

JANUARY NEWS from THE GROWING PLACE



Welcome back. Thanks to the weather, it has been a really long time since we have seen you. I hope the holidays were enjoyable and that the Snow Days weren't too intense.

Please note that we will be closed for **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY ON JANUARY 20.** JANUARY 21 THE PREK will not be in session, but THE GROWING PLACE will be open for care.

BILLS FOR TUITION WERE MAILED/HANDED OUT ON FRIDAY. It is your responsibility to contact me about your balance. Any accounts overdue by more than a month may face dismissal.

SIGN IN/OUT: Be sure to use the Green Sign in/out Book daily and use your app to sign in/out on Procure. It is a requirement for licensing. The paper copy is our back up should the system go down for whatever reason. If you have difficulty, please let me know as soon as possible so we can find a solution.

Here are some ways you can help us:

SHOP AT KROGER?

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN SUPPORT US WITH YOUR GROCERY PURCHASE? JUST USE THE **KROGER APP** AND **GO TO COMMUNITY REWARDS.** ENROLL IN CHRIST CHURCH PRESCHOOL – THE GROWING PLACE. GENERALLY, WE RECEIVE \$100 + EACH QUARTER AS A DONATION.

HAVE OUTGROWN CLOTHING? We need gently used sizes 2-6 boys and girls clothing to restock our supply. We use these items when children have accidents and do not have extra clothes with them that day. We ask that anything that goes home comes back freshly laundered so we can reuse.

Additionally, we can always use: tissues, paper towels, Lysol wipes, animal crackers, graham crackers, fruit cups, pretzels, and goldfish crackers.

Comings and goings

This month we welcome, three new employees:

[Tiffany Edmonds](#) will be a teacher in our threes/fours area. Tiffany comes to us with an Early Childhood background. She holds ACDS and WVIT certification and has experience working with children.

[Kailey Freeman](#) will be an assistant teacher in our threes classroom. You may have seen her at Skyzone prior to her work with other area preschools. She loves working with children until she can have children of her own.

[Evelyn Copen](#) who will be working as a floater and an assistant in aftercare. You may have met Evelyn at Build-a-Bear where she has loved working with children.

A baby in our midst:

During December we welcomed [Iris Soto](#), Ms. Desiree's new baby girl who was born early in the month. Mother and daughter are doing well. We hope Desiree will be back with us soon.

Good-bye

We said good-bye to [Hailey Sigmon](#) and we wish her all the best in her next chapter of education and employment. We appreciate Hailey's time with us.

ABC DANCE WILL BE HERE WITH US AGAIN THIS SPRING, STARTING MID-JANUARY. A FLYER IS AT THE SIGN-IN DESK. IF YOU WISH YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE CONTACT THEM AT 304-312-5301 or e-mail at www.abcdancewv.com.

Just a reminder about Snow Days.

If Kanawha County Schools operates on a 2- hour delay, we will do our best to open at 9:45. If Kanawha County closes for the day, we will also be closed. On days when Kanawha County is not scheduled but we normally would be open, a decision will be made and announced by us. We need consideration because our staff does not live right next door and their travel might be compromised. We cannot open if we do not have proper staff/child ratio.

Our Announcements will be made with a message on Procure and on THE GROWING PLACE FACEBOOK PAGE. When you receive the announcement, please respond so that we will know you are aware.

