

Developing Minds Quality Infant & Child Care

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September Newsletter



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Important Dates

- **Sept. 1-New tuition rate in effect**
- **Sept. 4—Closed for Labor Day**
- **Sept. 23-Fall begins**



Going to Kindergarten

August 28, 2023 was a historical milestone for our Pre-K graduates. It was the day that they transitioned from their early childhood education to their first day in kindergarten. They are attending elementary school at various Baltimore County Public schools, private schools and Baltimore City Public schools. These students have been well prepared for kindergarten, and there is no doubt that they will be very successful. We wish them much success, and thanks is extended to their parents for allowing us to educate and nurture their young minds. We will miss them.



School Policies

On September 5, our center will start its academic school year. The start time for all children is 9:30 am. It is important that parents drop off their child on time because teachers start their circle time at 9:30 promptly. Circle time is important for your child's reinforcement of things they are learning.

Parents are asked to make sure their child's clothes, lunch and notebooks/supplies are labeled. It is important to label your child's belongings so that their teacher can identify those things that should be placed in their cubby. Parents are asked to take all sheets and blankets home on Friday and return them washed on Monday.

It is the policy of our center that girls are not allowed to wear beads in their hair for safety reasons. Often, children take the beads out of their hair or beads fall off their hair and they put the beads in their mouth. This is a potential for choking. We want our children to be safe at all times.

Due to COVID, parents are asked to ensure that no child attempts to enter the center who has a fever, cough, runny nose or show symptoms of a cold or any communicable disease, including COVID. Parents are allowed in the building to drop off their child, sign in their child, and take their child to their classroom door. As a result of COVID precautions, parents cannot go into the classroom. Thank you for your cooperation.



“Education is the road that leads you to growth in confidence, knowledge, decision-making, understanding, power, stability, foresight, wisdom and success.”

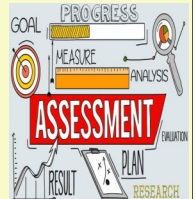


Tuition Increase

Economically, our country is suffering from rising prices in food, goods and services, household goods, etc. As a result, our childcare center has incurred rising prices in our expenses. Beginning September 1, there will be a tuition increase for all children. Please ensure that you pay the new tuition rate charged to your account. Parents are reminded to pick up their child no later than 6:30 pm because there is a late pickup fee of \$20 for the late pickup time of 6:31 pm–6:35 pm and \$5.00 for each additional minute after 6:35 pm.

Student Assessments

Assessments in early childhood education are very important. Performing an assessment on a child reveals to the teacher what milestones the child has reached. In addition, it informs the teacher of areas where the child has deficiencies. Our teachers will be doing ASQ assessments of all children in our center. Assessments are important for our teachers in developing their lesson plans and to challenge our children for future growth and development. Our teachers may be contacting parents for input on certain areas of the assessment. If you have any questions regarding the assessment, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or the main office.



Emergency Forms Update

During the week of September 5th, our center will conduct an annual emergency form update. All children, for the exceptions of those enrolled as of August 25, 2023, will be asked to completed a new emergency form. This process is mandated by the Maryland Department of Education Child Care Licensing. Please fill out a new emergency form and return to your child's teacher or the main office. Thank you for your cooperation.



Joe Corbi's & Claire's Fundraiser



Our center will be having a fundraiser featuring Joe Corbi's and Claire's gourmet pizzas and deserts. The fundraiser will start September 5, 2023 and run through September 26, 2023. Delivery of all orders will take place on October 26, 2023. Many of our parents get orders from family members, coworkers or friends. Your support of our fundraiser is greatly appreciated. Order forms will be distributed to parents on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

BoChase Foundation Fundraiser Walk

Mrs. Tia Smith Middleton is the grandmother of Bowen Chase Bacote. Bowen was born silent on September 28, 2022 on his actual due date. Mrs. Tia is the mother of Mrs. Tierra who is the mother of Bowen. Many of you know Mrs. Tierra from working at the center and her husband, Mr. Brandon, from being at the center. Their loss was devastating for their entire family, friends and Developing Minds family. In honor of his life, Bowen's parents started a foundation to help other parents with infertility, pregnancy and infants loss, and pregnancy after loss. Please visit the site to read their entire story and share with others. Mrs. Tia thanks everyone for their support during this past year. Grief doesn't have an expiration date and to this day it's still hard to know that Mrs. Tia's only grandson isn't here with them, but in the arm of God peacefully. If you would like to make a donation, you can go to the website, www.bochaseinc.org or visit Mrs. Tia in the main office.



MRS. TIA WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOUR SUPPORT

BoChase Foundation Fundraiser Walk

We walk in honor of Bowen's 1st Heavenly Birthday and all pregnancies/ infants lost too soon.

