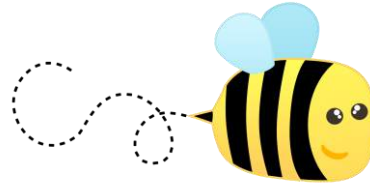


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March 2017

Monthly Quote

*May your blessings outnumber
the shamrocks that grow, and
may trouble avoid you
wherever you go.
~Irish Blessings*

Monthly Events

- Mar 2nd Dr. Seuss birthday
We will be having a special treat today.
- Mar 2nd National Read across America Day
- Mar 10th No School for SC Latchkey Children
- Mar 17th St. Patrick's Day
We will be having a special AM & PM Snack today
- Mar 20th 1st Day of Spring
- Mar 22nd PJ Day
Read in Day
- Mar 31st 1/2 Day for SC Latchkey Children (Spring break starts at the end of the day for SC Latchkey Children)

March Birthdays Happy Birthday

- Mar 3rd Max W.
- Mar 4th George A.
- Mar 7th Elias A.
- Mar 7th Miss. Maquinzy
- Mar 8th Brenna G.
- Mar 9th Miss. Kristen
- Mar 10th Oliver C.
- Mar 11th Payton W.
- Mar 12th Kennedy D.
- Mar 12th Brooklyn M.
- Mar 12th Miss. Brittney
- Mar 13th Bexley B.
- Mar 13th Leia M.
- Mar 16th Landon C.
- Mar 17th Corbin K.
- Mar 18th Hunter L.
- Mar 20th Ethan P.
- Mar 24th Jacob L.
- Mar 26th Addison O.
- Mar 31st Rylee P.



This Month's Highlights

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Included in this packet:

- March Newsletter
- AYSO Soccer Registration



Important Information

Tuition is always due on Thursday. Please do not leave checks, cash, etc. on the front desk. All tuition should be handed to a director or put in our tuition box located under the picture by the front door/desk. Feel free to drop your check in the tuition box, if your check is already made out and you don't need to speak with a director. This will save you time from standing in line on Thursdays. Please do not place cash in the tuition box.

Reminder: Children do go outside every day in the morning and afternoon (weather permitting). Please help us keep your little ones warm by bringing hats, mittens, warm coats, boots, snow pants, etc. Children MUST have a doctor's note signed by a licensed physician (not a nurse) if they cannot go outside. This must state beginning date, ending date and reason why they cannot go outside.

Reminder: Children that have a fever cannot return until they have been fever free for 24 hours without the aid of medication. Children that have been vomiting or diarrhea cannot return until they have had no symptoms for 24 hours. Please help us to keep everyone healthy and safe. We clean daily and have been very lucky at keeping many germs away. We would like to continue to do this and with everyone's help we can continue to achieve this. If you are called to have your child picked up due to illness, please be pick up in a timely manner so that your little one can get home, rest and cuddle with you while they get better.

As spring break approaches, we do want to remind our latchkey children that electronics can be used during rest time only. These children do not nap, however they do have a down time where they do quiet activities while the rest of the center naps. There are many activities throughout the day where electronics are not needed. Brandi's Place does not provide an open Wi-Fi connection nor will we be responsible for any lost or broken items. We do not provide charging cables for any electronic device brought in. These are to play games that are already loaded on their tablet and they cannot use the internet at any time. We apologize for any inconvenience.

March is Reading Month!

Every year at the beginning of March many schools and child care centers kick off National Reading Month by celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday. With help from "Read across America," their goal is motivating kids to read every day or have their parents read to them every day.

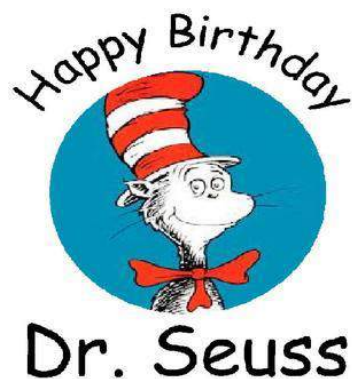
Research findings outlined in a recent report of the National Early Literacy Panel highlight the fact that literacy skills begin to develop at birth. The panel identified a number of early skills that are related to and may even help predict a child's later success with reading and writing.

Brandi's Place has a lot of fun celebrating National Reading Month every year. Here are just a few things that are planned for the month:

- ❖ Door decorating.
 - Every year the teachers pick their favorite book and decorate their classroom doors using the children's art projects.
- ❖ Dr. Seuss Birthday Treat
 - This year we will be having "Thing 1 & Thing 2 treats. This is a Jell-O treat for the children at snack time.
- ❖ PJ Day – Read in Day
 - Bring your pillow, blankets, pj's and a great book that you want to share with the classroom. We will be reading lots of books today. Even the directors will be going around and reading some books to the classrooms.
- ❖ Weekly Themes
 - Each week throughout the year we do themes. During the month of March we will be having themes such as: Dr. Seuss, Eric Carle, Berenstain Bears and teacher's choice (will be the week of St. Patrick's Day).

These are just a few things that we will be doing to celebrate "March is Reading Month."

It's fun to celebrate reading on the birthday of a man whose books have inspired and continue to inspire children to become readers. So join in and help us celebrate March is Reading Month! Read your favorite childhood book to your little one!



