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- March 29th—
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- March 30th—My
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- April 8th—CLOSED
- May 12th—
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- May 27th—CLOSED
- June 1st—YARD
SALE
- June 16th—
FATHER'S DAY
- June 19th—CLOSED

Greetings from the Executive Director

Happy Spring!

Spring, what a wonderful time of year! Everything is new and full of opportunity. We are gearing up for so much fun this season which will lead us right into June, Month of the Child in Schuyler County. We have many opportunities for family fun coming up.

As we strive to maintain our commitment to providing exceptional care and education for our children, we are excited to announce an opportunity for enthusiastic and dedicated families to join our esteemed Board of Directors. Your involvement in this capacity will not only contribute to the growth and success of our center but will also ensure that the voices of our families are heard and valued in decision-making processes. We are seeking individuals who possess a passion for early childhood education, a commitment to community engagement, and a desire to make a positive impact. Whether you bring expertise in education, finance, law, marketing, or other relevant fields, your unique perspective and skills will be invaluable in guiding the strategic direction of My Place.

If you are passionate about making a difference in the lives of children and families and are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, we encourage you to submit your application by April 30. To apply, please complete connect with me for an application and more information.

Thank you for your partnership as we experience the joys and woes of early childhood together. Let's see how much fun we can grow around here!

Best,

Ms. Kris

Greetings from the Assistant Director

Welcome friends and families to the My Place Spring Newsletter!

This Spring I am asking all teachers and families to really focus on literacy. Early literacy plays a key role in enabling the kind of early learning experiences that research shows are linked with academic achievement, reduced grade retention, higher graduation rates and enhanced productivity in adult life. Early literacy means helping children develop a rich vocabulary, self expression, and reading comprehension-all tools they need to become successful readers and lifelong learners. It is so important to build vocabulary at an early age and with your help each week we will have these kiddos on the right path for success! Please take note of the weekly vocabulary words listed on the classroom lesson plans. The classrooms will be adding these into their daily conversations and have them around the classroom, we hope that you too can talk at home about these words each day.

With the weather changing be sure that you are sending in weather appropriate clothing (and lots of extras). Per OCFS we are required to go outside daily even if it is a shortened amount of time. Please be sure that your child has a snowsuit/pants, jacket, gloves, hat, etc. each day, each classroom has room to keep these items if you have the extras to leave.

We are diligently working on active communication with families, please be sure that all of your information is up to date within our ProCare app. It is important that you have an active and working app, to sign your children in and out daily as well as communicate with the classroom staff, Kris, and I. We have moved our staff tablet to the lobby for your convenience. If you are unable to use your phone you can clock your child in and out with your pin there. Kindly let me know if you are having any issues with the app.

We are required to have all up to date physicals and immunizations on file for all children. When your child receives a yearly physical or any immunizations, please provide me with a copy for their file.

Thank you all for your continued support. I hope that this early Spring weather is here to stay!

Best,
Ms. Noel





We are excited to announce our annual Children's Yard Sale Fundraiser! This year, we will be collecting gently used children's items in May and hosting a large yard sale on June 1st to raise funds for our summer programming. This is a win-win opportunity to help the environment by reusing items while offering gently used children's items to other families in the community.

We are seeking donations of all types of children's items, including clothes, books, games, baby equipment. Your donations will help us to provide a variety of fun and educational programs for your children this summer!

Collection bins will be located in the lobby of My Place throughout the month of May. Please drop off your donations during regular business hours. We are also looking for a few volunteers to help us sort and price items in late May.

... We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at our yard sale on June 1st!

My Place Meet Up

CABINS TO CASTLES REAL ESTATE Is Hosting the 8th Annual EASTER EGG HUNT!

SAT. MARCH 30, 2024 • CLUTE PARK, WATKINS GLEN

11am Hunt Starts for 5 and Under • 11:05am Hunt Starts for 6 and Up

BOUNCE HOUSE • EASTER BUNNY ARRIVAL BY WG FIRE DEPT.



