



Growing Green Child Development Center

Parent Newsletter

December 8, 2017



Weekly UPDATE

Welcome!

I am very happy to welcome to new staff members to Growing Green. Katie McCormick has joined Biri in Room 2 and works Tuesday through Friday 10-hour days. She is very sweet and patient. Katie has some experience working in childcare in a toddler classroom, so this is a great opportunity for her to continue her path in early childhood. We have also been joined by Crystal Samborski. Crystal is a student that will be working with us as a substitute teacher and to possibly add more hours over the winter holiday season. She is very motivated and has lots of customer service experience. Both ladies are warmly welcomed here. Make sure to say hello to these new faces!

Winter Fest

Don't forget to stop by on Thursday, December 14th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Your child's classroom (Rooms 1 through 6) will have a special craft for you to make with your child. We will also have cookies and juice, along with some seasonal music and a visit from Frosty the Snowman. Hope to see you there!

Food Program Visit

We had our annual food program visit on Wednesday this week. Not surprisingly, we did very well. Stephanie (our kitchen coordinator) spends a large amount of time making sure this program is implemented correctly throughout the center. She coordinates our menus to ensure the right foods are included, collects and organizes data for the program, and does checks in our classrooms for meal counts. We have two things to note about our visit that impacts our families:

- ✓ If your child cannot have a component from our meal (entrée, fruit, vegetable, starch, or milk), you must notify us immediately. If you are substituting milk, it needs to be documented and from an approved list. We also need to verify doctor's notes to allow for this switch. Please make sure to let us know right away if you need any changes in the menu for child for any reason.
- ✓ The food program does not allow for outside food to be brought in from home (again, unless it is for a documented medical reason). Your child is provided snacks and lunch while in our care, which is in our evidence for the CACFP. If we are allowing food from home, we are in violation of the food program. If you have a question specific to this rule, please let Erin or Stephanie know.

Upcoming Days Off

Our center will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st.

Looking for something to do this weekend?

Elsie Mae's has a pie tasting event on Saturday, looks fun!

<http://www.visitkenosha.com/events/holiday-pie-tasting>

While you are downtown, stop by the Rhode Theater to visit Santa. Best of all, it's free!

<http://www.visitkenosha.com/events/santa-at-the-rhode>

