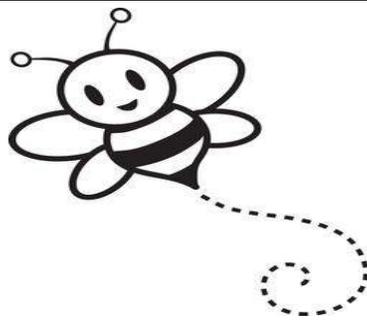


**Brandi's**



**BUZZ**

Good news and information for our friends and family

## Multitasking

Multitasking is really all about working smarter rather than harder, and there are some tips that can help you to achieve this. Some people find the whole notion of multitasking rather overwhelming, so the first thing you need to do is stop panicking and get a better understanding of what multitasking is actually all about. Multitasking does not mean that every single task has to be completed all in one go; it simply means to just do one thing at a time.



When you seek to undertake a new task, make sure you understand what the task is, what you actually have to do, and what the ultimate goal of the task is. You also need to create blocks of time to be set aside for each task based on its level of importance and how much time will be needed to complete it. Tasks that are related can sometimes be compiled or combined to increase efficiency, and it is also a good idea to have the most important task set for the time of day in which you are usually the most active. Important tasks should be mixed with smaller, simpler, less stressful endeavors.

## Splash Days are almost here!!!

Our first splash day is scheduled Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Splash Days are always weather permitting. The temperature must be around 70 degrees when they go out. Splash Days will not be made up. They are scheduled for every Friday. Children **MUST** have a swim suit, water shoes (or shoes that can get wet), towel and a bag to put them all into. **ALL** items must be labeled with your child's name on them. Teachers try very hard to keep track of everyone's items and it makes it easier when items are labeled.

Children that do not have water items will not be able to participate in the splash day activities. Shoes must be separate from the shoes that they wear that day (meaning there must be two pair of shoes brought in that day – one for day wear and one for splash day wear). Swim suits must be an appropriate swim suit and cannot be extra clothing out of their locker bin. Unfortunately Brandi's Place does not have enough towels to supply for everyone, therefore; we will not be supplying towels for anyone to be fair.

Children that are in diapers will still need to wear their diaper outside for splash day or have a swim diaper brought in.

Please see the front desk if you have any questions regarding splash days.

## Monthly Quote

*“Be happy with who you are and what you do, and you can do anything you want “*

—Steve Maraboli

## Monthly Events



- June 10<sup>th</sup> National Yo-Yo Day. We will have yo-yo's for our preschool and young 5's children to try.
- June 11<sup>th</sup> Father's Day Celebration 3 to 4
- June 12<sup>th</sup> Young 5's Party Last Day of School for SC
- June 15<sup>th</sup> Fly a Kite Day We will make our own kites today
- June 18<sup>th</sup> International Picnic Day We will be having a picnic in our classrooms
- June 19<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Splash Day Weather Permit.
- June 25<sup>th</sup> Eric Carle Bday We will be reading Eric Carle books today
- June 26<sup>th</sup> Splash Day Weather Permit.

## June Birthdays Happy Birthday!

- June 1<sup>st</sup> Abel J.
- June 1<sup>st</sup> Matthew G.
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> Taylor T.
- June 7<sup>th</sup> Domynek G.
- June 12<sup>th</sup> Landyn J.
- June 25<sup>th</sup> Juliana T.
- June 25<sup>th</sup> Miss. Rachel C.

## Important Information:

Please keep children within an arms length when entering and exiting the building. Children should not be going in and out of classrooms without an adult supervision. This is a distraction to the classroom as well as a safety hazard with all the children. Hands can be pinched in the doors or in the infant room someone could be by the door and get hit when the door swings open. Please use our windows to observe if you are not in the classroom.

Breakfast is served by 7:45am. Any children that are in the classroom at that time will receive breakfast as stated in our parent handbook. Children arriving after 7:45am will be able to have breakfast if there is any left. All breakfast but be discarded by 8am. Please arrive early if you would like your child to eat breakfast and give them enough time to eat their breakfast.

When dropping off and picking up children, please remember to let a teacher know that you are there. Teachers may be a little busy at the time but make sure that they see you when dropping off or picking up. This is for the protection and safety of everyone.

