

Kidz Corner NEWSLETTER

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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

February is an interesting month. It lets us know that spring is right around the corner with the warm weather. Well, maybe

not because the groundhog, (rodent from the large squirrel family), saw his shadow and retreated back into his burrow. This indicates another six weeks of winter weather. We need one really good snow to kill all the germs.

Sweethearts everywhere are rekindling a special day on February 14th. Your children are our special Valentine's. We hope you have a very special Valentine's Day with those you love.



Our numbers are growing and we are proud to bring on board three new employees. Ms. Kesha (Bears), Ms. Penny (Ducks), and Ms. Mary (Circus). Welcome! Welcome! Please stop by and introduce yourselves to them.

As you know the Book Fair is here and we hope you take full advantage of the great prices. You will also have the opportunity to purchase books for your child's classroom. Together, we can make reading fun!

And check out our new MudPies commercial coming the 2nd week in February. Your children are fast becoming "STARS" of the future!

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*"The educator is like a good gardener, whose function is to make available healthy, fertile soil in which a young plant can grow strong roots." –E.F. Schumacher (1911-1977)
German-born British Economist/Writer*

Class Acts

Bears

We hope everyone is enjoying the “warm” winter season. We would like to welcome our newest Baby Bears: Jackson Thompson, Laken Chewing and Keyaira Edwards. And we hope everyone has met the newest team member in our classroom – Ms. Kesha – welcome!!! Thanks to all of our parents for your continued support throughout the year. Happy Birthday wishes go out to Aislynn “Quinn” Fahey on Feb. 17th! Happy Valentine’s Day to the special people in your life! Our Baby Bears are our special Valentine’s!

-Ms. Jaceda, Ms. Angela, Ms. Re, Ms. Elizabeth, and Ms Kesha

Dandy Ducks

We would like to welcome Nick Roman, Gloria Moran, Addison Branch and Ny’kya Lawrence to our Young Duck side. We would also like to welcome Sofia Pike to our Older Duck side. Congratulations to Bentley Shoemaker who moved to our Older Ducks. We are excited to welcome Quinn Fahey later this month.

We are asking each child to bring in 5 to 6 family photos so that we may post them in the classroom. This allows them to “see” their family throughout the day and gives them a little extra comfort.

We won a Pizza Party for the food drive and will be awarded a special class party on February 10th followed by our Valentine’s party on February 14th. A sign up list will be posted outside of each door for those of you that would like to send goodies. Thank you in advance!! We look forward to a great month.

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

Pandas

Greetings from the Panda Room! We would like to welcome our new students and parents to the class: Derek Edwards, Anna Lee Aiken, Leo Schmidt and Olivia Haas. We are looking forward to getting to know you all.

Parents, please be sure to check your child’s cubby often to make sure they have enough extra changes of clothes. Also, please remember to sign your child in and

out everyday as well as washing their hands upon arrival.

Happy Valentine’s Day to EVERYONE!

-Ms. Bertha & Ms. Kim

Penguins

Welcome new families to the Perky Penguins family! We are looking forward to working with everyone. This month is full of fun things to learn. We will be working on recognizing our name, shapes and colors. Our themes for the month are sports, Valentine’s Day, friendship and caring. Counting is a daily activity.

Please be on the lookout for our Valentine’s Day Party sign-up sheet. The party will be on the 14th at 3:00 pm. Parents are welcome to attend. During this time, the children will be exchanging Valentine’s with one another. Please remember that any snacks, drinks, candy, etc. *must be store purchased and peanut free.*

Remember to keep an extra change of clothes in your child’s cubby. Accidents do happen and we would like to minimize calling you at work. Also, mother nature has been having different mood swings. The temperature & weather is unpredictable. Please keep a jacket in your cubby at all times. We want our little people to stay healthy!! LABEL ALL CLOTHING! It’s hard to know what belongs to whom with no name.

Your support and encouragement is always appreciated!

-Ms. Star & Ms. Shanna

Circus Tykes

For the month of February we are focused on Valentine’s colors: red, pink, white, yellow and purple. The shape for this month will be the “heart.” We will continue to practice counting from 1 to 20.

Our new friends are transitioning nicely in Circus Tykes.



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We will be using the Letter Factory CD to introduce alphabet letters: H, I, J, & K. For Arts and Crafts we will be decorating our classroom with Valentine's hearts, getting ready for our Valentine party on February 14th.

We will continue potty training and self- help skills such as putting on our pants and shoes along with our jackets. We definitely need your input to have a smooth transition from pull-ups to underwear in the next 4 to 5 months! Please work with your child at home on a regular basis. Thanks so very much.

- Mrs. Adrienne and Miss Mary

Dinos

Oh no! Sir Walter Wally (Don't know who that is? Ask a Dino!) saw his shadow! Six more weeks of winter! With that being said, don't forget to make sure your child has seasonal clothes in his/her cubby.

I am so excited to be a new Dino teacher and am very excited to be working with Ms. Rhonda and your child! I even brought some of my Circus Tyke friends with me to join in the fun!

