

Monthly Quotes

“Get happiness out of your work, or you may never know what happiness is.”

—Elbert Hubbard

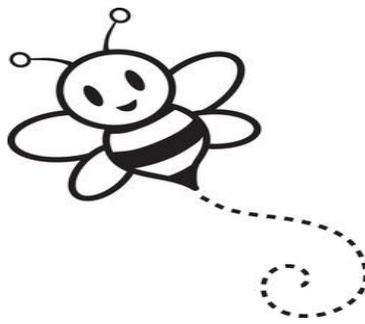
Monthly Events

- April 2nd Egg Hunt
- April 3rd Good Friday
Center is OPEN
- April 3rd Egg Drawing
for Parents
- April 5th Easter Sunday
- April 6 – 10th Spring Break for
School Districts
Center is OPEN
- April 23rd Take your son
or daughter to
work day
- April 29th Morrish
Kindergarten
Registration
6-730pm

April Birthdays
Happy Birthday

- Luke R. April 2nd
- Anna C. April 2nd
- Miss Madison April 2nd
- Autumn S. April 8th
- Sophia P. April 10th
- Grace G. April 13th
- Madison P. April 16th
- Nathanael S. April 17th
- Haydyn G. April 18th
- Olivia M. April 18th
- Franklin D. April 20th
- Jack B. April 24th
- Amelia S. April 25th

Brandi's



Buzz

Good news and information for our friends and family

Parent Newsletters

Please remember to read the entire parent newsletter. These newsletters contain important information that is happening at the center; such as party information, events coming up, picnics, field trips, etc. Newsletters also contain information regarding upcoming classroom events, teacher updates, etc.

Once you have read your newsletter, please initial your envelope and return it to the front desk in the bucket to be used for the next month.

Be Proactive With Health

Maintaining a healthy lifestyle requires you to be proactive when it comes to your health. You can set about creating a healthier lifestyle by making an appointment for a screening, check-up, or vaccination. Screenings and exams can detect problems at their earliest stages, thus increasing the chances for successful treatments and cures.

Better food choices can also have a positive effect on your health. Drinking more water or eating healthier snacks, such as low fat cheese, nuts, and fruit, are simple pieces of advice that can make a big overall difference to your lifestyle.



Make sure you get at least two and a half hours of physical activity per week. Even simple acts, such as using stairs rather than using an elevator, can contribute to that time and help keep you fit and active. Avoid getting sick or spreading germs by regularly washing your hands, and make sure you get plenty of sleep.

Important Information

Congratulations to Ms. Nina and Miss. Emily's room for winning our March Door Contest. Ms. Nina won 1st place and Miss. Emily's room won 2nd place. Classrooms will receive a special treat for their hard work that they put into decorating their door.

Brandi's Place will be opened on Friday the 3rd (Good Friday) during Spring Break (April 6th - 13th). Any latchkey children that need to be here during the day can add their days at the front desk.

As stated by the Health Dept, children who are sick must be free from all illnesses (vomiting, diarrhea, fever, etc) for 24 hours before they can return back to school or child care to prevent the spread of illnesses. We try our best to keep germs to a minimum. Our rooms are cleaned daily and toys are bleached at the end of every night.

The bye bye buggy is now back in the front entryway. Please do not allow your children to climb on the buggy. This buggy has a weight limit and the axles have already been replaced from being bent. This buggy is only used for the infants and one year olds. This is also for the safety of all the children.

**April Employee of the Month:
Miss. Madison**

**Congratulations
Miss Madison!**

Spring Craft Ideas For The Whole Family

Spring is a great time of year with its constantly changing weather and the hint of summer just around the corner. Celebrating spring and the beginning of a new year of growth and nature's beauty can be a whole family event.



If you are a craft lover, or even if you find crafts a bit intimidating, there are a lot of very simple, low-cost craft ideas that you can do with the whole family. Older children can do their own and younger kids will love to have help from Mom, Dad or brothers and sisters. Grandparents and other family members can also get involved to make it a true family activity.

One really great idea is to focus in on nature for these craft activities. Talk to the kids about the environment and about using recycled and reused items to protect the world around us.

Painted Rocks

Painted rocks have been around for a long, long time but they are still a spring classic. Take a nature walk along your favorite beach, creek or stream and collect flat rocks of varying sizes.

Using insect designs such as ladybugs, bees and butterflies the children can create an entire collection of spring insect-themed rocks. If you water based craft paints they are easy to clean-up and environmentally friendly. Coat these with a layer of craft or paint sealant and they can be added to the base of houseplants for a wonderful, colorful display.

Garden Stones

Another lasting type of craft project for the garden is to get each child to make their own paver for each year. They can collect their favorite rocks, marbles, coins, glass shapes from a craft shop or other durable items to press into quick setting concrete that is readily available from your hardware store.

You can use any type of form from cereal boxes to milk cartons. Encourage the kids to put their hand or footprint in the stepping stone and also print their name and the year. Over time you will have an amazing pathway of your children's growth.

Herb or Flower Garden

Kids of all ages love to watch plants grow. Choose a wood planter with a plastic liner for in the house and allow the kids to decorate it with paints, markers, crayons or even old craft supplies and sparkles.

