

KidzStuff Child Care Center

WINTER DIGITAL NEWSLETTER



“Every Year is a New Beginning, a chance to start fresh and write a beautiful story with your life.”

A New Year Brings New Hope

Welcome to 2025

----- WINTER FUN

Thank you for the wonderful cards, gifts, and goodies during the Christmas Season. We are grateful to have ended 2024 on such a high, and we are excited to begin 2025 with lots of fun activities for our families to enjoy.

Winter has made her presence known; it is sooo cold outside! Your child must have winter changes of clothing in his/her cubby now. We will enjoy outdoor weather as many days as possible; please dress your child in appropriate clothing (coats, mittens, scarves, etc.) so outside play can be enjoyable for all.

Winter family nights start on January 16th at 5:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy the activities we have planned for Family Literacy Night for children two - Pre-k 4. This is such a fun way to learn and enjoy ways to introduce literacy to your home routine.

Field Trips are planned as extensions of our in-classroom learning intended to help our friends experience the lessons of the classroom in the real world around them. They are not mandatory, however if your child is not attending the field trip, he/she cannot come to school on field trip days.

One chaperon per family is permitted to attend the field trip. Field trip money is non-refundable and non-transferable. All field trips require a signed permission slip. When prompted please pay the field trip fees via cash app \$kidzstuffcc.

January 24, 2025, is our New Year color party. Please have our friends dress in their classroom colors and bring a small treat the same color to school.

Infants - **Purple**
 Toddlers - **Orange**
 Twos - **Blue**
 Threes - **Red**
 Fours - **Yellow**
 School Age - **Black**
 Admin - **Pink**

This year's HBCU spirit week will begin on February 10th and culminate on February 14th with our KidzStuff Child Care Center walking African American Life, History, and Culture Museum. Parents are invited to come walk through our exhibits and enjoy the art forms created by our friends.

Announcements & Updates

----- FOR ALL FAMILIES

Inclement Weather

Unless otherwise stated KidzStuff will follow the Baltimore City Public Schools' inclement weather delays and/or closures. Please be sure we have your current email address and telephone number on file to ensure you receive notifications in real time.

If you are not on our email list or in the Bright Wheel System, please see our administrative assistant to begin receiving notifications.

Tax Forms

Tax documents will be issued by January 31, 2025, through the Brightwheel System.

HBCU Spirit Week Daily Themes

Monday - Dress our friends in their classroom's HBCU colors

Tuesday - Dress like a famous AA who graduated from an HBCU

Wednesday - Bring in something that identifies the career of a famous AA that you want to be when you grow up

Thursday - AA Greek Organization Day (let our friends dress in their favorite Greek attire)

Friday - Walking Museum all parents are invited





"Just like a bear in winter, find a cozy spot and take a break when you need it."

Important Dates for January - March

----- ALL FAMILIES

January 16th

Family Literacy Night
@ 5:30 p.m.

January 20th

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
(closed)

January 22nd

National Aquarium Field Trip
(\$25.00 pp)

January 24th

Color Party

February 10th - 14th

HBCU Spirit Week
KidzStuff Walking Museum

February 17th

President's Day
(closed)

February 28th

100th Day of School

March 17th

"The Real St. Patrick" Day

March 20th

KidzStuff Ball Day

March 27th

Family Science Night
@ 5:30 p.m.

Parent Corner

As the new year begins, many people make resolutions: goals that they hope to achieve in the coming year. Whether you want to eat healthier, spend more time with family, or try a new hobby, goals might feel hard to reach without a plan. Here are some tips to help you build the healthy habits you want in 2025:

- **Make a plan:** Consider what you would like your habits to look like. Choose something reasonable that you feel confident in doing, such as limiting buying junk food at a vending machine. Then, make sure you have steps in mind that will help you achieve your goal, like having healthier snacks on hand or changing your route to avoid walking past that vending machine.



- **Stay motivated:** You can feel more encouraged to stick to healthy

habits when you keep your mind on the reasons why you want to build them. For example, think about the extra energy you will gain when you have a more nutritious or balanced diet. Certain mobile apps can help you track progress related to your goals. This way, you can see your successes and find support when needed.

- **Keep going:** We are human, and we all make mistakes. If you notice that you have fallen behind on your goals, be patient with yourself. Continue with your good habits. Repeated actions will make these behaviors part of your routine over time, even when you misstep now and then.

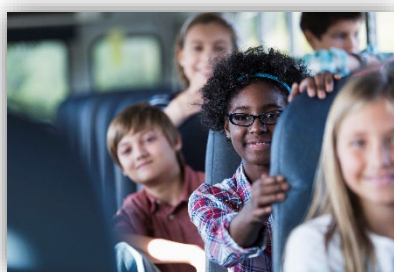
Is My Kid Behind? Real Talk About Milestones

Many parents look forward to seeing their children meet developmental milestones, like crawling or babbling. But hearing 'a child should be able to do this and such by a certain age,' might make you worry. Learn about how doctors use milestones to keep an eye on a child's growth in this video from PBS.

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Before/After School Programming School Aged Children



----- CRYSTAL/DARLENE

Traveling to schools to pick-up children who are not in need of pick-up services causes serious delays and is not fair to the child(ren) at the

next school therefore KidzStuff will begin charging a fee of \$15.00 per offense for all families who do not call the center to provide "no pick-up" information.

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.

Please encourage your child to bring all his/her belongings from school to the center, our staff are not responsible for collecting things from your child's school.

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