

Developing Minds Quality Infant & Child Care



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

January 2026 Newsletter

A New Year 2026

Special points of interest:

- Joy With a Toy Drive
- Tribute for Dr. Martin Luther Jr.
- Important Notification—Handicap Parking
- Inclement Weather Policy
- Parent Reminders
- Parent Thank You's
- New Closings
- Birthdays

Closing Dates

January 1-Center Closed for New Year

January 2-Center Reopens

January 19-Center closed for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

February 16-Center closed, President Day

“Joy With a Toy” Drive



Mrs. LaTia and Ms. Jackie presenting the toys to the Believe in Tomorrow Children's Foundation.

Our sincere gratitude is extended to every parent and child that participated in the Christmas “Joy With a Toy” drive. The administrators of the Believe in Tomorrow Children Foundation were overwhelmed with gratitude to receive nearly 100 toys that were donated by Developing Minds. The toys will be placed in the foundation’s homes where sick children and their families go to experience a retreat from the many days in the hospital.

Since 1986, The Believe In Tomorrow Children's House Foundation has provided over 900,000 individual overnight accommodations to critically ill children and their families from every state in the U.S. This unique foundation brings comfort, hope, and joy to children and their families, enabling them to renew their spirits mentally and physically. Johns Hopkins has been the cornerstone of Believe In Tomorrow's Children Foundation hospital housing program for over 30 years. It partners with the foundation to provide overnight accommodations to families of children receiving treatment at the Johns Hopkins Children's Center in Baltimore, MD. The Believe in Tomorrow Children's Foundation is a non-profit organization and it accommodates up to 15 families a night at its beautiful retreat facilities in various parts of Maryland, North Carolina, and Delaware. We are grateful to partner with them in providing joy with a toy to the many sick children they serve.



To make a change in the New Year, don't add new things in your life as a New Year's resolution. Instead, do more of what's already working for you and stop doing things that are time-wasters or not working."

Salil Jha

Tribute for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



January 19, 2026 is the national holiday to pay tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for the contributions he made to civil rights and freedom for all people. He was born on January 15, 1929. Dr. King was a Baptist minister, activist, and leader in the African-American Civil Rights Movement. He is known as a pioneer in advancing civil rights in the United States and around the world using non-violent methods. Dr. King led the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott and helped found the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957. It was Dr. King's efforts, commitment and leadership that led to the 1963 March on Washington. At the 1963 March, he gave the inspiring historical speech, "I Have a Dream." In 1964, Dr. King became the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Due to Dr. King's courage and commitment to the rights of minorities, the civil rights law was passed in 1964. Developing Minds will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2026 to observe the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Important Notification to Parent

We have received complaints that parent are parking in the handicap parking space. The business complexed has threatened to tow cars away that are parked in the handicap parking spaces. Please do not park in the handicap parking spaces, unless you have a handicap sticker. Also, do not double park or park along the fence.



Inclement Weather Policy

Parents are reminded to review the parent handbook for our inclement weather policy. If Baltimore County Public Schools opens 1 hour late or is closed 1 hour early, our center will open 1 hour late or close 1 hour early. If Baltimore County Public Schools opens 2 hours late or closes 2 hours early, our center will open 2 hours late or close 2 hours early. If Baltimore County Public Schools close for the entire day due to inclement weather, we will not open before 9 a.m. Parents are reminded that the center will open unless Ms. Tia has sent out a message regarding the center closing. If the center has to close due to extreme inclement weather, parents will be notified by the one call message system. When inclement weather is predicted by the weather forecasters, please listen to the local TV and radio stations for updates and listen to the full message sent to parents by Ms. Tia.

Parent Reminders

- Please ensure your child has weather appropriate change of clothes since we are changing 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 during the school year.
- Breakfast is served from 7:30 am to 8:00 am.
- Please label your child's jackets, coats and hats. This will help prevent misplacement of belongings.
- Do not park in handicap space unless you have a sticker.
- Parents are asked not to double park in the parking lot or speed in the parking lot.
- 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. Medication must be in its original box with directions from the doctor on administering the medication.
- **Children must be signed in and out by an authorized adult or person at least 16 years old per Maryland child care license regulations.**
- 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.
- As we approach winter, please review our inclement weather policy.
- Parents must wear masks when entering the building.

Special Thanks

A special thanks is extended to Ms. Shana for the beautiful Christmas door decorations with the gingerbread theme in building 3102.



“January first is a blank page of a 365 page book of your new year. Make your 2026 book a best seller. Every day can be a new chapter.”



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Please Note:

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



Parent Thank You's

- Ms. Jackie extends a grateful thank you to each and every parent that donated toys and/or a monetary donation for the Joy with a Toy drive. We appreciate you .
- Ms. Kim and Ms. Kimberly's extend a grateful thanks to their parents for their awesome generosity for the center's toy drive. We also thank our kids for demonstrating love, giving, and sharing.
- Ms. Kim and Ms. Kimberly extend thanks to Jacob's mom and Amiyah's parents for the goody bags. Our kids were so happy.
- Ms. Kim sends her appreciation and thanks to Ms. Patrice (one of her former parents) for the lovely Christmas gift. I am appreciative.
- Ms. Kim and Ms. Kimberly extend thanks to Amiyah's parents, Kevin's mom, Tristan's parents, and Kaiden's mom for the lovely Christmas gifts. It is greatly appreciated.
- Ms. Kabrea and Ms. Shana extend thanks to Mrs. Bridgett, Kierstyn's grandmother, for the Christmas gifts.
- The Pre-K class wish to thank all parents for the party donations and Christmas gifts.

'New Closings for 2026'

Developing Mind will now close all day on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and the next business day after Christmas. We will be closed all day on New Year's Eve and New Year's day.

Developing Mind's administrators and teachers wish each and every parent a blessed and prosperous 2026 New Year!!
Mrs. LaTia

January Birthdays

Children

Saint H.	1/4
Khan J.	1/4
Kevin, L.	1/14
Jacob H.	1/17
Alaiyah G.	1/28
Rison R.	1/28

Teachers

Ms. Kim	1/6
Ms. Niyoni	1/7
Ms. Jayla	1/8
Ms. Kimberly	1/20
Ms. Belinda	1/29