St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is always a fun day here at Brandi's Place. Although we don't have a "party" we do have a day full of fun celebrating St. Patrick's Day. The teachers plan lots of different activities to do throughout the day. We will have a special snack in the morning to celebrate and then in the afternoon we will celebrate some more and have our annual Shamrock Shakes.

There will be no sign up sheet for this day.



Kindergarten Registration

It's that time of year... Kindergarten Registration time!!! If your child will be 5 years old by September 1st they can register for kindergarten. Swartz Creek kindergarten registration will be held at the Cage Fieldhouse on March 7th and 8th (Tues & Wed) from 6 to 8pm. These are walk in registrations and you may go anytime between 6 and 8pm. Brandi's Place does have kindergarten registration packets at the front desk if your family needs one. Children that are out of district and plan to stay with Brandi's Place and attend Swartz Creek Schools can see the front desk as well. You will still need to register on these dates. We can assist you in the paperwork needed for this.

During registration you will need the following: registration packet, child's legal birth certificate, child's current immunization record, parent's driver's license or MI I.D. with correct address on it, proof of residency (rent/mortgage statement, utility bill, cable bill, property tax receipt). Proof of residency MUST have parents name listed on it and custody paperwork if applicable. Children will also need a vision test which is free through the Genesee Health Dept. they will have sign ups available at registration if needed.

**Vision and immunizations can be submitted at a later date but MUST be on file with the district before the child can start school. Please let Brandi know if you have any questions regarding kindergarten registration. We will be happy to assist you in any way and make this a smooth and fun transition for you and your child.



What's On In March?

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

March 2 nd	Dr. Seuss Birthday
March 2 nd	Read Across America Day
March 13 th	Good Samaritan Day
March 14 th	Pi Day (3.14)
March 17 th	St. Patrick's Day
March 20 th	1 st Day of Spring

March is also...

American Red Cross Month

National Women's History Month

National Craft Month

National Drug & Alcohol Awareness Week which is the 1st week in March

Bubble Gum Week – 2nd week

Daily Connect Email

The daily connect app sends out emails at the end of your child's day. Please do not respond back to these emails. Please call the front desk if you have any questions or need to speak with a teacher. These emails are not checked and are only used for sending the information at the end of the day. If you would like to email you may email to: brandisplacesc@gmail.com. This is the center's main email and will be checked by directors on a regular basis.

Easter Activities

Easter this year falls on Sunday, April 16th. Our Easter activities will be held on Thursday, April 13th. We will have our annual egg hunt and Easter party. There will be a sign up sheet for this and will be posted on our sign up genius account. Parents will be notified by text, facebook and April Newsletter when it is ready for sign ups. We will also have our annual Easter egg parent drawing as well. Stay tuned for more information as the time gets closer.

Summer Sign Up (Latchkey)

We will begin our summer sign ups in April. Please watch for more information in our April newsletter.

AYSO Soccer

Spring 2017 soccer is almost here. The AYSO soccer is for ages 3 to 18 years old and starts in late April. This is a great program if your child wants to learn to play soccer, loves to play soccer or just wants to be a part of a team. The next registration date is on Thursday, March 9th from 630 to 8pm at Morrish Elementary on Maple Road (corner of Linden and Maple Roads).

The following will be needed at registration:

Player application/registration (can print on line or fill out at registration)

Birth certificates for players

Driver's License

Payment (checks may be made payable to AYSO Region 512)

We have included a flyer (for 3 yr olds and up) in your newsletter packet with more information and prices. Any questions can be referred to AYSO Region 512 or see Brandi and she can help get you to the correct person for questions.

Vacation & Sick Days

As spring break and summer approaches, we would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of our policy. Brandi's Place does not have vacation or sick days as stated throughout our parent handbook. Your child's tuition is for their place in the classroom. Brandi's Place cannot fill their spot in the classroom with anyone else.

Please notify a director if your child will be absent due illness or vacation. Directors make the staff schedule every Friday morning for the next week. Teachers receive an attendance sheet on Monday mornings to help them plan for the week. Directors will let the teachers know if your child will be out due to illness so that they can adjust their rosters.

Please let the front desk know if you have any questions regarding this policy.

Toys

Brandi's Place provides a wide variety of toys in each classroom as well as other activities such as the parachute, music, bean toss, etc. that the teachers use throughout the day. We discourage children from bringing in toys from home as we don't want them to be lost or broken. There are a few classes that do a "share" day which children are allowed to bring in toys for this day. However, we do ask that these toys are small and can fit *inside* of their cubby.

If toys are brought in, each toy should have their name clearly marked on it. Brandi's Place is not responsible for any lost or broken toys as mentioned in our parent handbook. At **NO TIME** can toy weapons (or any weapon for that matter) be brought in. This includes but is not limited to guns, knives, light sabers, ninja and superhero weapons, etc. If these items are brought in they will be kept at the front desk for parents to pick up at the end of the day. Teachers may ask parents to take the items with you when you leave that morning.

Brandi's Place promotes a safe atmosphere and does not allow violent play at any time.



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!

Don't forget to enjoy a good book with your little one tonight!

