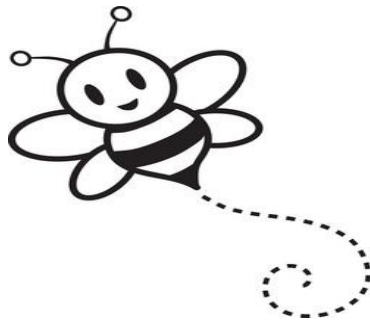


Brandi's



BUZZ

Good news and information for our friends and family

What's coming up in March...

Wow! March is a busy, busy month!!! There are so many things happening throughout the month. Please remember to refer back to your newsletter for event dates or the monthly calendar that we have posted in the hallway as well as all the classrooms for your convenience. We also have our texting alerts that you may sign up for. This is a free service to you and will help you to remember what is happening. Reminders go out the night before the event so that you may plan accordingly.

Here are just a few things that are happening during the month of March...

March 2nd – This is Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America Day. Each year we have a PJ Day on this day and have a "read in." We will continue to do our annual door decorating as well. Each year the teachers decorate their doors with the theme of a Dr. Seuss book. Each classroom is a different book. Take a little time and wander down the hallway to look at all the doors. The teachers and children work hard on their doors.

March 3rd – Did you know that this was National Anthem Day? We are going to be singing the National Anthem today at circle time.

March 13th – Finally!!! Daylight Savings Time. The days are getting longer and we can enjoy more sunshine! Don't forget to "Spring Forward" and move your clocks ahead one hour.

March 17th – St. Patrick's Day. We have a small party planned for this day. We do some fun activities, have some special "green" treats and see if we can find that sneaky leprechaun.

March 18th – Did you know that the 1st walk in space was done on this day? We are going to talk a little bit about space today!

March 20th – First Day of Spring! Now is a great time to check your child's cubby and make sure that they have appropriate clothing along with the correct sizes. Unfortunately as the weather changes you may need to put spring and winter clothing in there.

March 24th – We will be having our Easter Party and our annual Easter Egg Hunt. (We are not used to having Easter in March!) Each classroom will be assigned a different time to go out on the playground and find the hidden eggs. Parties generally start around 9am. Please have your child here by then if they are wanting to participate in the fun activities.

March 25th – Good Friday – Brandi's Place is OPEN on this day.

March 27th – Happy Easter! Enjoy your day!

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Monthly Quote

"You must learn from your failure and show that you have learnt."

— Elaine Bissonnette



March Events

Mar 2nd – PJ Day – celebrating Dr. Seuss Birthday & Read Across America

Mar 3rd – National Anthem Day
We will be singing today

Mar 13th – Daylight Savings Time
Don't forget to change your clocks

Mar 15th – Early Release for SC Latchkey Students

Mar 17th – St. Patrick's Day
Wear your green today!
We will have a small party to celebrate

Mar 18th – 1st walk in space
We are talking about space today

Mar 20th – 1st Day of Spring

Mar 24th – Easter Party & Egg Hunt

Mar 25th – Good Friday –
Center is OPEN
SC Latchkey students
No School

Mar 27th – Happy Easter!

March Birthdays Happy Birthday!

Mar 2nd – Rorik B.

Mar 3rd – Maxwell W.

Mar 4th – Ronan B.

Mar 4th – George A.

Mar 8th – Brenna G.

Mar 9th – Miss. Kristen

Mar 12th – Kennedy D.

Mar 12th – Miss. Brittany K.

Mar 16th – Landon C.

Mar 18th – Hunter L.

Mar 20th – Ethan P.

Mar 22nd – Ruari B.

Mar 24th – Jacob L.

Mar 29th – Miss. Hollie

Mar 30th – Elliott B.

Mar 31st – Rylee P.

Important Information:

We have our Easter Party/Egg Hunt as well as our St. Patrick's Day Party planned in March. Watch for sign-up sheets for these parties. They are located on the doors of your child's classroom.

