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DEVELOPING MINDS QUALITY INFANT & CHILD CARE

December Newsletter

Spreading Holiday Joy With A Toy

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Important Dates

December 24-Close 3 p.m.

December 25-26 - Center Closed, Christmas Holiday

December 29-Center Reopens

December 31-Close 3 p.m.

January 1-Center Closed

January 2-Center Reopens

January 19-Center Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

January 20-Center Reopens

The holiday season is a perfect time to spread the joy of Christmas and the holiday season. Many families are experiencing troublesome times with the chaos we are experiencing in the world. As we look at our children, we see the childlike anticipation of receiving Christmas gifts, despite the world's chaos. Their faces are full of joy, anticipation, excitement, and the glow of the season. During the holiday season, our children will enjoy various activities such as Christmas parties, making Christmas ornaments/crafts, hearing holiday stories and watching holiday movies, exchanging gifts and sharing the holiday with less fortunate children. One of the things we will teach our children is that they too can spread the joy of Christmas with others. One of the most heart warming feelings during the holidays is to see the joy on someone else's face when you share the joy of the holiday.

During the weeks of December 1-19, we would like to ask each family at Developing Minds to bring in a toy or book for a child. It doesn't have to be an expensive toy. Five and Below could be a suggestion of where to get a toy. This is a great opportunity for our parents and teachers to teach our children to help others. This is the true spirit of Christmas that can bring joy to other children and put a wonderful smile on the face of our Developing Minds staff, parents and children. All toys and books will be given to a local fire station to distribute to children in our community. Thank you in advance for making some child feel the joy of the Christmas holidays and for teaching our children to spread the joy with a toy. Toys can be given to your child's teacher or the main office.



Holiday Closings

A hearty holiday greeting is extended to each of our Developing Minds parent. We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please take notice to holiday notifications via voicemail, text or notices from teachers. Each

classroom will be doing special activities during the month of December. During the Christmas holidays, we will close early at 3 p.m. on December 24. We will be closed on December 25 and 26 for the Christmas holiday. We will reopen on December 29. We will close at 3 p.m.

on December 31 for New Year's Eve, and we will be closed on January 1 for New Year's Day. We will reopen on Friday, January 2. Our center will also be closed for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on January 19, 2026.





***“Like
snowflakes, my
Christmas
memories gather
and dance—each
one beautiful,
unique, and
gone too soon;
yet, they
become a
beautiful
memory of the
love, peace and
joy of
Christmas.”***



Celebrating Holiday Traditions

During the month of December, people will happily celebrate the holiday season for the birth of Christ, Kwanzaa and Chanukah. Christmas is a holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. During this time, Christians spread the message of love, peace and joy. Christmas signifies the birth of the Savior Jesus Christ and his arrival to save mankind. Many churches will hold Christmas Eve services. This holiday is celebrated with Christmas trees and decorations, family gatherings, gift giving, helping the less fortunate, and holiday parties.

Kwanzaa is derived from the Swahili phrase “mutanda ya kdwansa, meaning,” first fruits. Kwanzaa consists of seven days of celebration. Kwanzaa features activities such as candle-lighting and the pouring of libations, enjoying the love of family and having a culminating feast with gift giving. Chanukah is a Jewish holiday celebrating the Jews victory over the Syrians who were their enemy. It also commemorates the miracle of the oil that burned for eight days. This is represented by the lighting of the menorah each day of Chanukah. This holiday is also a time when Jewish families gather at festive dinners to light the menorah and give gifts.

During this month, Mrs. Tia and the staff at Developing Minds wish all of our parents a safe, happy and blessed holiday season. We hope you will share memorable moments with your family during this season of love, hope, peace, family and sharing.



The Gift of a Cuddle Cot

The Bochase Foundation appreciates your help in reaching our goal to help a family.

—\$3,500

—\$3,000

—\$2,500



CUDDLE COT FUNDRAISER

POV: You're helping us raise funds to gift a Cuddle Cot to a local hospital — giving families the precious time they need to bond, grieve, and create memories with their baby.

WE ARE SO CLOSE!

JOIN US IN REACHING OUR GOAL OF \$3,500!






GIVING TUESDAY

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Parent Reminders

- Please ensure your child has weather appropriate change of clothes since winter is here.
- Parents must submit their child's Health Inventory Part II and immunization form to the office.
- The cut-off time for all classes is 9:30 am.
- Breakfast is served 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.



***“Wishing you
Joy, Peace,
love,
blessings, and
family
memories
at the
Holidays and
throughout
the New
Year.”***



Inclement Weather Policy

Winter is coming and soon we will experience snow and icy days. It is very important for our parents to know our 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 Mrs. 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 Mrs. Tia.



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**We're on Facebook
and Twitter**

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. Shayla and Ms. Jayda extend a hearty thank you to Lyric's Mom for providing the class with extra juice and water just in case anyone may needed it.
- Thanks is extended to our parents in building 3100 and 3102 who gave donations or participated in our Thanksgiving Day feasts.



"Thanks is extended to every parent for your support throughout the year. May you and your family have a safe and blessed holiday."

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Mrs. LaTia*

Parent Notification

Developing Minds will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2026 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



December Birthdays

Children

Asiya V.	12/2
Milan W.	12/7
Ghia R.	12/8
Samiya S.	12/14
Brinley B.	12/19

Teachers

Ms. Kabrea	12/25
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