their psychological, emotional, and social health, in addition to their physical health.

Twice a week for seven weeks, two trained volunteer coaches lead an elementary or middle school team through practice. Designed to amplify confidence, self-expression, and respect for others, each practice includes a lesson from the Let Me Run curriculum. Each fall and spring season culminates in a 5k race festival.

OUR IMPACT

An independent study showed Let Me Run....

- ✓ **INCREASES** healthy masculinity in boys
- ✓ **IMPROVES** social competence in boys
- ✓ **INCREASES** physical activity of boys
- ✓ **REDUCES** boys' screen time on school days

**BOYS REGISTRATION
COMING SOON!**

OUR PRACTICES



UNITY LAP

Practice opens with a slow lap that everyone runs together as a team.



POST-RUN STRETCHES

A group stretch establishes positive running habits and avoids injury.



DYNAMIC STRETCHES

A series of dynamic stretches assist in warming up the body.



LESSON & ACTIVITY

Discussion, role-playing, games, and activities cover age-appropriate topics.



RUN

Times and lengths of the runs vary each practice, culminating in an end-of-season 5k.



POSITIVE PEER CARDS

Boys write uplifting messages about themselves, community members, and others.



STRENGTH & AGILITY

Starting in 4th grade, boys complete push ups and strength and agility exercises.



CLOSING HUDDLE

The team huddles up and yells the mantra: "Let me be me! Let me reach out! Let me run!"



MOVEMENT

FAMILY MARTIAL ARTS

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

If you're looking for a way to set your child up for success, learn valuable life lessons and engage in a healthy active lifestyle, then you've come to the right place!

At Movement Family Martial Arts we strive to give students all across Indian Trail the chance to enjoy a fun, safe and supportive environment.

Our afterschool program offers dedicated homework assistance, structured group games and activities, anti-bullying lessons, Taekwondo classes and more!

Homework Help

Taekwondo

Study Groups



REGISTER HERE



- 3pm-6:30pm for K-12 students, Monday - Friday
- **PICK UP SERVICE AT INDIAN TRAIL AND MONROE AT 3PM**
- Cost is is \$499 monthly full time (4-5 days a week)
- \$299 monthly part time (1-3 days a week)

Movement Family Martial Arts
Master Matt Majesky
598 Indian Trail Rd S, Indian Trail, North Carolina 28079
(704) 839-0126
movementfma@gmail.com



RC CAR CLUB

- ***Meets Every Other Wednesday at Monroe
Starting September 16, 2026***
- ***3:15-4:40pm***
- ***Grades 4-8 Welcome***
- ***Grades 8+ Volunteering Opportunities***
- ***Cost per year: \$150 includes cars to take home.***
- ***Registration opens September 1.***
- ***Email Geiger@thelearninghabitat.com for more
info!***





POKÉMON TCG CLUB

A WEEKLY POKÉMON TRADING CARD GAME CLUB WHERE KIDS BUILD REAL SKILLS — STARTING WITH CARD HANDLING AND PROTECTION, THEN GROWING INTO CONFIDENT COLLECTORS AND PLAYERS.

- Meets every Thursday at Indian Trail starting September 17, 2026
- 3:30–4:45 PM
- 10 spots available, Ages 6–12
- Bring your own collection if you have them!
- Hands-on care – Careful handling and organizing builds real fine motor skills and responsibility.
- Math & strategy – Counting energy, tracking prizes, and planning turns sharpen math and strategic thinking.
- Reading practice – Card text and rules give kids fun, low-pressure reading practice.
- Social skills – Trading etiquette and good sportsmanship are built into every session.
- A collection worth keeping – A properly stored binder they're proud to show off – not a shoebox of bent cards.

For more info, questions or to sign up, email Andrew Brown at abrown@thelearninghabitat.com!

