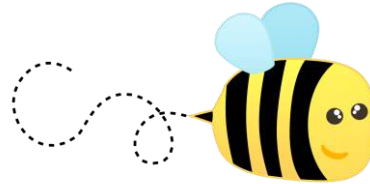


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December 2016

Monthly Quote

*Kindness is like snow –
It beautifies everything
it covers.*

~Kahlil Gibran

Monthly Events

- Dec 13th National Cocoa Day
We are having warm cocoa with snack today to celebrate
- Dec 16th Gifts for Santa are due TODAY!
- Dec 21st Christmas Party
Santa Visits!
- Dec 22nd Tuition is due TODAY for the 1st week of January
- Dec 23rd Latchkey Children – No School
- Dec 26th Center Closed for the week. We will reopen with regular business hours on Tuesday, January 3rd



December Birthdays Happy Birthday

- Dec 1st Madeline O.
- Dec 2nd Avarie S.
- Dec 5th Chloe L-C.
- Dec 5th Carlee S.
- Dec 8th Ainsley C.
- Dec 10th Miss. Mandy
- Dec 11th Ms. Nina
- Dec 14th Knox M.
- Dec 17th Genevieve G.
- Dec 17th Payton B.
- Dec 17th Ronnie B.
- Dec 19th Dylan M.
- Dec 20th Madilyn C.
- Dec 21st Kailyn H.
- Dec 26th Kellan G.
- Dec 27th Sofia K.
- Dec 28th Claire S.
- Dec 30th Jason S.



This Month's Highlights

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Included in this packet:

December Newsletter



Important Information

Our daily connect has been up and running for almost three months. We have heard many great things about it. Thank you for all the feedback. We have now incorporated this into our three year old room (Beginning Preschool). Papers were sent home to our Beginning Preschool parents. Please make sure that these are filled out and returned back to the front desk so that we may get your email all set up to receive our daily connect communication. Not only do you see what they have done all day (how much they ate, how long they slept and their potty times) the teachers can also take pictures so you can see them throughout the day. Let a director know if you have any questions about our daily connect app. We will be happy to help you.

Brandi's Place is closed for the week in between Christmas and New Year's. If your family is in need of child care please see the front desk. Many of our teachers are free during this week to help out if needed. This is separate from Brandi's Place and will be between the parents and staff to make arrangements. Let a director know if you are looking for more information and we will get you the staff members that have expressed interest in helping others over the holiday break.

Every year Brandi's Place participates in the Toys for Tots drive. Our boxes are here! We have a box located at the front desk and will place one in the front lobby area as well. Please remind children to not take the toys out of the box or to play with them. The Toys for Tots foundation is for less fortunate families. Toys for Tots require everything to be new. Our box is usually here until the week of Christmas. We want to thank everyone that has helped in the past years. They usually have to come and empty our box one or two times. It is such an amazing site to see! This is a great time to talk to children about what Toys for Tots is all about.



Upcoming Events

Can you believe it... December is here! Of course that means that the holidays are sneaking up on us fast. We have our December schedule all finalized. Below you will find some dates that we hope will help you with your scheduling.

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| Dec 13 th | National Cocoa Day – we are celebrating this by having some warm cocoa today with our snack. |
| Dec 16 th | Gifts are due to the front desk for Santa. Remember to write your child's name on the gift. They will get the gift that you brought in for them. Make sure that gifts have their first and last name clearly marked on them. |
| Dec 21 st | Our Christmas Party with our special visitor will be coming. The party will start at 9am. |
| Dec 22 nd | Tuition is due today for the 1 st week of January |
| Week of Dec 26 th | Center is closed for the week for the Holiday |
| Jan 2 nd
Jan 3 rd | Center is closed for the New Year Holiday (Tuesday) – Center will reopen with regular business hours. Latchkey children return back to school. |

The BIG December Drawing

Throughout the year Brandi's Place does monthly drawings and then we have a BIG drawing in the month of December. We have given away Kindle Fire Tablets, Soaring Eagle Water Park Passes, TV's, Family Gift Packages and more! This year we are happy to announce that we will be giving away 2 Samsung Galaxy 8" tablets. We have two drawings – one that is open to any enrolled family and one that is for our families that have referred someone this past year. This is the only way that you can double your chances of winning – if you referred someone this past year you can still enter into the other drawing. The tablets are 8" Samsung Galaxy Wi-Fi tablet with 16GB of memory. They are a smoky titanium color with the Android 5.0 Lollipop on them. The drawing will take place the week of December 19th. Please remember that you may only enter your family name in the drawing one time. Any multiple names will be removed and disqualified from the drawing this month. Please talk with your family members once you have entered the drawing to avoid any duplicates. Good Luck to everyone that enters the drawing! We love to do this every year and have so much fun with it! 😊

Extra Clothing

Brandi's Place is very limited on extra clothing that we have here at the center. Every child should have a minimum of one outfit (pants, socks, shirt and underwear) in their cubby bin. Children that are potty training should have 2 or 3 extra outfits in their bin. Extra clothing could be used for potty accidents, spills from their drinks, getting dirty outside or anything else.

