



Newsletter

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MANY AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS WILL BE STARTING THIS WEEK!!!

- 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 BOTH LOCATIONS!

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

What a Fantastic Week at The Learning Habitat!

We've had an incredible, energy-filled week across both our Indian Trail, Monroe and Forest School locations! It has been such a joy watching our classrooms come alive as returning students reconnected with friends and new families joined our vibrant community—from jumping straight into hands-on learning and collaborative problem-solving to joyful play and exploration!

Our students have shown endless curiosity and enthusiasm. A huge thank you to our wonderful parents, dedicated teachers, and supportive staff for making this week run so smoothly—we can't wait to see all the great moments ahead!

This week, we are excited to feature our Science 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:

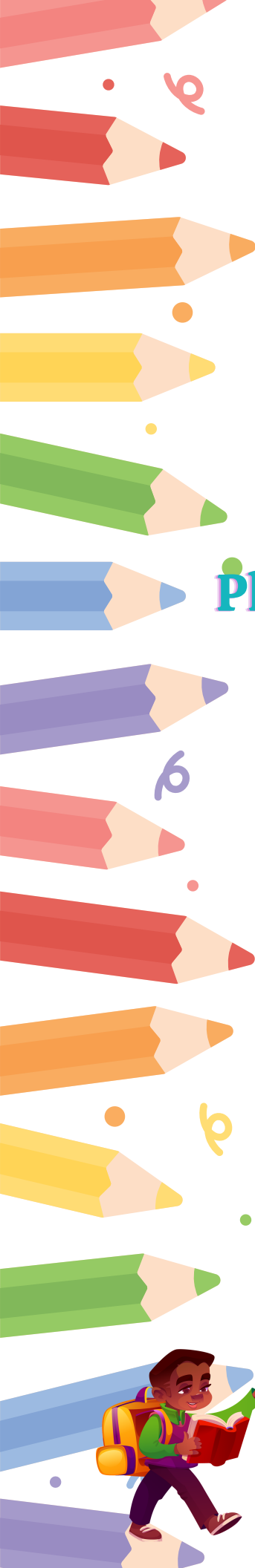
Field Trips & Clubs: Registration for field trips is officially open, and sign-ups are ongoing for our new clubs—including RC Car Club, Pokemon TCG Club, Girls on the Run / Heart and Sole, Let Me Run, Cross Country, and Martial Arts

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



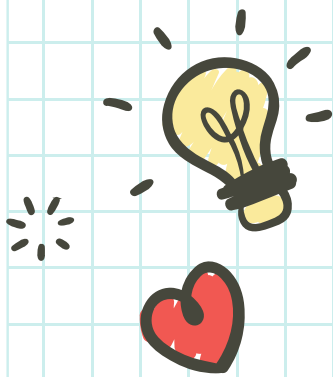
Doors open at 8:55 am.

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

**Please pick up students by 3:10 pm.
There will be a babysitting fee of
\$5/minute assessed after this time.**



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.**

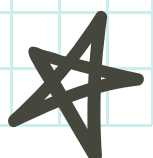
• **Doors open at 8:55 am! (early drop-off is available...email HERE)**



• **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 user interface of 'The Learning Habitat' for a student named Everett Price '35. The header includes a menu icon and the organization's logo. The student's profile section shows a circular photo of a boy, his name, and a blurred email address. A purple circle highlights the '+ Report absence' button. Below this, a navigation bar contains tabs for Progress, Schedule, Assignments, Conduct, Course Requests, Contact Card, and Checklist. The 'Progress' tab is currently selected. Under the 'Select Grade:' dropdown, 'Fourth' is chosen. At the bottom, a 'Performance' section indicates that performance data is not currently available.

Everett Price '35

+ Report absence

Progress Schedule Assignments

Conduct Course Requests

Contact Card Checklist

Select Grade: Fourth

Performance

Performance data not currently available.

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***



PLEASE DONATE!

We need..

- fabric
- sheets
- pillow cases
- Any fabric!
- beads
- buttons
- bows
- Thread/needles
- Fake Flowers/Vines
- head bands
- old jewelry
- hangers
- old shoes
- Sunglass
- Gem

THANK

YOU

FASHION
DESIGN
NEEDS

YOU!

WE
Need
THIS for.

THE PLAY,

ALOT OF
PEOPLE IN
THE PLAY!

SO WE
Need THIS
stuff!

PLEASE



Mr. Corolla's Class



Chemistry:

Week 1 - We explored lab and safety equipment through activity stations and lecture, learned how to craft an argument using CER [Claim, Evidence, Reasoning], and began our unit on Scientific Measurement. Our students completed their first homework assignments and have an extra credit assignment available to them.

Week 2 - We worked through our Measurement unit lecture and conducted a measurements activity, exploring mass, volume, time, length, and temperature.



Rising Scientists:

Week 1 - We explored lab and safety equipment through activity stations and lecture, learned about experimental design, independent vs dependent variables, and how the scientific method is implemented in the lab and outside it in other fields.

