

# Developing Minds Quality Infant & Child Care

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## February 2026 Newsletter

### Special Points of Interest

- Winter Safety
- President's Day
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### Important Dates

February 14—Valentine Day

February 16—Center closed for President 's Day & Staff Training

## Winter Safety



Winter weather presents hazards including slippery roads/surfaces, strong winds and environmental cold. The Northeast region of our country, including Maryland, has recently experienced record snowfall levels and extreme chilling temperatures. It is critical that we learn to be safe in these winter conditions to protect ourselves and our children. Winter weather can expose adults and children to frost-

bite, hypothermia, fatigue, confusion, disorientation, loss of coordination, shivering and serious foot or hand conditions. Dangerous cold for adults generally begins when wind chill temperatures fall to 13°F or lower, as this can cause frostbite in 30 minutes or less, according to the National Weather Service. Extreme risk occurs when temperatures drop to 5°F or below. If the body temperature falls below 95°F, hypothermia, cardiac stress, and death can occur. A person can slide into unconsciousness if their body temperature drops to 82 degrees. If it drops below 70 degrees, death can occur and the heart, respiratory system, nervous system and other organs can shut down. It is important to know the wind chill temperature so you can be better prepared for the cold weather.

Follow these safety practices to stay safe in cold weather:

- Know the symptoms of cold stress; reddening skin, tingling, pain, swelling, leg cramps, numbness, and blisters.
- Dress properly; wear at least three layers of loose-fitting clothing, insulated gloves and boots, and cover your head.
- Do not stand outdoors more than 10-15 minutes if the temperature falls below 13°F.
- Stay dry and pack extra clothes; moisture can increase heat loss from the body.
- Take frequent breaks in warm, dry areas; if you have to be outside.
- Keep warm blankets, flashlight and a charged cell phone in your car.
- Drink warm liquids to help you stay warm.
- Make sure you have good tire tread and windshield wipers when driving in the snow.
- Remove all snow and ice from your car before driving your car after a winter snow storm.
- Drive very carefully and slow down when you see snow or ice on the road.



*“There’s nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it will grow into a beautiful butterfly. Be patient and watch it grow. Children are like a caterpillar. Be patient and watch them grow.”*

## Closed President’s Day



Developing Minds will be closed Monday, February 16 which is President’s Day. Our staff will be taking its mandatory training classes on this day. Staff members are required to take 12 clock hours of training per year. President’s Day is also a reminder to us that we must exercise our constitutional right to vote for our political officers and that we have a voice.

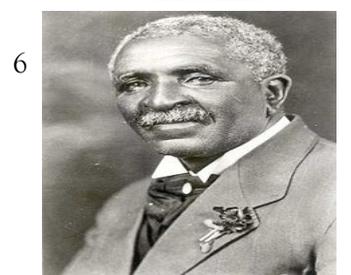
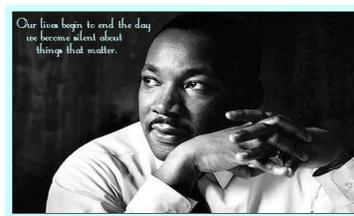
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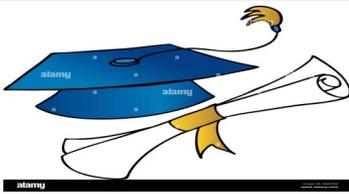


Valentine’s Day is named after Saint Valentine who is a Christian martyr from the 3rd century. Legends suggest he was a priest who disobeyed the Roman Emperor by marrying couples in secret. This holiday is full of Valentine’s cards expressing love, boxes of chocolate candy, and stuffed animals. Our classes will be having Valentine’s Day parties. We wish you and your family a happy Valentine’s Day.

## Celebrating Black History Month

Test your knowledge and your child’s knowledge of some of our great black leaders. See if you can name each one. Answers will be in the March newsletter.





# PreK Graduation News!!!!!!!

Date of Graduation: Friday, May 22, 2026

Place: Randallstown Community Center  
3505 Resource Drive  
Randallstown, MD 21133

Time: 11 am–1 pm

Light refreshments served

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Each child will receive 6 free tickets for parents and family to attend. In order to receive free tickets, each child is obligated to sell 75 raffle tickets. Raffle tickets can be picked up on March 2. Raffle ticket monies will be due on May 2nd. Monies turned in must be in cash.

The 2026 class King & Queen will be chosen from the boy and girl who sells the most raffle tickets.

All graduates will wear a cap and gown. Cap and gown payments are due by March 6 by cash only. The cost for the cap and gown is \$25

### PreK Graduation Activities:

- Carnival–May 20th
- Class Trip–TBD



## Parent Reminders

- Please ensure your child has weather appropriate change of clothes.
- 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.
- Breakfast is served from 7:30 am to 8:00 am..
- Label your child's jackets, coats and hats. This will help prevent misplacement of belongings.
- It is extremely important that parents inform their child's teacher of any allergies their child may have.
- Parents should not double park in the parking lot or at the fence. Please do not speed in the parking lot. Cars parked in handicap zone will be towed away or ticketed.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 experience winter, please review our inclement weather policy.



***“Love is when the other person's happiness is more important than your own.”***



## Inclement Weather Policy

Parents are reminded to review the inclement weather policy as outlined in the parent handbook. 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 please listen to the full message sent to parents by Ms. Tia.



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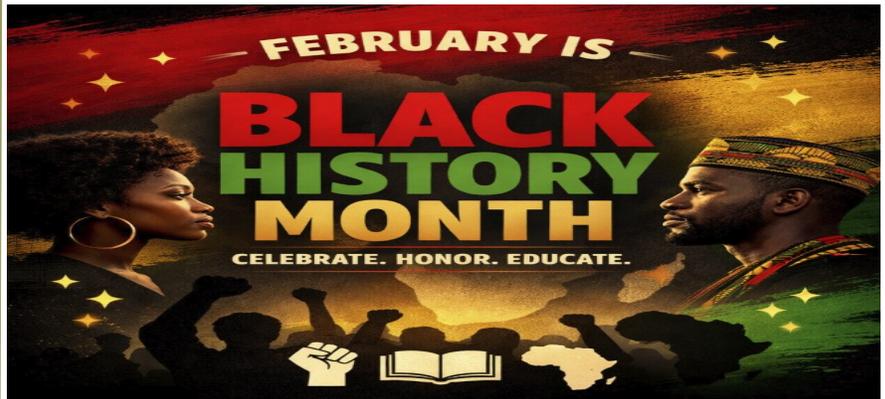
**Please Note:**

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

- Mrs. Brenda would like to thank all of her parents for their donations and support.
- Mrs. Brenda and her class give a special thanks to Ms. Christina, Kevin's mother, for the pizza party and goodie bags for Kevin's birthday.
- Ms. Monique extends her gratitude to Mr. Diimantez, Aubree's dad, for his acts of kindness and lunch.



**"We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek." - Barack Obama**

### February Birthdays

Children

Harlow B.	2/1
Blayze J.	2/1
Amir M.	2/2
Heavenly J.	2/4
Kyla W.	2/9
Robert J.	2/11
Ashton M.	2/15
Austyn P.	2/16
Khepri C.	2/25
Tru J.	2/26
Imari J.	2/28



Teachers

Ms. Diona	2/1
Ms. Shayla	2/15
Ms. Tea'	2/23