Sunscreen and sunscreen forms must be turned in to your teacher at the same time. Bottles must be labeled with your child's full name on them. Sunscreen forms must be with the sunscreen in order for us to apply the sunscreen. This is a State of Michigan policy. Thank you for your understanding.

Our Father's Day Celebration will be held on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 4pm. Come have a little treat with your child, if dad's cannot make it feel free to invite grandparents, uncles or special someone.

Brandi's Place has a policy that teachers cannot have their cell phones on them during working hours. This eliminates any distractions in the classrooms and allows the teachers concentrate on the classroom and make sure that the children are all taken care of. Teachers have walkie talkies in every room and can access the front desk at anytime. We are asking parents to please call the front desk if you have any questions at anytime. Directors would be happy to check on your child, answer any questions or let you speak with a teacher at anytime.

## Honoring Dad On Father's Day

Father's Day is just around the corner on the third Sunday in June, so getting ready for Dad's big celebration is a good idea. For families on a budget or those families focusing on handmade, personalized gifts over something bought in a store there are several great gifts that are easy to make for kids of all ages.



### A Family Tree

While there are a lot of gifts for Mom's around the family and the kids, Dad's love that type of artwork too. Consider using heavy duty construction paper in a background color of your choice. The paper need to be large enough for each child to leave at least two handprints for the leaves of the tree.

Draw a trunk and branches and have the kids color or paint in either in realistic or creative colors. Then, using a water-based paint, have each child paint the palm of both hands and press it over the branches to create the leaves. This can be repeated as often as needed to create the top of the tree. To add more to the design children can choose small pictures of themselves, or with their Dad, and place along a border or on the ground.

### Outdoor Gifts

If Dad loves gardening or being outdoors on the deck, you can easily create messages to Dad in uniquely designed stepping stones or pavers. An adult will have to help the children mix some quick dry cement and put it into forms the shape and size of the stepping stones they want to create.

Children can then insert rocks, marbles, small shapes in plastic, metal or glass as well as use pencils or even small sticks to print their name and the date or a message to Dad.

Let it dry completely and remove the frame for a lovely and lasting outdoor gift for Dad. These are great around a grill area or beside Dad's favorite place to relax outside.

### Make a Winning Trophy

With some decorative dried pasta, gold spray paint and an empty and clean plastic bottle you can create a wonderful and completely unique World's Best Dad cup. Kids can use craft glue to create patterns on the bottle using the pasta, and then glue on handles and a base for a true trophy look. Mom can spray paint with gold and let it dry.

Then, using old arts and crafts supplies, buttons and pictures of Dad and the kids, the children can add that touch of bling to really make their trophy to Dad shine and sparkle.

## Control Ingredients in Food

Eating out on a regular basis can actually be quite an unhealthy practice, as you are unable to control the ingredients that make up your meal.

Controlling the kind of ingredients that are in the food you eat is an important step in choosing healthier food.

One of the most misunderstood elements of food is fat. The reality is some fats are not good for us, but also some are vital.

These healthy fats can be found in snack foods, such as nuts, and are quite different from the undesirable saturated fats found in other less healthy fast food.

Carbohydrates are also somewhat misunderstood when it comes to their nutritional value, although vegetables are a healthier source than the kind of animal proteins found in meat, such as chicken and beef.

Although it may neither be possible nor even desirable to stop eating meat entirely, ensuring that meat is not eaten on at least a couple of the days in a week can also make a big difference to your overall health.



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## Keeping Kids Safe From Bugs This Summer

As summer comes, so do the bugs. And some of those bugs can bite. Follow these guidelines from the American Academy of Pediatrics to protect your children from getting stung or bitten:

- **Avoid using scented soaps, hair sprays, and perfumes on your child.**

The scents can draw insects and bugs and increase your child's risk of being bitten.

- **Stay away from nests or places bugs might congregate.**

This includes stagnant pools of water, areas where uncovered foods are abundant, and gardens where flowers are blooming.

- **Don't dress your child in brightly colored clothing or flowery prints.** They can draw insects to the child.

- **Insect repellents containing DEET are the most effective.**

However, DEET should not be used on children under 2 months old. The benefits of DEET are best when it is at a 30 percent concentration—the maximum concentration recommended for infants older than 2 months.