 **Lake Kittamaqundi**
10221 Wincopin Circle
Columbia, MD 21044

 **Saturday, October 7th 2023 12p.m-2p.m.**

Register or Donate at:
www.bochaseinc.org

Come and join us!

 **bochase**
FOUNDATION

Registration-\$10
Reg&Shirt- \$30

Public Event Brandon and Tierra Bacote have started their foundation in honor of Bowen Bacote (their son). It will officially launch on 9/28/2023. Please join us as we kick off his memorial walk/fundraiser for infertility, pregnancy & infant loss, and pregnancy after loss on October 7, 2023. Please share with your family and anyone who would like to support or have experienced any of the above. Visit www.bochaseinc.org to register or donate.



“There is no footprint too small to leave an imprint on our hearts and on this world.”

Farewell to Our Summer Trips

Our 2023 summer trip program was a great success. Our children enjoyed bowling, the movies, Sky Zone, Main Event, Chuck E Cheese, Hyper Kidz, National Aquarium, Adventure Park USA, Kidz Jungle World, and the picnic at Northwest Regional Park. Thanks is extended to parents who allowed their child to participate in the summer trips and a special thanks to parents who served as chaperones. Our last two trips were to Adventure Park USA and Northwest Regional Park. Please see pictures below:



The fun roller coaster.



Juno and her dad having fun.



Triston going down the slide.



The Velez family having fun.



We're waiting for it to start.



The go-carts are fun



Grace & Mom having fun.



Mom & I are on the ride.



I love having Mom with me.



***“When
you do
physical
exercise,
you gain
for your
body.
When
you read
books,
you gain
for your
mind.”***



Mekki is having fun.



Mr. Jerome & Ms. Dezhah & family.



Mr. Brandon & Brinley having fun.



***“I’ve
always
loved the
first day
of school
better
than the
last.
Firsts
are better
because
they are
begin-
nings.”
Jenny
Han***



Ms. Jackie and Ms. Belinda cooking for the picnic.



The kids say the food is good.



The kids having fun with Ms. Tracey & Ms. Delores & S/A kids posing.



Ms. Malayah & her class.



A Special Message From Our Parents

Periodically, our parents send us notes of appreciation and thanks for loving, caring and nurturing their child. When a child is enrolled in our center, we know that the parent has entrusted us with caring and teaching their child. We take that responsibility to heart by helping the child to grow and develop to their full potential, while showing them care and love. We also see the parent as our responsibility to ensure them their child is safe and well cared for and that they can feel comfortable as they leave their child in our care. Thanks is extended to all of our parents. Below are two special parent emails that were sent to me which truly blessed me. The children in our center and their parents are very special to me.

With Much Love,

Mrs. LaTia

Mrs. Tia:

You're very welcome. Thank you so much for your care. My family and I really had a nice time with your center and appreciate your effort. I recommend you to everyone that I know. My son was there since 9 month old, it was amazing to see how all the teacher call him with so much love. Because of the teacher, my son know more than expected. I pray that God continue to bless you and May he realize all your dream. Even my next child will be with you by God grace. A big thanks to everyone especially Ms. Kim, Ms. Kabrea, and Ms. Jackie who was really present for me. I will surely follow up with his progress. You are part of his success.

God bless! Ms. Fatoumata (Boubacar mom)

Hi Mrs. Latia,

As you know Khalani has graduated from preschool and will be attending Kindergarten this upcoming school year. I wanted to take the time out to say thank you for all you have done in our lives. She has learned so much from her teachers and has really matured into a little young lady. I see the growth from when she first started at your facility. We will take everything that she has learned and apply it throughout her school year. I will stop pass the facility to pick up her belongings. Again thank you for the kind words shared and for going the extra mile to be a blessing in our lives.

With Love,

Courtney ♥

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
- 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.
- 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. 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.
- 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.



“When you do physical exercise, you gain for your body. When you read books, you gain for your mind.”

Parent Thank You's

- Ms. LaTia and the staff wish to thank Ms. Raven, Kori's mom, for the donation of toys. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.
- Thanks is extended to Ms. Jackie for coordinating a great summer trip program for the children.
- Appreciation is extended to Ms. Belinda for helping to cook the food for the end of summer picnic trip.
- Thanks is extended to all parents who supported the summer field trip program and to those who served as chaperones.

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Please Note:

We have been experiencing difficulties with our 410-944-5437 line, please use our other exchanges (1340, 1341,

*We Are Closed September 4th
in Observance of Labor Day*



September Birthdays

Children

Julian G.	9/2
Ace M.	9/5
Reign B.	9/13
Tate W.	9/18
Carson G.	9/22
Isabella R.	9/23
Trae S.	9/25



Teachers

Ms. Creshawn	9/3
Ms. Tracey	9/28