Please make sure that you are signed up for our texting alerts. This is a free service that we offer (text rates apply according to your carrier plan). We send out texts as reminders for PJ Day, Party Day, etc. This way you don't have to remember the little things and can concentrate on family things. We also use this service for emergency purposes... such as closing early, closings, if we have a lock down, etc. The texting service has been used for all of the above. It is our quick and easy way to reach everyone. We only close for snow emergencies (when the government issues these). This has only happened 3 times in the last 12 years. One of them being on Feb 25th. We notify parents via text message, Facebook, twitter and in the event of a closing it will be on the ABC 12 webpage under school closings. We try very hard to notify parents several different ways. The best way is to sign up for our texting alerts and you can also go Facebook to see our updates too.

Our monthly drawings are continuing this year too! Last month (February) we gave away a Valentine box of candy and a gift card to a restaurant. During March we are giving away 2 prizes. One will be for St. Patrick's Day and will be a "green treat" and the other will be an Easter basket full of goodies for Easter. (Easter is early this year – March 27th). A list of give a ways are on the table in the front lobby. Families may enter each month, however; please make sure that you are only placing your family name in there once per month to avoid being disqualified for that month. We have lots of fun give a ways and of course we will do our big drawing in December again. We do two big give a ways in December – one for everyone who enters and another for anyone who refers a family throughout the year, their names are entered into the bucket for a drawing. Have fun and good luck to everyone that enters their names!

Thank you to everyone that donated to the Trey Coburn fund. We were happy to be able to deliver this to the family. They were all very appreciative. You are all amazing! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Teaching Kids To Be Lucky People

With Saint Patrick's Day not too far in the future, it is a good time to talk to children about the difference between simply being in the world around them and having the ability to use elements of their world to create positive situations.



You may have heard people talk about being lucky when something good happens, and then being unlucky when something happens that isn't so positive. While there is nothing wrong with wanting to have the luck of the Irish, there is much more to luck than just wishing.

Teaching kids how to have a positive attitude and how to search for creative solutions and think "outside the box" are sure ways to bring about lucky and to change the world around them to be a positive place full of possibilities. To get started, consider the following ways to help your children make their own luck:

- Talk about being positive – while this may seem simple, looking at the past and constantly talking about "what ifs" and "should have beens" can become a problem. Instead, make it a family focus to talk about being positive and looking forward to the future rather than staying stuck in the past.
- Talk about the importance of doing the right thing – this is one that children really do understand. They know about cheating or doing something that is wrong to get what they want, and then feeling bad about it afterwards. By talking about why the choices they make are just as important as the rewards they receive helps them to see life in a more positive way.
- Creativity – encourage creativity in children. Games where kids have to solve a unique problem or use their creative side to come to a unique solution help create a child that look at what is available and how to use it to achieve their goals. Those old games of giving the kids random items and asking them to make something you have never seen before, to complete the endings on stories about a challenge and other ideas all contribute to creating lucky problem solvers.

It is also essential as adults to talk about how we planned, organized and did the work to achieve our goals. By focusing on the possibilities available through applying ourselves, we help children understand that luck is a self-made gift.

Remember that children model what is important for Mom and Dad. By making healthy food a part of the daily lifestyle of the family, children will incorporate this into their lives as they grow.



Spring Break

As always, Brandi's Place is open during Spring Break. The next scheduled day off for a holiday is in May which is Memorial Day. We will be opened on Good Friday (March 25th), Monday (March 28th – day after Easter) and during the week of April 4th (Spring Break). Latchkey children are welcome to come during the week of Spring Break for the full day if needed. Please let us know the week prior if they will be attending during the week of spring break. Please keep in mind that Brandi's Place does not have vacation or sick days. If your family will be on vacation during this time, you may leave a postdated check or an authorization form to do an auto charge on your credit or debit card while you are gone. This will help you to avoid any late fees. Tuition is always due on Thursdays by the end of the day. Remember that your days for the following week are also due on Thursdays as well with your tuition.

We hope that you all have a wonderful spring break and for those that are traveling, please bring us back some warm weather and sunshine!



