

April 2026 Center Newsletter



Hello families,

As April arrives, we're excited to soak in the beauty of spring and all the growth, discovery, and joyful learning it brings to our Center. It's such a special time of year when children start noticing changes in the world around them—from flowers blooming to the warmth of sunny days. We can't wait to weave these seasonal experiences into our classroom activities.

Throughout the month, our teachers will continue to support each child's growth through engaging activities, hands-on learning, and meaningful interactions that nurture curiosity and confidence. We appreciate your ongoing partnership and look forward to another month filled with learning, laughter, and memorable moments together.

Important Dates:

Friday, April 3: Center closed for Teacher's Development Day.

Please check your classroom newsletter about any upcoming parties for spring.



2026/27 Calendar

This is the school year's working calendar. Dates may change, if necessary, with advance notice. Snow days will be handled on a case-by-case basis.



Dates of Closure (2026/27)	Reason
Thursday, January 1	New Year's Day
Monday, January 19	MLK Day
Monday, February 16	President's Day
Friday, April 3	Teacher's Development Day
Friday, May 8	National Provider's Day
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day
Friday, June 19	Juneteenth
Friday, July 3	Fourth of July
Monday, September 7	Labor Day
Monday, October 12	Columbus/Indigenous People Day
Wednesday, November 11	Veteran's Day
Wednesday, November 25	Thanksgiving Break (Close @12)
Thursday, November 26	Thanksgiving Break
Friday, November 27	Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday, December 23	Christmas Break (Close @ 12)
Thursday, December 24	Christmas Break
Friday, December 25	Christmas Break
Thursday, December 31	New Year's Day Eve (Close @ 12)
Friday, January 1	New Year's Day



Preventing the Spread of Illness

How is your child feeling?

Children should stay home from school if they're sick. At the Children's Center, we work hard to create a safe and healthy environment for everyone, but we need your support. If your child isn't feeling well or is showing symptoms of illness, including but not limited to:

Fever

Severe Pains including Headache, Body aches including ear, throat or teeth, and Stomachache

Vomiting

Diarrhea

Persistent cough

Constant sneeze

Runny unclear nose

Lethargy

Rash

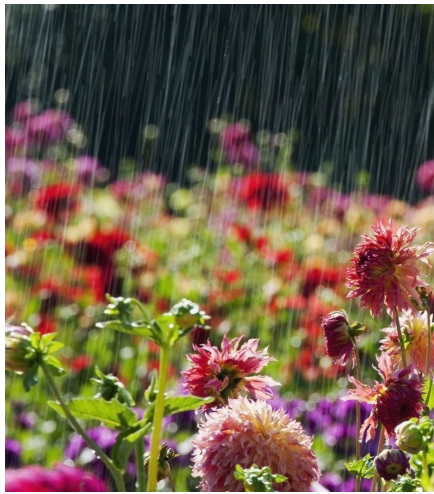
or any contagious disease or infections, they should be kept home. When in doubt, reach out to your child's doctor and keep us informed about their progress. Children can return once they have a doctor's note.

What happens when your child is sick at school?

You'll be contacted through the ProCare emergency text message system. If there's no response within 5 minutes, you'll get a follow-up phone call for immediate pickup. Children should be picked up within an hour of being called. If a child isn't feeling their best and a parent can't be reached, the Center will contact an emergency contact to arrange pickup.

Please ensure your contact information is up to date and your emergency contacts are current and available for pickups if necessary.

Attention



Cutoff Policy

The Children's Center has a **9:30 Am cutoff policy**. While we understand that morning issues may come up, this cutoff helps maintain a structured schedule in our classrooms. At 9:30 Am, we take morning attendance, set the staff-to-child ratio for the day, and serve snacks. This is also when each classroom begins its morning learning activities, and late arrivals can cause distractions.

Children won't be accepted into the Center after 9:30 Am to minimize distractions, unless they have a doctor's appointment that the teacher was informed in advance and they arrive with a doctor's note.



Weekly Bins

Please ensure your child comes to school ready for the week ahead. In case of an emergency, the classroom may contact you if your child needs anything extra, but buckets should be fully stocked on Monday mornings with a week's worth of supplies in every room. If your child is not potty-trained or in the potty-training stages, make sure they have enough diapers or pull-ups, along with wipes or flushable wipes, for the entire week. Each child's bin should include a fitted crib sheet, blanket, optional pillow, and plenty of clothing. At the end of each week, remember to clean out the bin and restock it with items for the following week.

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Communication ...

We communicate through ProCare, so be sure to have the app downloaded and updated on your devices and add your cellphone number to ensure we can connect with families effectively. We can't be responsible for any messages you miss due to not using ProCare.

For any questions or concerns, contact your child's teacher during working hours through Procure or by calling 301-856-1680. Please avoid calling between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm, as this is nap time and when staff are on their lunch breaks.

Infant/ Toddler Room - Ms. Amanda (7:00 Am - 4:00 Pm)

2-year-old Room - Ms. Kia (7:00 Am - 5:30 Pm)

3-year-old Room - Ms. Caprise and Ms. Crystal (7:00 Am - 4:00 Pm; 9:00 Am - 5:00 Pm)

4-year-old Room - Ms. Tonya (8:30 Am - 5:30 Pm)

In case of an emergency or if you cannot reach your child's teacher, feel free to contact Ms. Kia, director, via ProCare, phone call, or email at thechildrensctr@yahoo.com.