



# Kidz Corner NEWSLETTER

## MudPies NORTHWEST CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

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The goal of "Kidz Corner" is to provide monthly updates with parents and others interested in MudPies CDC. It serves to bond all center family together into a family unit and keeps the families informed of all center activities and functions. In each issue, we will share information about our centers, upcoming events, changes in the field of early childhood education and the special learning programs NWCDC offers.



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### DIRECTOR'S CORNER

**W**OW! What a way to start off the holiday season! Trees, wreathes, lights, songs and brisk cool air! The whole center is bustling about with excitement of what's to come. Mark your calendars for **Family Fun Night, Thursday, December 15th from 6:15 – 7:15**. Bring your cameras for a very special guest! Holiday crafts will be made in the classrooms. The following morning, (Friday) Santa & Mrs. Clause will make a surprise entrance. Remember the staff gift fund. Questions? See Kiva or Sha.

I must brag on the staff here at MudPies. They have taken the Creative Curriculum and run with it. The lesson plans are phenomenal and the best part is seeing the themes being implemented with so much enthusiasm. The children are having a great time learning. Children learn through play and they are really getting the educational aspect of the program! Please ask your educator for a weekly lesson plan. You can have discussions with your children at home about their weekly theme.

A reminder: MudPAC (Parents Advisory Committee) meets the second Wednesday of each month from 12:00 – 1:00. Parents, you ARE the MudPAC. It only takes an hour a month for you to meet with other parents to discuss fundraising ideas for the center or just get an overview about how your child is learning. Every voice is important and it allows you to become more involved with the center as a whole.


Our recycling is working out great! We have already saved a lot of trees and the landfills are a little smaller because of us. Go Green!

On behalf of MudPies and the staff, we would like to wish you and your entire families a very joyous and happy holiday!

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**NOTE:**  
MudPies DT will be closed December 23rd-26th.  
We will re-open Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.  
We will be closed January 2nd in observance of the New Year!

## Class Acts

### Bears

Happy Birthday Addison Branch, November 11th!

And thank you to all the families who participated in our Teacher Snack Day hosted by the Bear Room!

The infant room will be gift exchanging this year! If you choose to participate, we ask that you bring one appropriate stocking stuffer for each child on roll. Gift ideas: applesauce, teething biscuits, puffs, teething rings, etc.

Welcome New Baby Bears: Josiah Hairston, Alexandria Taylor, Gabrielle Jenkins, Niasha Branch, Olivia Washington, Willis Hileman, Breyon Wilson

Happy Holidays to all the Bear families,

*-Ms. Jaceda, Ms. Angela, Ms. Re, Ms. Elizabeth*

### Dandy Ducks

Winter holidays around the world are all celebrated differently with many different customs and traditions taking place. We look forward to creating our own holiday classroom traditions and look forward to all the fun we have in store this month.

We would like to give a big welcome to: Chloe Guerrero, Jackson Allred, Kyla Irby, Jahnir Levine and Shawn Aiken for joining our Young Ducks. A BIG WELCOME to Ms. LaDonna as an educator in our Older Ducks.

Please make sure that your child has 2 sets of weather-appropriate clothing in their cubbies. Don't forget to mark you calendars Holiday Family Night on December 15th!

*-Ms. Lawanda, Ms. Kimberly, Ms. Brittany, and Ms. LaDonna*

### Pandas

Greeting's from Pandas. It is an exciting time of the year. We are getting ready for the holidays. During the month of December our theme is focusing on holidays and a lot of different holiday traditions. Some of the things we will focus on are the holiday colors (red, green and white). We will be singing a lot of holiday songs, making holiday art, counting the 12 days, and of course we will have a holiday party for the children. Pandas have loads of fun as we learn. Have a very

joyous holiday and a Happy New Year!

*-Ms. Bertha & Ms. Kim*

### Penguins

We welcome Kamden Patterson and Hailey Reich, along with their parents, to the Perky Penguins! And congratulations to Ms. Star, who is expecting a baby boy in the spring.

This month we will be learning about holidays around the world.

Our class holiday party will be December 22nd at 3:00 pm. Please be on the lookout for the snack sign-up sheet. Reminder: All foods cannot be homemade, but must be store purchased.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday!!

*-Ms. Star & Ms. Shanna*

### Circus Tykes

Wow! Where has 2011 gone? Can you believe the holidays are already here and a new year is just around the corner? With that being said, don't forget Family Fun Night and a visit from Santa! Also, please help us fill up our food box outside our classroom door--any little bit will help. This is a great chance to teach children about helping others!

With winter finally here, please make sure that your child has an appropriate change of clothes in their cubby. Take home all others to prevent overcrowding. ALWAYS bring a jacket. Per NC child development regulations, we are required to go outside daily---if your child is without proper clothing or a jacket we will have to contact you.

We also need your continued help by NOT bringing outside toys into the classroom. There will be no exceptions to this rule. Outside toys cause daily distractions.



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We are focusing a lot on potty training. We need your help with this---we can only commit to it if you are committing to it at home---potty training takes team work! Remember that your child will not be able to move into a 3 year old classroom unless they are fully potty trained.

We are looking forward to a great rest of the year with your child!

- *Mrs. Adrienne and Miss Courtney*

**Ocean Divers**

I would like to thank Maddox's mom for the Thanksgiving party. Also, thank you to Conley and Kamryn's moms for the play dough and books to share. Collage materials and items pertaining to our lesson plan are always welcome.

In January 2012 we will be learning about the new year, bears, and the weather.

May you and your family have a safe, healthy and joyful holiday. "Happy New Year!"

-*Ms. Linda*

**Jungle Explorers**

The holidays are here as well as a New Year! We are very excited with things we are doing in the classroom. We are working with rhyming, sorting, critical thinking skills and pre-math skills. Also we are talking about upper case letters and lower case letters. We will continue to work on our skills to prepare us for kindergarten and the New Year! We are looking forward to our holiday parties. The children are enjoying sharing things that are happening around their homes and when they are out shopping. Happy Holidays and New Year!

-*Mrs. Karen*

**Space Travelers**

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving has come and gone. I hope you had a very relaxing time off. With the holiday right around the corner, we will be discussing holiday plans and traditions. I appreciate the warm response to my interim in Space. The children are

having fun!

Remember to check your child's cubby for appropriate clothing. We go outside twice a day and the children will need a coat, hat and gloves.

Welcome Joshua Gaydon to our classroom. Joshua has a birthday December 29th and Garrison Glover is a Christmas baby with his birthday being December 25th.

Reminder: Share Day is every Friday. Please limit to one item.

I hope you have a safe and joyous holiday and a Happy New Year!

- *Ms. Michelle*





## Assistant Director's Note

**H**appy Holiday's! It's that time of year when everyone is filled with cheer. I hope everyone is enjoying this wonderful weather, as well as this fun-filled season.

We look forward to a great Family Fun Night and we hope that you do as well. Year 2012 is just around the corner, and I would like to wish you and your family a Happy New Year! Feel free to stop by and chat with me at anytime. I will lend a listening ear.

*-Ms. Sha*

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## Message from the Krazy Kitchen

Wishing all of the MudPies Family, Happy Holidays! Thanks to all of the parents for helping me transition with your warm, accepting welcome and making me feel needed. With getting your menus every week, hopefully you are noticing the healthy changes we have been making. Most of the kids are enjoying them and that is important. Just a reminder: if your child requires any special dietary needs, please feel free to

come to the Krazy Kitchen and speak with me, Kiva or Sha. Making healthy meals for the children is our goal. I am looking forward to any suggestions for the 2012 year.

*-Ms. Nannette Taylor, Dietician*



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