## Warm Weather Reminders

Warmer weather is here... please make sure that your child has extra clothing in their bins that are weather appropriate and that fit them.

Children have many drinks throughout the day and can have as much water as they would like at anytime during the day – we have lots of cups that they may use during the day. However, some children like to have “their own” water bottle with them. Children may bring their own water bottle with them each day if they chose. Please make sure that their FULL name is clearly marked on the bottle and only water is brought in these bottles. Bottles/cups MUST go home each night to be washed and brought back to the center the next day. These cannot be kept at the center overnight.

## Scholastic

Thank you to everyone that has participated in Scholastic so far this year. We have used our points to get more free books for our library, a new lego table, legos and a train set for a classroom and several more items for the classrooms for the children and teachers.

## Circle Time

Please keep in mind that circle times start at or around 9am. When entering the classroom please try not to disturb the class in circle time. Our learning program begins around 9am. Please have your children here by 9am if you want them to join circle time. After circle time they go into different learning activities depending upon the day. Curriculums are posted in the classrooms if you would like to view what they are doing for the day. Children 2 yrs and older will receive progress reports weekly that tell what they were doing in the classroom for the week.

## Summer Program

Our summer program will begin on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> for our school age children. Their last day of school is on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. This will also begin our fun summer themes for the entire center. Themes are posted in the classrooms and upcoming events will be on our calendar and in our newsletters.

# Smoking on Property

Michigan Law Prohibits smoking on school or child care property. The Michigan Penal Code (Excerpt) Act 328 of 1931 in Section 750.473 states: The use of tobacco products on school property is prohibited; violation as misdemeanor. This law also prohibits smoking or any tobacco substance in a child caring institution or child care center or on real property that is under the control of a child caring institution or a child care center and upon which the child caring institution or child care center is located, including other related buildings. State of Michigan Licensing also states that: Smoking shall not occur in or during either of the following: (a) In the child care center or on real property that is under the control of the center and upon which the center is located. (b) On field trips and in vehicles when children are present.

We are asking that anyone dropping off or picking up your children to please make sure that you have taken care of all tobacco substances before entering the parking lot. At no time should there be any tobacco substance on the premises. You must exit the property before using any tobacco substance. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

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## Key Fob & Security Policies

Please keep in mind that Brandi's Place is a secure facility. We want to ensure the safety of our children and staff at all times. Families are required to have at least one key fob to allow entrance into the building. However, if your family has a regular person that picks up and/or drops off they will need a key fob to allow entrance into the building. Parents or legal guardians are the only person that can purchase a key fob for that friend or family member. Please **DO NOT** give your key fob to anyone else as these are individually numbered to a specific name. This is our way of knowing who is in the building at all times. Anyone picking up that does not have a key fob of their own will need to be let in and will need to check with a director. This is for the safety of everyone.

Families may add anyone to your authorized pick up at anytime. Due to security, **NO ONE** will be allowed to pick up a child if they are not on the authorized list or a note from the parent has been given for a one time pick up. Anyone coming to pick up a child **MUST** have a picture ID with them in order for a child to be released to that person. Again, this is for the safety of everyone. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.



### 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!

### Happy Summer!!!



**Don't forget your sunscreen**

## Schedules

As a friendly reminder schedules are due for the following week by the end of the day on Thursday. When days are not given, your schedule will stay the same as the current week for the following week. Days will be allowed to be added if there is availability for the day that you need. Due to scheduling, days may not be switched for another day. Many classrooms are at capacity for the summer months, please make sure that your days are turned in on time in order to assure availability.

Tuition is always due on Thursdays by the end of the day. Tuition may be called in with a credit card if needed. To be safe, tuition should be paid by 6pm on Thursdays. Directors close and lock up after everyone has exited the building. Any account with a balance will have a late fee added to their account.

As summer approaches, we understand that many families will have vacations. Please keep in mind that Brandi's Place does not have vacations as stated in our parent handbook. Please make sure that you notify a director if your family will not be in attendance for a specific day. Your family will want to make sure that your tuition payment is turned in for the week that you are gone. Families may post date a check or call in a payment if needed. Please put a note on the posted dated check for what week it is for what week it is for. Sticky notes are located at the front desk for your convenience.