Please take this time to make sure that your child has weather appropriate clothing in their bins in their correct sizes. Many bins still have summer items in them or items that are the wrong sizes. If your child comes home in their extra clothes, please make sure that you are replacing these on the next day they are in attendance.

Parents will be called if your child should need extra clothing and we do not have any for them. Any clothing that belongs to Brandi's Place and is borrowed should be washed and brought back for others to use in an emergency.

2016 Tax Forms

Brandi's Place will be distributing tax forms for child care services paid for in 2016. These forms will include total amount paid along with our Tax ID number (you will need this when filing for your taxes). The Tax ID is located at the bottom of the form.

These forms will be passed out by January 31st. Please see the front desk if you have any questions regarding tax forms.

Christmas Party

It's that time of the year... Santa will be visiting here at Brandi's Place on December 21st (Wednesday) at 9am. This day is so much fun for everyone. Parents or any visitors can come party with us too if you would like or you may leave a camera and we can take pictures for you. We will also be taking lots of pictures and will post them for all to view on our Facebook page too.

Please bring a gift for YOUR child. These gifts should be no more than \$10 and must come in fully wrapped with YOUR child's FULL name clearly marked on them. Please give these to the front desk (discreetly). Gifts should be brought to the front desk no later than Friday December 16th. We will put them in with your child's classroom gifts to be passed out by Santa.

Santa sits at the front by the Christmas tree and each classroom will come up to visit when it is their time. We kindly ask that children are dropped off by 9am for this day only. This will help with less traffic in the front lobby area. We will also be having some fun snacks, art projects a story and a pizza party for lunch that day. Please keep an eye out for your child's sign-up sheet for party items. Please see the front desk if you have any questions.



What's On In December?

Here are some fun events/days happening in December...

Walt Disney's Birthday is Dec 5th. He was born in 1901

Christmas Eve is Dec 24th

Hanukkah begins at sundown on Dec 24th

National Egg Nog Day is Dec 24th

Christmas Day is Dec 25th

Kwanzaa Begins (African Harvest Week) on Dec 26th

New Year's Eve is Dec 31st

This is also the month of:

Read a new book month

Safe toy and gift month

Write to a friend month

December 22nd Tuition

Reminder that tuition is due TODAY for the 1st week of January. Remember that Brandi's Place tuition is due one week in advance. Tuition is due this day for the 1st week of January because we are closed the week of December 26th. There will be no tuition due on December 29th (as we are closed).

Tuition dates for December are as follows:

Dec 1st

Dec 8th

Dec 15th

Dec 22nd

And then not again until Jan 5th when we resume regular tuition dates.

Facebook & Text Msgs

Are you signed up for text messages? Have you "liked" our Facebook page? We post on Facebook every day. These posts may be fun quotes, pictures, articles, etc. We also post pictures from the classrooms. Every Monday we have a post of activities that are going on for the week as well as our weekly theme and letter of the week. We send out friendly reminders by text messages for items such as PJ Day, tuition reminders, party days, etc. We want to make this journey of parenthood as easy as we can for you; so please sign up for these to make your journey a little easier. See the front desk if you need a paper with instructions on how to sign up for text messages.

Newsletter Information

Each month Brandi's Place sends out a monthly newsletter. These newsletters contain important information and events that are happening around the center. Newsletters are sent home in an envelope and are reused each month. Directors check in folders at the end of the month and prepare them for the next month. Please initial your envelope once you have read the newsletter and place it back in our bin located at the front desk. By initialing the envelope you are agreeing that you have received the monthly newsletter and have read it. Any questions should be directed to the front desk.

Envelopes should be returned to the front desk by the last week of the month so that we can prepare them for the upcoming month. We thank you for your continued help and understanding. We want to continue to make your journey of parenthood as easy as possible for you.

Cold weather Information

The cold weather is officially here! Please remember that children do go outside twice a day (weather permitting). They should have hats, coats, mittens or anything else that you feel would help them to stay warm while outside. Children must go outside for their outside time. Children cannot stay in unless we have a doctor's note on letter head or prescription pad and signed by the physician (not a nurse or medical assistant) with a beginning and end date as well as a diagnosis.

Please help us to keep your little one warm and bring in warm outdoor clothing. Please make sure that everything is labeled with your child's name and/or initials. This helps the teachers when putting the children's items away.

Please note that we do take wind chills into consideration when using the temperatures. Children go outside morning and afternoon and are not out there that long by the time they get bundled up and make it outside. You will find the temperatures that we use below for outdoor play. When they do not go outside, they will be able to play in MAE's Meadow play area during their outdoor time.

Outdoor temperatures are as follows:

Waddlers and One Year Olds: 32 degrees and above

2 & 3 Year Olds: 25 degrees and above

Preschool & Young 5's: 20 degrees and above

Thank you for helping us keep your little one warm!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

We would like to take this time to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and an amazing New Year! May you all enjoy the holidays with your little ones and may the magic of Christmas fill your home this holiday season. It is so much fun having little ones this time of year. The magic in their eyes is an amazing site to see.

We hope you all have a Safe and Happy New Year too! Enjoy your time off with your little ones. We will see you all on Tuesday, January 3rd.



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