**Miss Kris will be attending and happy to
introduce you to other families.**



Classroom Happenings

Infant Team - Lead Teacher, Miss Mary
Assistant Teacher— Ms. Ashley
Teacher Aide— Ms. Tammy



In the infant room we have many exciting experiences coming up with the warm weather approaching. We hope to explore dirt and how that feels, taking lots of buggy rides around the community, exploring water play, many sensory bottles and arts & crafts. We have welcomed lots of new friends and will be welcoming more as we get closer to summer. We love to listen to lullaby rock to go to sleep, and love to listen to kids bop when we are all awake and ready to play!! We cannot wait for all the fun to come this summer.



**Preschool Team - Lead Teacher, Miss Tee
Assistant Teacher— Miss Mikayla
Teacher Aide- Miss Maddy & Miss Kim**

Happy Spring!



Preschool is so excited for the sunshine, rain, mud, and warmer weather to approach! We have so many fun things planned for the season of blooming! One exciting thing we will do is observe the life cycle of a butterfly. This means we will have our very own classroom caterpillar! We will continue to talk about emotions and what we can do with them when feeling certain ways. Fine motor skills are another huge focus as a class right now which includes; holding writing and eating utensils properly, name tracing, using scissors, and just basic day to day use of the hand and finger muscles.

Be on the lookout for special activities to visit our classroom! There is nothing better than getting to have someone from the children's family visit, they think it is so cool!



Enjoying the fresh air!



Climbing Together!



A heart for someone special



Pinecone bird feeder



Working on fine motor skills



New Year's Fun!

**Waddler Team - Lead Teacher—Miss Mattie
Assistant Teacher's—Miss Bria & Miss Mady**



Throughout winter our Waddlers have had so much fun! Between celebrating holidays and enjoying all that winter brings we have had LOTS to talk about and enjoy! Playing in the snow, talking about hibernation and our winter animals, wearing winter clothes, and what winter looks like around the world are just a few of our fun topics threw out winter! Not only have we been having loads of fun but we have also been working hard. Working on our routine and consistency, using our utensils at meal times, practicing healthy hygiene and working on our vocabulary are just some of the great things we've been working to improve. Let's just say we've had lots of growing going on with the Wadz! As Spring is approaching the Waddlers are very excited to be welcoming the warmer weather! Long buggy rides and lots of outside time, talking about Spring and all that comes with it is just some of the fun activities to come!



Tiny Tots Team - Lead Teacher, Miss Kayley Assistant Teacher— Ms. Sierra



Hello, families!

WOW! This year is already flying by! I hope you're all having a wonderful and stress-free year so far. We have been having a blast learning about Winter, but we are so ready to be learning about Spring. This Spring we will be learning about Easter, Flowers, Earth Day, and so much more (those are just a few of my favorite themes). We are such a tight knit group in Tiny Tots which means it is super important that we are making sure we are kind to each other, meaning that we had to master expressing our feelings. I'm so proud of the children in this classroom because they have gotten so much better at expressing their feelings to their friends and teachers. Some phrases you may hear your child use are "I need space", "I don't like that", "I'm getting angry", and "my turn next". These simple phrases have really helped us prevent fighting over toys and anyone from getting overwhelmed. I encourage you to use phrases like these at home with your children.

We welcomed a new teacher to our Tiny Tots family, Miss Sierra! I will be posting her 'Meet the Teacher' to our bulletin board shortly, feel free to stop by and check it out. Miss Sierra's shift is 9:30-5:30, and mine will remain at the 7:00-3:00 shift.



Toddler Team - Lead Teacher –Miss Taylor
Assistant Teacher—Miss Kelly
Teacher Aides— Miss Bre & Miss Mya



We had a great winter season here in the toddler room! Although we didn't get much snow, we had a blast playing in it the days we had some. I always enjoy celebrating the winter holidays with everyone, and we had a great time celebrating everything together! Making cookies, spirits weeks, and lots of winter themes were enjoyed together. We also worked a lot on routine, personal hygiene like washing hands, and brushing teeth. We also did a lot of talk and practicing our family style mealtime and using utensils.

I know I am ready for the warm weather to come, and we can start enjoying all things spring! It's one of my favorite seasons to teach during. We get to talk about all things' nature, plants blooming, life cycles, and weather!

Our big focus will be on social and emotional learning and strengthening vocabulary. We will be doing a lot of singing songs, reading books, and classifying items to help build that vocab. Toddlers have a lot of big feelings and are experiencing many and new emotions daily. We talk a lot about feelings, how to recognize them, and express them. We have started practicing taking deep belly breaths to help calm our bodies, squeezing stuffed animals when mad, or asking for a hug when we are sad! Looking forward to an exciting spring with everyone!

