

# The Kidette

December 2015



## Families Helping Families

Again this year we were able to provide a wonderful Christmas for 13 foster children. Thanks to all of our families who helped to provide special and personal gifts for each child. We hope we were able to make this Christmas a little brighter for these children. If you still wish to give, there are 8 hearts still available.

## Trike a Thon

Our annual fund raising for St. Jude's Children's Hospital will be held on Jan. 22nd. St. Jude's Children's Hospital provides research & treatment for children who are ill with cancer. All treatment is free of charge to the families. Please help us to raise money to help fund valuable research.

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Our winter parent/teacher conferences will be held during the weeks of January 18<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>th</sup>, and February 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be sign-up sheets on your child's classroom door. Please sign up for a date and time to meet with your child's teacher. Please be on time. Conferences are sometimes scheduled back to back and other parents are waiting for their conference.

## Enrichment Classes

The 3<sup>rd</sup> session will begin Jan. 15, 2015. Registration forms are located at the front desk. The cost is \$125.00 per 8 week session. Enrichment class forms must also be filled out each new session.

This year we will be having our first Karate ceremony to showcase what the children have been learning. It will be held on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm. Mark your calendar!

### Classes:

Cooking	3 yrs to 5yrs
Ballet/ Tap	3 yrs to 5 yrs
Ballet	2 ½ yrs to 3 yrs
Happy Feet	2 yrs to 5 yrs
Karate	3 yrs to 5 yrs

## NAEYC Conference

Recently, Ms. Nila and Ms. Cathy attended a 3 day NAEYC conference in Orlando! They came back with lots of new ideas and suggestions for the school and staff! The highlight of the conference was when Ms. Nila won a beautiful brand new piece of playground equipment valued over \$4,000! This has arrived and will be put together and installed on our toddler playground! We are so excited!

## **NAEYC Accreditation**

We have been diligently working towards our NAEYC accreditation. An important part of the accreditation process includes a parent survey. Please look for it and return as soon as possible.

## **Suggestion Box**

We have posted a suggestion box in our front office. Your suggestions are important to us and we want to hear from you. We rely on your feedback to help us improve upon our existing programs and develop new suggestions that enhance the care that we provide. Thank you for taking the time to share with us your thoughts and ideas on how Kids Academy can serve its families. Thank You!

## **Birthdays**

Birthdays are a very big deal to our young children and we are so pleased to celebrate with you. Class birthday parties are for the children and parents only. Reminder that Kids Academy policy states only parents are permitted into the classrooms for birthday celebrations. This is for the safety of all the children at our facility.



## **Lunch Menu**

January lunch menus need to be turned into the front office by December 23rd. Lunch menus need to be filled out and returned on time so we can accurately prepare. If you do not fill out a monthly lunch menu and want to add daily we cannot assure a hot lunch or hot vegetarian option will be available. Also,

lunch menus need to be filled out monthly. They are not automatically filled out.

## **Payments**

December payments are due. Please make sure that your credit card and payment information is up to date and correct. If you make any future changes, please notify the front office. All declined credit cards will be charged a \$10.00 fee.

In order to make weekly payments, a credit card must be on file with the office.

Also all credit card authorizations must be signed by the parents at the front desk.

## **Year End Tax Statements**

Year End Tax Statements (W-10) for 2015 will be printed out and ready for pick up by the 2nd week of January.

## **School Calendar**

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Close at 1:00

Dec. 25: Christmas Day Closed

Dec. 31: Close at 1:00

Jan. 1: Closed

There is no VPK the weeks of Dec. 21 and Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>. If your child attends there will be an additional \$49.00 per week charge.

## **VPK Holiday**

The VPK extended care will not have instructional hours during Winter Break (Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> - Jan 1<sup>st</sup>). Camp will be available for an additional fee of \$49 per week. If your child will not be attending camp, their regular tuition will apply.

VPK will resume on Monday January 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please see the front office.

## Let's Move

This month we continue to promote our Let's Move campaign. Many of the classes focused on healthy eating and the importance of eating fruits and vegetables. In addition, we reinforced

healthy eating and planted our herbs, fruits and vegetables in school garden. We care for



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them daily and talk about healthy choices.

## Help To Keep Our Children Safe

Parents after you remove your child from their classrooms **you must supervise** them at all times. Children are unpredictable, and many times they charge on ahead, open the front doors and run outside. **This is a very serious and dangerous matter.** In order to keep them safe we need your help.

- Please remind your child to walk when in the front office and to keep their voices down.
- Please hold your child's hand when exiting the building.
- Drive slow to give you time to stop if needed.
- Make sure your child is buckled into their approved car seat before driving away.
- Please do not park on the pavers in front of the school. This is the walkway for our families to safely enter the school.

**Please remember to label your child's sweaters and jackets.**

## Safety/Smash N' Grab

Smash N' Grab crime is where a thief smashes in a car window reaches in and grabs some valuables. Unfortunately, preschools are a prime target. Criminals know that parents are preoccupied with picking up their little ones and sometimes leave their purse and other valuables, such as laptops/cell phones, in their car. **The best prevention is to bring your purse with you into school daily and to lock any other**



**valuables into your car trunk. This crime takes only seconds. Please let's be safe.**

**Thank you.**

## Holiday Shows:

The children have been working very hard on their holiday songs and shows. Please mark your calendar. You don't want to miss this!

Kids Academy wants to wish all of our families a very happy and healthy holiday season!

**See attached calendar!**



