

March 2023

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- **St. Patrick's Day**
- **Picture Day**
- **CPR Training for Parents/Friends**
- **Graduation News**
- **School Age Summer Camp**
- **Candy Fundraiser**
- **Parent Reminders**
- **Thank You's**
- **Birthdays**

Dates

- **March 17—St. Patrick's Day**
- **March 20-Spring begins**
- **April 4-Picture Day for Bldg. 3100**
- **April 5-Picture Day for Bldg. 3102**
- **April 7-Good Friday-Center Closed**

DEVELOPING MINDS QUALITY INFANT & CHILD CARE

March Newsletter

St. Patrick's Day



Saint Patrick's Day was made an official holiday in the 17th century. This day celebrates the Irish heritage and culture. People celebrate St. Patrick's Day by attending religious services for St Patrick and having a feast later.

The day became a recognized holiday in the US when the Irish immigrants migrated to the US. The primary reason for the celebration is to commemorate Saint Patrick who was a Christian missionary that became the patron saint of Ireland. He delivered hope to the Irish people who lived in poverty and hopelessness. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th every year. Many people wear green on St. Patrick's Day to celebrate the day. Our children will be doing different activities on this day to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Picture Day is Here



Spring is quickly coming and its time for our Developing Minds spring picture day. Picture Day will be held on April 4 for building 3100 and April 5 for building 3102. Picture order forms will go out to parents on Wednesday, March 22.

Please return all picture forms by Thursday, March 30. Pictures will be taken of all graduates in their graduation cap. Please have your child's cap labeled and ready for picture day. Parents are asked to please ensure their graduation dues are paid.

CPR & First Aid Training



Developing Minds would like to offer a CPR and 1st Aid class to our parents and friends who are interested. Please contact Ms. Tia in the office if you would like to register for this training. It is better to be prepared during an emergency situation that could save a life. The cost of the training is \$60 for a two year certification and the assurance that you have the training to save a life.

“Spring is not only a time of re-birth for the trees, flowers, and soil of the ground but also the hope and dreams of our heart.”

Graduation News



Graduation activities are only two months away for Spirit Week. We are excited for our Pre-K children that are headed for kindergarten in the fall. Parents are reminded to register their child for elementary school as soon as registration opens for kindergarten.

Parents are asked to please make sure their first installment dues are paid. If your first installment has not been paid, please do so today. The second installment for dues is April 3rd. Raffle tickets for graduation were available for pickup in Ms. Tia's office. Parents who sell all 50 raffle tickets will receive one adult graduation ticket. The child's ticket is paid through the graduation dues. All raffle ticket stubs and money for the sold raffle tickets are due by April 28, 2023. The graduation program and luncheon will be held on May 26, 2023 at Martin's West. Ticket are on sale now in the office for \$40 with cash payment only. Parents are encouraged to read the Spirit Week Information sheet that describes all the graduation activities and dates.

Summer Camp for School Age



During the summer of 2023, Developing Minds will offer a summer camp for children ages 6-13 years old. The summer camp will be held June 26, 2023 thru August 25, 2023. The cost for the school age summer camp is \$300 per week. The school age summer trip includes all activities except the big field trips that are scheduled for July & August. There will be an additional cost for those trips. Information regarding our summer field trip program for children currently enrolled, ages 2-5, will be provided to parents by April 30. Parents interested in the school age summer camp should contact the main office at 410-944-5437.

Candy Bar Fundraiser

Developing Minds is having its Candy Bar Fundraiser. Our fundraiser is going on now and we would like for our parents to help our center sell the candy bars. The Candy Bar Fundraiser will end on April 15. Thanks to our parents for participating in the fundraiser.

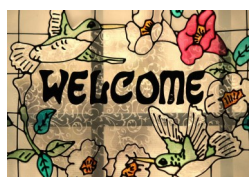


Parent Reminders

- Please ensure your child has weather appropriate change of clothes. We are about to change seasons.
- Parents should ensure they have submitted their child's Health Inventory Part II form and immunization form to the main office.
- The cut-off time for all children is 9:30 am. Parents who have morning doctor's appointments for their child should contact the main office prior to the date of the appointment.
- Breakfast is served from 7:30 am to 8:00 am
- Children must be signed in and out by an authorized adult or person at least 16 years old.
- Children are not allowed to use parent access codes because this is a breach of security if a child or unauthorized person uses a parent's access code.
- It is extremely important that parents inform their child's teacher of any allergies their child may have.
- If your child takes medication, the center must have a medication form completed by the doctor. The medication must be in its original box with directions from the doctor on administering the medication.
- Please label your child's jackets, coats and hats. This will help prevent misplacement of your child's belongings.
- Remember our inclement weather policy in case we experience bad weather again.
- Parents are reminded to pick up their child on time at the end of the school day. Late pick up fees are \$20 for the first 5 minutes (6:31 pm -6:35 pm) and \$5 for each additional minute.
- Spring is coming so please make sure your child has appropriate clothing for the change in the season and the clothes are labeled.



“Enjoy the little things in life, for one day you may look back and realize those are the big things in your life. The little children in your life will always be the big things in your life as they grow into adults.”



Welcome New Staff

Developing Minds would like to welcome our new staff members to our family:

Ms. Monique W.—Preschool Teacher
Ms. Darlene L.—Toddler Teacher


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Please Note:

We have been experiencing difficulties with our 410-944-5437 line. If you experience trouble, please use our other exchanges (1340, 1341, 1342) to contact the center.

Parent Thank You's

- Building 3100 extends a great big thank you to Marlie's Mom for the breakfast and donuts.
- Gratitude and thanks is extended to Harper's Mom for the popcorn and Daniella's mom for the pizza.
- Building 3100 would like to thank Mrs. Jukes for the Lunchables.
- Ms. Jackie extends thanks to parents and all staff members who extended good well wishes and prayers during her illness.



Thanks to all of our parents for allowing us to service you with your child care needs. We appreciate you!

Thank you

Mrs. LaTia

Parent Closing Reminds

Parents are reminded to be mindful that we will be closed on the following days:

April 7—Good Friday
May 29—Memorial Day
June 19—Juneteenth

March Birthdays

Children

Charlotte L.	3/11
Bellamy B.	3/11
Jeffery W.	3/14
Alexander E.	3/16
Kortez A.	3/20
Steven E.	3/21
Amad P.	3/31



Teachers

Ms. Aleta March 6