

KidzStuff Child Care Center

FALL DIGITAL NEWSLETTER



"Be Happy For This Moment, This Moment is Your Life."

A New School Year, New Adventure

The 2024/2025 School Year has Begun!

----- FALL/WINTER FUN

We've had so much fun getting to know each other during the month of September! The children have settled into our school routine and love eating lunch from their personalized lunch boxes. KidzStuff staff will begin accepting microwaveable food on October 7th.

- Do NOT send glass containers
- Label all food containers

Together let's get ready for the great transition from the warmer months to the colder months. This is your friendly reminder to look in your child's cubby to remove all Spring/Summer clothing and to replace that clothing with Fall/Winter clothing.

Fall family activities will begin during the month of October with our first field trip of the season to the pumpkin patch on the 17th. We will take a yellow bus to Gaver Farm to enjoy the farm animals, a hayride, and picking a pumpkin. Please complete a permission slip and pay the fee of \$25.00 pp to \$kidzstuffcc no later than October 14, 2024. Only one chaperon per family is allowed on the bus.

Our infant/toddler friends will enjoy an onsite pumpkin patch on the 17th at 10:30 a.m.

October is also the kick-off of our family involvement nights. On October 18th from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm our friends will wash cars on the Broadway parking lot. Please drive up to have some fun with our friends.

The time is now to sign up for trunk-or-treat. Our friends will dress up in friendly costumes on October 31st to enjoy our fall festival parties and to get candy from our parents who decorate their trunks and hand out safe treats that are nut free and bubble gum free. All parent volunteers should arrive at 4:30 p.m. for a start at 5:00 p.m.

Learn more about what your child is doing monthly from the classroom teacher and through Brightwheel. Stay tuned to classroom parent boards!

Announcements & Updates

----- FOR ALL FAMILIES

Family Camp Out

Please come out and watch a movie on the big screen, enjoy some hot chocolate and hotdogs, while we help the littles make smores. Bring your chairs, blankets, and tents.

The campout will begin at 6:00 pm.

It's a family event, your entire family is welcome to come and join us on the parking lot of our Broadway location.

Thanksgiving Luncheon

We are excited to enjoy your company again at our annual parent appreciation Thanksgiving Luncheon. Please pay close attention to your center's luncheon date below. **ONLY** two people from each family will be allowed to attend. Tickets for the luncheon will be given to families at the beginning of November.

YMCA Turkey Trot

KidzStuff is participating in the YMCA's Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning. If you want to come out for a good cause, we would love to have you on our team. Please see Ms. Yvette for details.





Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Psalm 107:1

Administrative Information

- Please sign your children in and out daily. We need your **signature** on file, do not let your child sign for him/herself.
- If you receive a scholarship from the State for childcare you have the responsibility of **validating** your child’s attendance on the Family Portal. Not validating your child’s attendance will result in you losing your scholarship.
- We may need to talk to you when you come to drop-off or pick-up your child(ren). Please refrain from all **cell phone** conversations when entering the building, so we can have your undivided attention.
- This is the season for inclement weather, please be sure your telephone number and email addresses are updated in our system as we send **weather updates** through the Brightwheel system which sends text messages and emails.

KidzStuff follows Baltimore City School Systems inclement weather promptings. There could be exceptions please stay watchful.

- The **Christmas closure** for 2024 will begin on Monday, December 23, 2025. We will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2025.
- All children enrolled in childcare are required to receive two **lead tests**. A recent audit from the Office of Child Care was conducted, some families lead tests were missing. If you received a lead test form, we need that form returned to the center completed by the doctor no later than October 21st.
- The flu, RSV, common cold, COVID, and other **communicable diseases** are always lurking, but this is the season for it to rage amongst us. Please do NOT bring your child to the center sick. If our teachers get sick, we run the risk of closing the classrooms. Mask mandates are possible during the winter months.

Important Dates for October – December

----- ALL FAMILIES

- October 17th**
Pumpkin Patch
- October 18th**
Car Wash
(Broadway location)
- October 31st**
Trunk-or-Treat
- November 1st**
Father’s Day “Balls with Dads”
- November 5th**
Election Day
(center closed)
- November 6th – 7th**
Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 15th**
Thanksgiving Luncheon
(Alameda location)
- November 21st**
Thanksgiving Luncheon
(Broadway location)
- November 28th – 29th**
Thanksgiving
(Center Closed)
- December 16th - 20th**
Christmas Spirit Week
- December 20th**
Christmas Program
- December 23rd – January 1st**
Christmas/New Year Break
(Center Closed)



Before/After School Programming School Aged Children



----- **CHRYSTAL/DARLENE**

The first month of school transportation has been a success. Please remind your children of the safety rules to continue receiving

transportation for the remainder of the school year.

All full-time school aged children can come to the center when school is closed. When coming to the center all children are required to bring a lunch.

We do not provide emergency school closure transportation. If school closes for an emergency or the school schedule changes, please make arrangements for your child(ren) to be

picked up from school.

Remind your child’s teacher that we are not responsible for communicating with you for them. They need to communicate directly with you about your child(ren). We will not be responsible for delivering message to you about anything from the school.

Please see your child’s teacher for all programming activities.