Then, the children can put good quality potting soil into the planter and choose to plant seeds or bulbs of flowers, herbs or a combination of both. Encourage the kids to activity water and care for their planter. This is a great way to develop a lifelong interest in nature and even in the foods we eat, which is always important throughout life.

Scheduling

Please keep in mind that schedules are due by the end of the day on Thursdays for the next week. Schedules that have not been turned in will default to your current weeks schedule for the following week. Days cannot be changed once the week has begun, however parents can add a day if needed and if there is availability in the classroom and with staff. Most of the time we can accommodate with the staff schedule by making a few adjustments, however your family will still be responsible for the added day even if your family decides that morning that they do not need the day. Adjustments have been made with staffing and in the classrooms.

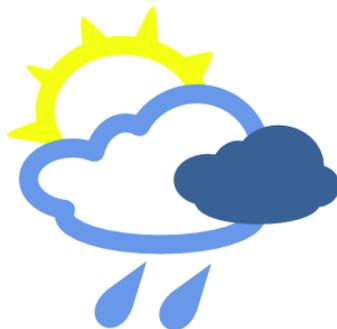
If your child needs to add a day (even the morning of) please make sure that you call and make sure that there is staffing and space available. We must make sure that that we are prepared and the teachers are prepared in the classroom with their daily projects as well.

We appreciate your help in this matter as we try to accommodate everyone's changing schedule.

Weather Changes

Spring is here and with that brings warmer weather and even threatening weather. This is a great time to check your child's cubby and make sure that there is proper clothing that fits them and is weather appropriate. At this time, we are asking that parents take home all their winter gear (boots and snow pants). These may be brought back in should we have any snowy days. Hats and mittens will still be needed for those cool mornings when they go outside.

Staff has been trained on what to do and where to go in the event of inclement weather. We will continue to hold fire, tornado and lock down drills for practice. Staff has their badges on them at all times which has instructions on what to do as well as the information is posted in all classrooms with instructions. Please keep in mind, when and if there is a tornado warning and children are in shelter, we will keep them in a safe area until the tornado warning has been lifted. Directors will monitor the situation with the weather radio and local channels as well as listening for sirens (located down the road). Once everyone is in a safe area, directors will take shelter as well.



What's On In April?

National Kite Month. Celebrate the arrival of spring by going outside and flying a kite. The American Kitefliers Association plans events worldwide in April to promote the wonderful qualities that kite flying has to offer people of all ages and physical ability levels.

Mathematics Awareness Month. Held every April, Mathematics Awareness Month was created in 1986 to increase public understanding of and appreciation for mathematics. Activities are organized on local, state, and regional levels by college and university departments, institutional public information offices, student groups, and related associations and interest groups.

April Fool's Day, April 1. Look! Your shoe's untied!

World Autism Awareness Day, April 2. Autism organizations around the world recognize this day with unique fundraising and awareness-raising events.

Easter, April 5. Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Earth Day, April 22. On Earth Day's 45th anniversary, the theme is "It's our turn to lead."

Joke of The Day!

Why did the Easter Bunny get a ticket?

He ran a hop-sign!



Summer Program

Summer will be here before you know it and school will be out for our school age children. Our summer program is in the works right now. We have many fun things planned for this summer for the children including field trips and fun weekly themes. Parents of latchkey children will be given papers closer to May for signing up for the summer program.

We will continue to have our annual family picnic this August and will be having another fun event with it. Last year we did a petting zoo and it was a huge hit. The children loved it. We are looking into doing another petting zoo or some other fun activities. We also have purchased through our Labels for Education some new sacks for sack races and new outdoor items. Thank you to everyone that brings in their labels. We are also in the planning stages for another transportation day where we have many fun things that come such as a bus, police car, ambulance, fire truck, ice cream truck (where the kids can get an ice cream), race car and many more things. Stay tuned for more information as summer gets closer.

Happy Spring!

Tips For Alleviating Allergy Attacks Due To Pollen & Mold

- Keep your windows closed at night. Use air conditioning, which cleans, cools, and dries the air.
- Minimize early morning activities outdoors between 5 and 10 a.m. This is the time of day when pollen is most prevalent.
- Keep your car windows closed when you drive.
- Take a vacation during the height of the pollen season. Pick a place that's more pollen-free, like the beach or the sea.
- Take the medications prescribed by your allergist.
- Don't spend too much time outdoors when the pollen count, humidity, or wind factor is high.
- Don't hang sheets or clothing out to dry. Pollens and molds may collect on these items.
- Don't grow too many indoor plants. Wet soil is a breeding ground for molds.



From the desk of...

Hello! We are pleased to send you this monthly issue of *Brandi's Buzz*. It is our way saying that you are important to us and we truly value your family. We want to keep you up to date with upcoming events as well as some parenting tips, communication and a little bit of humor. Enjoy!

Hoppy Easter!



Teacher Update

Unfortunately we are sad to say that Ms. Sue has left our center due to a family situation. Miss. Hollie will continue to stay in the Young 5's classroom and Ms. Renee will be joining our team once again to pick up the Young 5's classroom in the fall.

Ms. Renee will be coming back to the center on April 13th and will be working with Ms. Nina and Miss. Hollie through June; at which time she will take over the Young 5's room in June for the summer and continue as the lead from there on out.

Please welcome Ms. Renee back when you see her!

