



September Newsletter

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Welcome Back 2 School Family!

Welcome to Les Finch's Learning Tree! We are very pleased that you have chosen us for your child's pre-school education. Early Childhood Education is the first step to your child's educational success!

Did you know that the capacity of the brain to absorb new learning peaks at the age of 3?

At Les Finch's, we are committed to providing the highest quality of education. We expect

nothing but the BEST for our children and strive to create an environment that is as comfortable for parents as it is for their children. The 2026-27 school year promises to be filled with fun, laughter, and enriching learning experiences.

We like to think of ourselves as one big family. Many of our staff has been with us an avg. of 25 years, and our low turnover rate allows children to not

only get to know their teachers but also the entire staff.

We're excited and looking forward to an amazing school year ahead.

Our Motto: "Every Child needs the Individual care which the Learning Tree can Provide."



Our Vision

Our vision at Les Finch's Learning Tree is to continually enhance the maintenance and upkeep of our facility, install fence on east side, up-

grade the playground, and beautify the school's surroundings.

We also aim to fill each classroom to its full potential and ca-

capacity. With perseverance and the support of our dedicated staff and amazing parents, we can achieve all of this!

Les Finch's Learning Tree

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Special points of interest:

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TUITION

Tuition at Les Finch is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!** As a privately owned business, paying tuition fees are essential for keeping doors open, providing meals for the children, maintaining utilities, and of course paying our staff.

Additionally, tuition should always be paid a week in advance on Friday prior to week of service, but no later than Monday morning.

Each day after Monday a \$10 late fee charge will be added to your account per day, un-

til tuition is paid in full.

If tuition cannot be paid on Monday, payment arrangements must be made. However, this does not waive any late fees. Remember, Communication is key!

FILES UPDATE

We will need all forms to be updated if you have not done so by now! We need updated physicals, dentals, food/lunch forms, and emergency contact information! This information is good for 1 year! Please turn these documents in by 9/14/26.

OUR MISSION

Our Mission is to develop children with creative and active minds, educate and support them in a safe and challenging learning environment as they develop into lifelong learners with personal growth.

OPEN HOUSE / PARENT MEETING

Open House is a special time when parents are invited to tour the school, meet the staff, and get a sense of the overall environment.

This year's Open House will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, starting at 4:00pm.

We encourage you to connect with your child's teacher to share your thoughts and expectations. We're excited to see YOU there!

Parental involvement plays a vital role in helping children succeed. As outlined in Les Finch's Rules & Regulations,

Parent Meetings are MANDATORY and are typically held on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

There will be a parent meeting to follow open house starting at 5:15pm.

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY 2K26

SAY CHEESE!!

School Day pictures will be taken on **Thursday, October 01**. This day is assigned for ALL of our students.

All students are allowed to wear whatever they'd like on

picture day, including kindergartners

Once the students receive their proofs, which contains 4-5 photos, the parents will have ONE WEEK to decide if they'd like to purchase the pictures,

through the online portal.

We are looking forward to all the beautiful smiles on that day! :)

FALL SEASON & FIELD TRIPS

Only four months remain in 2026!

As the weather changes, please dress the children appropriately. Simple things like long sleeves, undershirts, and hats can help prevent illness.

We have two exciting trips this fall: one to the Shedd & another to the Pumpkin Farm. The cost is \$60 with payment due September 16.

There are also our Thanksgiv-

ing and Christmas programs to look forward to! Every child at the learning tree will have a chance to participate and perform on stage. Both programs will begin at 10:30 a.m. and typically last about an hour.

We know ALL are excited about the trips and performances!

Please keep an eye on all notices posted in the office and all notices sent home.

If you haven't already, be sure to sign up for E-Mail.

Sign up for text message by texting @finch2526 to 81010.

Please make sure you continue to go over your child's work with them every night! The things they learn in school NEEDS to be reinforced at home! Practice makes perfect.

FUNDRAISER SALE 2026

Every year, Les Finch's Learning Tree holds a candy sale fundraiser to help keep tuition cost affordable and support improvements to our curriculum and other important needs.

This year's sale will kick-off on Monday, September 21 and will end on Monday, October 05, 2026.

We are asking for full participation from the parents! Every little bit helps as we strive to

provide the BEST for our children.

There will be prizes for the top 3 students who sell most (dollars) during the fundraiser: 1st place will receive 3 weeks of tuition, 2nd place will receive 2 weeks tuition, and 3rd place will receive 1 week.



**September 21-
October 05, 2026**

PLEASE NOTE THAT PRIZES HAVE NO CASH VALUE.

To be eligible for weekly prizes related to tuition, there is a minimum sales amount required.

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL
THE SELLERS!**

MORNING SNACKS/ FOODS

NO FOOD POLICY, and according to the IDPH for child care, SNACKS, or other outside food are NOT allowed to enter the building. This includes Birthday Parties! If your child has a morning snack it should be eaten before school. Encourage the children to eat healthy snacks, especially in the morning. Junk food and sugar juices may upset the children's stomach, causing them to regurgitate. Fruits and other things like yogurt or breakfast bars are good to start the morning off right.

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Les Finch's Learning Tree Child Care Center

We are enrolling ages 2-12 years. We accept child care assistance programs. Low rates, convenient location, convenient hours, Pre-School / Kindergarten Programs. We provide the children with hot breakfast, lunch and an evening supplement. We are a state and city licensed facility with certified teachers. There is a \$30 non-refundable registration fee. Necessary documents: Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, Dental Exam, Physical Exam with TB/Lead/Hemo testing results, and Immunization card.

Call Today!!

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IMPORTANT DATES

September

- 07**—Labor Day, CLOSED
- 16**—Trip Money Due, \$60
- 23**— Open House, 4:00pm
Parent Meeting, 5:15pm
- 21**—Fundraiser Begins, TBD
- 25**—Shedd Aquarium

October

- 01**— School Picture Day
- 05**—Fundraiser Ends
- 12**— Indigenous People Day,
CLOSED
- 22**—Goebbert's Pumpkin Farm
- 23**—Think Pink Day
- 28**— Parent Meeting, 5:15p

November

- 02**— CLOSED, Staff develop
- 03**— CLOSED, General Election
- 18**— Thanksgiving Program
- 23-27**— CLOSED, Thanksgiving
Break

December

- 10**— Santa Pics
- 18**— Christmas Program
- **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2026
& WILL RESUME TUESDAY,
JANUARY 5, 2027****



Mark These Dates on
your Calendar!!