Carbon Monoxide

As you all may have heard, there was a tragedy in Fenton Twp. with a family of 6 who passed away due to Carbon Monoxide poisoning. The family is hoping "that this will be a learning experience for everyone." The family had a generator running in the basement of the home which had caused the carbon monoxide to build up in the home. We want to take this time to remind everyone the importance of having carbon monoxide detectors in their homes. Generators should always be ran outside of the home at least 20 feet away from the home, windows or any vent. Remember that it is not just generators that can cause carbon monoxide – gas ranges, gas fireplaces, lanterns, furnaces, etc. can all cause a carbon monoxide gas build up.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, highly poisonous gas. Some common symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain and confusion. They are often described as "flu-like." If you breathe in a lot of CO it can make you pass out and can cause death. People who are sleeping can die from CO poisoning before they have symptoms.

Please keep your family safe and make sure that you have a carbon monoxide detector in your house. You can purchase these on line, at Meijer or any hardware store. They have battery backups in them and cost around \$30 each. Families should have one on each floor of their home.

If you would like more information on Carbon Monoxide and how to prevent it you can visit <http://www.cdc.gov/co/faqs.htm>.

Help Your Kids Deal With The Real World

Sex. Drugs. Relationships. These can be tough issues to discuss with your children, but these days you can't afford to neglect them. Here are some principles to guide you in keeping the lines of communication open and flourishing:

- **Create an open environment.** Let your children know that you are available to listen whenever they have questions or just want to talk. Live up to your commitment.

- **Give your undivided attention.** Drop everything to listen when your child approaches you, no matter what you're doing. One-on-one attention will show that you take children's concerns seriously.

- **Be proactive with important or sensitive topics.** Don't just wait for kids to come to you. Talk about your own expectations and concerns so children know you're thinking about these topics. Children need to hear from their parents.

- **Respect their intelligence.** Don't condescend or go into long speeches that begin, "When I was your age ...". Seek to understand their point of view so you can address topics and questions that they need help with.

- **Talk often.** Don't expect a one-time explanation or lecture to answer all their questions. Ask kids about their daily lives, and make important topics part of an ongoing conversation.

- **Be authentic.** Answer kids' questions as honestly as you can. Most children can spot doubletalk a mile away, and any attempt to mislead them will shut down communication.

Email Sign up

We are always looking at ways that we can become better and keep up with communication with our families. It is important that we are all on the same page. We currently have our monthly newsletter, monthly calendar, Facebook, Twitter and texting service. We have recently looked at sending out emails to anyone that would like to sign up. These emails will go out with reminders of parties, events and even pictures of events that we have had. These emails will not take place of the text messages or Facebook alerts. We would recommend signing up for the text messages as well to receive all notifications. These emails will NOT contain the newsletter, you will still need to read your newsletter each month for event dates, important information, etc.

If you are interested in receiving these emails, we have a signup sheet at the front desk on the counter. Feel free to write your name and email down and we will have you added to our email list.

These emails will come from “Brandi’s Place” or the address of brandisplacesc@gmail.com. Please add this to your email address or check your spam folder to assure that you are getting these emails. This program will not begin until Mid-March or early April.

Mom to Mom Sale

Our Mom to Mom Sale is scheduled for April 23rd from 9am to 1pm here at the center. Please see the front desk for a registration paper if you are interested in having a table. Feel free to pass along the word to anyone who may be interested. This event will be opened to the public to come in and we will be advertising for it. This is a great way to sell some of your children’s clothing and make some money for yourself or to come in and shop to get some great deals for your children.



From the front desk...

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!

Don’t forget to
move your clocks
forward on Sunday,
March 13th!



Amazing Science Facts

Science helps to explain the universe, but it can also succeed in making our problems and dramas seem petty in comparison to what is going on “out there.” Warning: The following facts may just blow your mind:

The deepest part of the entire ocean is the Mariana Trench, which is in the Pacific Ocean. The Trench is almost seven whole miles down – a barely comprehensible 12,067 yards deep.

People often complain about the weather, but Earth’s most extreme climatic moods seem tame in comparison to the weather in the rest of the universe. The wind on Neptune, for example, blows at a rate of 1,600 miles per hour; you would also be out of luck if you are one of those people that prefer some seasons to others in a year, given that the average season on Neptune lasts for over four decades.

The weather is no better on Mercury either, with temperatures reaching 788 degrees Fahrenheit on the side of the planet that is closest to the sun.