Miss. Taylor and the Toddler team.



School Age Team - Program Director—Miss Cass Teachers—Ms. Niki, Ms. Dazi, Miss Kirsten, Miss Chloe, Miss Jaida & Miss Ember



Hello Spring!

We hope this newsletter finds you well and ready to embrace the warmer weather and longer days! As the seasons change, we have some exciting updates and reminders to share about our after-school program. With the arrival of spring, comes the muddy season! As we continue to enjoy outdoor activities and adventures, we kindly ask that all participants come prepared with extra clothes. This will ensure everyone stays comfortable and dry, especially after those rainy days and muddy adventures.

Muddy Season is Approaching – Please Bring Extra Clothes!

Run Club Returns!

We are thrilled to announce that our Run Club will be starting back up this spring! Whether you're an experienced runner or just getting started, join us for some fun, fitness, and fresh air. Stay tuned for more details!

Safety First: As always, safety is our top priority. Please remember to encourage your child to follow all program rules and guidelines to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone. Our My Place Rules are as follows: Respect yourself, respect each other and respect your surroundings.

For any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to contact Miss Cass at cas-sondra.ball@myplace-aplc.org or at (607)301-0399.

Wishing you a Happy Spring!

The My Place After School Team

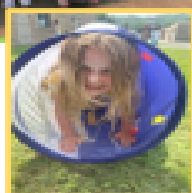
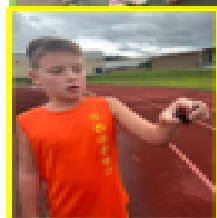
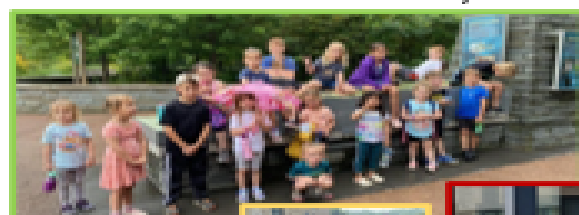
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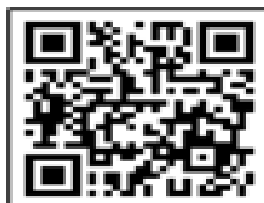


Summer Enrichment Program 2024

The My Place After School Program, which is licensed through the Office of Child and Family Services will be offering a Summer Enrichment Program for ages 4-12. We will be operating Monday-Friday at the Watkins Glen Elementary School from 7am-6pm. We will be accepting limited enrollment for \$258 weekly or \$60 per day. Each additional child per family will receive an 8% tuition discount.



My Place does accept the Childcare Assistant Program through your local DSS. Please use the QR below for the application.



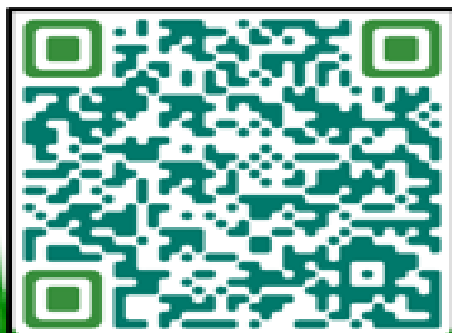
Family Size	Annual Income Limit
1	\$51,610.00
2	\$67,490.17
3	\$83,370.34
4	\$99,250.51
5	\$115,130.68
6	\$131,010.85

During hours of care, children are offered a variety of age-appropriate activities, field trips, outdoor play, access to the school's gymnasium, summer swim lessons, Run Club, as well as a nutritious breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack. We are also planning to have weekly focus themes where the children will get to take a deeper dive into the topics listed above.

July 1st-5th: Camping	July 8th-12th: Commotion in the Ocean!	July 15th-19th: A'Hoy Matey!	July 22nd-26th: Color Wars	July 29th-August 2nd: Sports
August 5th-9th: Superheroes!	August 12th-16th: Once Upon A Time	August 26th-30th: Outer Space	Already Enrolled? Tell Miss Cass your summer needs here! 	



Scan Me!



New Student Summer Enrollment Application

