



# Growing Green Child Development Center

Parent Newsletter

December 1, 2017



## Important Notice



### Tuition Letter

A very important letter has gone out in mailboxes and through email today regarding a change in our tuition structure at Growing Green. We will continue our currently monthly billing cycle. This year we used a daily rate to calculate your monthly total. However, beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> we will now use a flat monthly rate that is based on your child's scheduled days. This amount will not fluctuate from month to month, which should be helpful for your budgeting purposes.

In addition, we have raised our tuition by approximately 2.5%. This is a common practice for businesses of all kinds, including childcare. As you are aware, prices regularly increase for heating, food, and other materials. In addition, this tuition increase helps support the retention of quality teachers and maintain our accreditation status. You should be aware that we have not increased tuition at Growing Green since January 2015. Please review the new tuition rate sheet, which will go into effect January 1<sup>st</sup>. As always, please come to us with any questions regarding this change. Again, thank you for your support. We appreciate all our wonderful families here at Growing Green.

### Winter Fest

We have sent out a little Winter Fest invite to all of our families. We hope you can join us on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Your child's classroom will have a simple craft or activity for you to do together. We will also have light refreshments and Frosty the Snowman greeting families.

### Sweet Staff Shout Out

You may have noticed we have a little display on the staff break room door. There are staff shout outs posted on the door to give thanks for a job well done. We have put a few of these slips on the front desk counter for those of you that would like to leave a note of appreciation. Feel free to fill it out and tape it on the door located across from Room 4. These notes lift up our teachers and let them know they make a difference each day at Growing Green.

### Holiday Schedules

Please let us know asap if your child will not be attending at any point over the holidays. This is extremely helpful for us for staffing and planning for meals.

### Outdoor Play Policy

We are required to go outdoors with all age groups each day, weather permitting. For Room 1, the weather must be 20 degrees or higher. Room 2 and older, the temperature must be 15 degrees or higher. These temperatures of course consider wind-chill and other weather conditions. Going outside helps children stay healthy (fresh air, away from indoor germs) and encourages an active lifestyle. Both our state regulations and accreditation standards mandate this practice. Please be sure your child has the appropriate weather-related clothing, including winter coat, hat, mitten, boots, and snow pants. Don't forget to label!

This weekend is the annual international holiday celebration at the Kenosha Public Museum. It is a great experience for children and adults, stop on by! <https://museums.kenosha.org/public/events/>

