

LAUNCH  
KIDS@HEARTLAND

# LINK UP

March/April/May 2010

## HEY LAUNCH FAMILIES!

Well, how exciting and wild it is to see the parking lot filled up, kids rooms overflowing and many new faces entering Heartland every week. Attendance keeps growing as more of you are bringing neighbors, friends and co-workers, way to go! You may have also noticed the build out is well underway and our new space will be open soon.

With the new space we as Launch will be getting a new Command Central (check-in area) and two new rooms for the kids. Space explorers (1st grade) and Jet Pack (2nd-3rd grade) will share a large multi-purpose room; GForce (4th-5th grade) will have their own room. For Command Central (check-in) there will be 3 new stations set up to accommodate all our families.

As for our existing area, that will be the early childhood wing and we will keep rooms the same. Our current Command Central will also stay put meaning we will have 2 check-in locations hopefully making it easier for families to quickly check kids into Launch. You can check kids in at any of the Launch check-in

kiosks; remember check-in is open 15 minutes before service until 15 minutes after service begins. I am so excited for the new space as God continues to bless us with new kids each and every week.

Snack Shop, which is run by our 4th-5th graders, will also be getting a makeover. It will move into the new atrium and will be getting a fresh name and facelift. Proceeds from the Snack Shop get used for various giving projects and get put back into Launch for new games, books and other needed resource. As we no longer serve snack in any of the kids' rooms, Snack Shop is a great way for your children to grab a treat before service!

In this issue of Link Up you'll be reading about upcoming events as well as what your kids are learning, what it takes to make a weekend happen and much, much more so keep reading.

Until next time, I'll see you at LAUNCH...where kids are always looking up!

Nicole Moll  
Director of Launch

## LAUNCH MISSION STATEMENT

To help kids know what it means to be a Christ-Follower, and learn how to follow Him in their daily lives.

# MISSION

# EARLY CHILDHOOD CURRICULUM

Be sure to bring your kids here this spring as we will be putting on our tool belts and having a great time at the construction yard! In our next series, The Great Skybridge Showdown (GSS),

we will not only be helping Newton, Dot and Spike build a bridge, but we will also be learning how to build trust for God. This is sure to “measure up” to be tons of fun...so don't miss out!

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CURRICULUM

March 21: Center Stage Review

March 28: Easter Programming

April 4: Easter Programming

April 11:

Main Point— God has a plan for me

Bible Story— Exodus 2:1-10

April 18:

Main Point— God hears me when I'm sad

Bible Story— Exodus 1, 2:23-25

April 25:

Main Point— God helps me obey Him

Bible Story— Exodus 3-4

May 2:

Main Point— God is powerful

Bible Story— Exodus 8:1-15, 14:5-31

May 9:

Main Point — God gives me rules to follow

Bible Story — Exodus 19-20, 34

May 16:

Main Point— God provides for my needs

Bible Story— Exodus 16-17:6

May 23:

Main Point— God gives me friends to help me

Bible Story— Exodus 17:8-13

May 30:

Main Point— God will keep His promises

Bible Story— (Book of Exodus)



## ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM

This next series will take a creative look at construction projects of the bible. These projects include the building of the Temple, the Ark, the tower of Babel, and much, much more. As we discover

these amazing stories, we will learn about how we can follow God's plan for our life and love others while doing it. So join us on the job site for eight weeks and see what awesome things God has in store.

## ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM

March 21: Center Stage Review  
March 28: Easter Programming  
April 4: Easter Programming

April 11:  
Main Point— Follow God's plan  
Bible Story— 1 Chronicles 28:1-9; 2 Chronicles 2-4

April 18:  
Main Point— Obey God above all else  
Bible Story— Genesis 6-10

April 25:  
Main Point— Never give up doing good  
Bible Story— Nehemiah 1-7

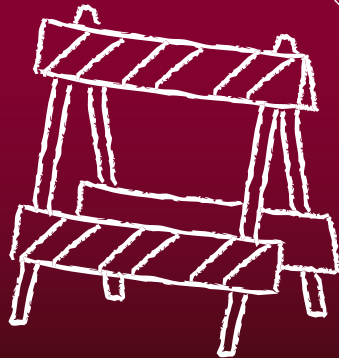
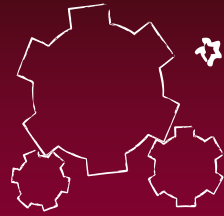
May 2:  
Main Point— Praise god instead of yourself  
Bible Story— Genesis 11:1-9

May 9:  
Main Point — Keep God your priority  
Bible Story — Luke 12:13-31

May 16:  
Main Point— Share with others  
Bible Story— 2 Kings 4:8-17

May 23:  
Main Point— You are the church  
Bible Story— Matthew 16:13-20

May 30:  
Main Point— Keep on serving God  
Bible Story— Luke 14:25-30



## UPCOMING EVENTS!

Hey LAUNCH families. Do you know we have several fun, family friendly events each year? They are always events designed not only for your entire family but your friends and neighbors as well. Here are the next events to look forward to:

### PJ'S AND POPCORN

Toy Story 2 will be shown on the big screens near the end of April. Stay tuned for more details!



Join us Saturday March 13th from 9:00-11:30 for March Madness Family Style. Your family will experience

worship, large group teaching, interactive games and hands-on activities. We will huddle up developing a game plan for your family when it comes to obedience, commitment and respect. Family Fusion is FREE but please make sure to go online and register at [www.heartland.cc](http://www.heartland.cc). KidCare is available for kids under 2 years old.

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## WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE A WEEKEND HAPPEN.★

Every weekend, we at LAUNCH plan for close to 150 kids. So we begin each week with prayer, praying throughout the week for our families, kids and volunteers and for God to lead us this next week, surrendering everything to God. Then we go to work. We contact volunteer teachers, worship leaders, and resource helpers, set the schedule and make sure everyone has what they need for the upcoming weekend. We brainstorm and develop up to three age-appropriate small group activities for kids age 2 through 5th grade. We e-mail, call, text, and/or write every volunteer serving for the upcoming weekend to ensure that the volunteers leading these activities are adequately equipped to build into their kids. We work throughout the week to fully staff each room with volunteers.

When the weekend comes, we arrive an hour and a half before the

first service to prepare rooms, print name tags, and build into leaders. Once all volunteers arrive we oversee room ratios, making sure that each room has the right number of volunteers for the number of kids, sometimes making last minute calls for more volunteers in order to keep rooms open. Throughout the weekend we attend to volunteers, kids, parents and programming needs, making sure that every kid is experiencing the best possible hour possible. We keep watch over the Launch area every service to make sure that all is safe and secure. Once Launch is over rooms are cleaned and vacuumed, toys put away and lock up the doors until the next weekend. We return together on Tuesday to look back at the weekend, evaluating what went well, what we can do better. We pray together and then start the process all over again.

Thanks for taking the time to read this issue of the

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