In the coming weeks, we have a lot of fun things planned. Please look over the weekly lesson plan so you can participate in activities. Also, you can ask your child what we are learning each week...they are so excited to share how smart they are!

-Ms. Rhonda and Ms. Courtney

Ocean Divers

Please remember to check your child's cubby at least once a week to see if they have extra underwear. We do have some extra clothes should they have an accident.

This month we will be learning about the circus, Valentine's Day and shape recognition. We will also be working on our self-help skills.

We are saying good-bye to a very special person of MudPies. Ms. Michelle has resigned her position here



at MudPies and we will certainly miss her. She has been a true asset to our program. We wish her much success and happiness in her new adventures in life. Thank you for your support of the Ocean Class.

-Ms. Linda and Ms. Michelle

Jungle Explorers

For the month of February we would like to invite you to come and read your favorite book with the class.

There are a lot of exciting things that we have been doing in our class. For example: working on our writing skills, social skills and upper and lower case letters, numbers up to 30 as well as working with patterns.

At this time we are talking about the Circus. We are discussing the animals, things to do at the circus and the preparation it takes for the Circus. We are also highlighting our sight words that we need to learn. All the things we do are preparing us to be successful in kindergarten.

Please take the time to read to your child a few minutes every night. This will help your child with their reading skills.

-Mrs. Karen

Space Travelers

Greetings from the Space Travelers! WOW! I can not believe the month of February is here. This month Space will learn about reptiles, amphibians, ants and butterflies. We will also talk about their differences. I look forward to working with the children and creating wonderful crafts to accompany the themes.

Happy Valentine's Day and Black History month!

-Ms. Sharon

Krazy Kitchen

Things are going just great in the kitchen. The children seem to enjoy some of the changes in our diet. Please continue to come up with any suggestions or concerns you may have about our menus. Happy Valentine's Day with MUCH love!

-Ms. Nannette Taylor, Dietician



Assistant Director's Note

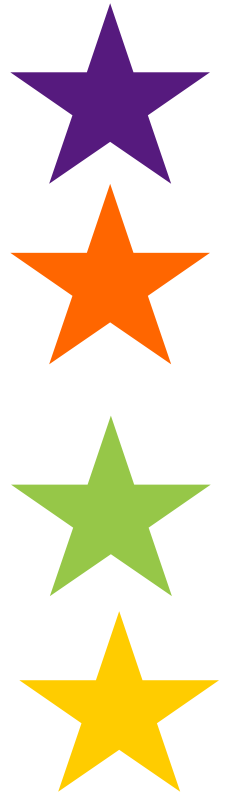
It's the second month of the year and, oh, how beautiful this weather has been! I hope that everyone has had a lovely start to the new year and it will continue throughout 2012.

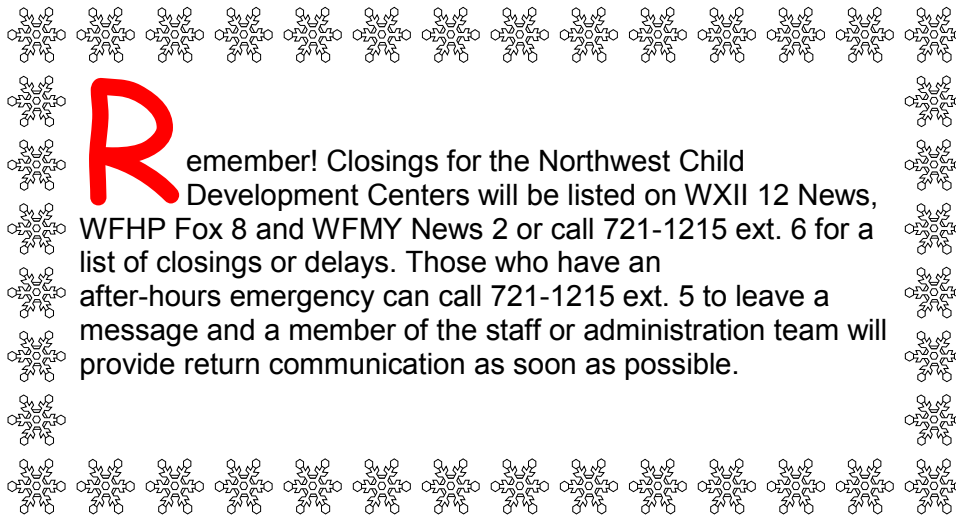
I would like to wish a Happy Valentine's Day to everyone, and hope that someone special will show you how much they care about you on this day. We hope that the Book Fair will be a success and it seems that the teachers are just as excited about the books as the children. Remember, I am always here to help

and you are free to stop by and speak with me any time.

-Ms. Sha

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Remember! Closings for the Northwest Child Development Centers will be listed on WXII 12 News, WFHP Fox 8 and WFMY News 2 or call 721-1215 ext. 6 for a list of closings or delays. Those who have an after-hours emergency can call 721-1215 ext. 5 to leave a message and a member of the staff or administration team will provide return communication as soon as possible.