Week 2 - We worked through our Measurement unit lecture and conducted a measurements activity, exploring mass, volume, time, length, and temperature.

Physics:

Week 1 - We explored lab and safety equipment through activity stations and lecture, learned how to craft an argument using CER [Claim, Evidence, Reasoning], and began our unit on Scientific Measurement, finishing off the week with a measurement activity.

Week 2 - We worked through our Measurement unit and conducted a measurements activity, exploring mass, volume, time, length, and temperature. We also spent time working through the math involved in converting between temperature units, preparing us for dimensional analysis next week.

Earth and Environmental Science:

Week 1 - We explored lab safety through activity stations and lecture, learned how to craft an argument using CER [Claim, Evidence, Reasoning], and explored lab equipment in different stations.

Week 2 - We worked through our Measurement unit and conducted a measurements activity, exploring mass, volume, time, length, and temperature. We also spent time working through the math involved in converting between temperature units, preparing us for dimensional analysis next week.



Ms. Clark's Class



4th/5th Grade Science

Students have been exploring matter and its properties, including solids, liquids, gases, and physical properties. We've been using hands-on activities to practice making observations and thinking like scientists! We explored mystery bags and created tinfoil boats!



5th/6th Grade Science

Students have been investigating matter, mass, volume, density, and physical vs. chemical changes. They've also begun applying their knowledge through hands-on challenges and investigations. We explored mystery bags and created tinfoil boats!



7th Grade Biology

Students have been learning what makes something living and exploring the characteristics of life, including cells, energy, growth, reproduction, and responding to stimuli. We explored in the outdoors to find evidence of life around us.



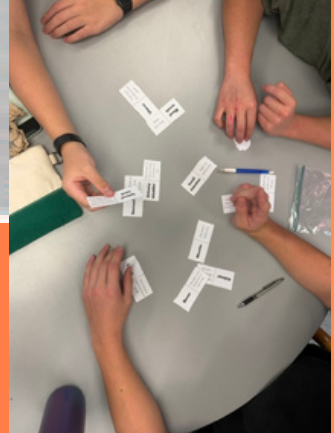
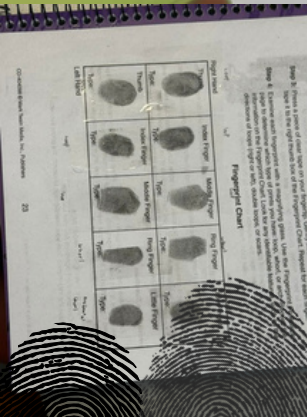
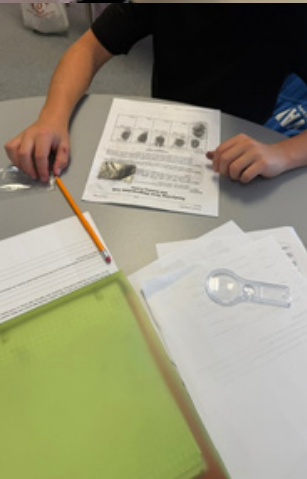
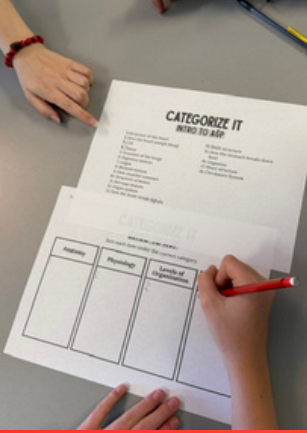
High School Anatomy

Students have been learning the foundations of anatomy and physiology, including anatomical position, directional terms, levels of organization, and the relationship between structure and function.



High School Forensics

Students have been learning how forensic scientists use evidence to investigate questions. We've focused on observations vs. inferences, types of evidence, contamination, and chain of custody. Students sketched out a 'crime scene' and made copies of their fingerprints!





Mrs. Busbee's Class

We enjoyed MUCH cooler weather this week at the Forest School at Elon Park! We continued to explore the property, played lots of games to get to know each other better, and dove into our study of Plants.

We read several books about plants, began work on a plant life cycle book, played a gross motor game where students used their bodies to act out the different aspects of a plant's life cycle, and, of course, made lots of observations of plants on our hikes around the property!





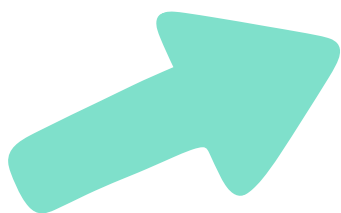
LET'S GO!

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
HERE!

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!"

**Click/tap on Let Me Run Charlotte, then
View Regional Info, then scroll down to
The Learning Habitat**



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–up
- Bring your own collection if you have them!

- We are also adding a meeting every Friday at Monroe starting September 19, 2026
- 1:15–2:30 PM

- 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!

