

# December 2021 Newsletter



Child Enrichment Center

**"You won't know how refreshing a puddle can be unless you take a moment to jump in and see"**

**Dear Parents,**

**Christmas is upon us! This holiday season, Puddle Jumpers will be closed Friday, December 24th. Also we will be closed on Friday, December 31st**

**Classroom Christmas Parties will be held Thursday, December 23rd starting at 2:30pm. Sign up sheets will be located in the front office. Please keep in mind we are a nut-free facility.**

**We hope you and your family have the Merriest Christmas and Happy New Year!**

**~ Laurie**





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December 2, 2021

Dear Puddle Jumpers Parents,

As stated in your Parent Handbook, an annual registration fee is due in January of each year of your child's enrollment. The registration fee is an annual fee that aids with curriculum, equipment, playground and upgrades at the center. This fee will be added to each account on January 1, 2022 and is due by January 15<sup>th</sup>. If paid after January 15<sup>th</sup>, you will incur a late fee. You are more than welcome to break it up over a few weeks as long as it is paid in full by the 15<sup>th</sup> of January.

If you have any questions please feel free to stop by the front office.

As always, thank you for allowing us to love your children.

Respectfully,

Laurie Wolfe

# Holiday Dress-up weeks



**Monday, December 20- Wear Red & Green or a Christmas Outfit**

**Tuesday, December 21- Wear and ugly Christmas Sweater or Shirt**

**Wednesday, December 22- Wear your favorite Holiday character shirt**

**(NO COSTUMES PLEASE)**

**Thursday, December 23- Polar Express Pajama Day**

**(NO SLIPPERS must have shoes appropriate for outside)**

**Friday, December 24- Puddle Closed for Christmas Eve**

**Monday, December 27- Mad about plaid Monday, dress in plaid**

**Tuesday, December 28- Wear cozy crazy winter socks**

**Wednesday, December 29- Wacky Wednesday, wear a wacky outfit**

**Thursday, December 30 Pajama Day**

**(NO SLIPPERS must have shoes appropriate for outside)**

**Friday, December 31- Puddle Closed for Christmas Eve**



KIDDOS

BIRTHDAYS

*Emma Barnes 12/6/2017*

*E.J. Houck 12/8/2017*

*Saoirse Leanza 12/13/2012*

*Elaina Burditt 12/13/2018*

*Kyler White 12/14/2019*

*Patrizio Assisi 12/14/2012*

*Wilkerson Martin 12/15/2017*

*Jesse Quick 12/19/2018*

*Aden Murray 12/20/2017*

*Cooper Siter 12/22/2020*

*Sam Fairchild 12/27/2017*

*Trace Pearce 12/28/2019*

*Jackson Holden 12/29/2017*

*JW Walker 12/30/2017*







## Important Dates



December 1— World AIDS Day

December 2 — International Day for Abolition of Slavery

December 2 — Cyber Monday

December 7 — Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 8 — Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 9 — International Anti-Corruption Day

December 10 — Human Rights Day

December 15 — Bill of Rights Day

December 17 — Wright Brothers Day

December 18 — International Migrants Day

December 21 — Winter Solstice/First day of Winter

December 22 — Hanukkah/ Chanukah begins at sunset

**December 23—Christmas Parties (starting @ 2:30pm)**

December 24 — Christmas Eve(**Puddle Jumpers CLOSED**)

December 26 — Kwanzaa starts

December 27 — The Feast of St. John the Apostle

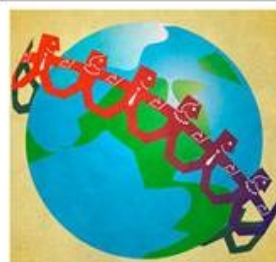
December 31 — **New Years' Eve (Puddle Jumpers CLOSED)**

December is  
Safe Toys & Gift  
Month



WISHING YOU  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
&  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

## December



Universal  
**Human  
Rights**  
Month



# Employee Birthdays

James Wilson 12/12

Shardaj McDaniel 12/17

Lydia Bush 12/18

Brandi McQueen 12/29

# Employee of the Month



Emily Baker is our December employee of the month! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication! We are so lucky to have you as part of our family!

**Congratulations!**



# DECEMBER 2020

\* Milk is served with *Breakfast and lunch*

\*Menu is subject to change without notice

DATE	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	SNACK
TUESDAY DEC 1	OATMEAL W/CINNAMON SUGAR & GREEN APPLES	CHEESGEBURGERS, HOME FRIES & FRUIT IS CHEF'S CHOICE	COOKIES & MILK
WEDESDAY DEC 2	CHEERIOS & MIXED FRUIT	MINI CHICKEN TACOS, PINTO BEANS, YELLOW RICE & PEARS	STRING CHEESE & WATER
THURSDAY DEC 3	SCONES & BANANAS	CHICKEN MELTS SANDWICHES, TATER TOTS, CORN & PEACHES	GOGURTS & WATER
FRIDAY DEC 4	DONUTS & APPLESAUCE	PEPPERONI HOT POCKETS, MIXED VEGGIES & MANDARIN ORANGES	RICE KRISPIES & APPLE JUICE
MONDAY DEC 7	OATMEAL W/BROWN SUGAR CINNAMON & PINEAPPLES	CHICKEN NUGGETS, MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS & KIWIS	CHEEZ ITS & CRANBERRY JUICE
TUESDAY DEC 8	STRAWBERRY POP TARTS & MIXED FRUIT	MAC N' CHEESE, GREEN PEAS & APPLESAUCE	VEGGIE STRAWS & WATER
WEDESDAY DEC 9	CHEESE GRITS & PEARS	BEEF RAVIOLI, ITALIAN GREEN BEANS & PINEAPPLES	CHEX MIX & GRAPE JUICE
THURSDAY DEC 10	CHEERIOS & PEACHES	POTATO SOUP, GARLIC BREAD & MIXED FRUIT	OREOS & MILK
FRIDAY DEC 11	JELLY BISCUITS, SAUSAGE PATTIES & BANANAS	PENNE PASTA ALFREDO, GARLIC BREAD STICKS, PARMESAN SPINACH & APPLESAUCE	CHEEZ ITS & WATER
MONDAY DEC 14	WAFFLES W/SYRUP & APPLE SLICES	CHEESEBURGERS, SPIRAL FRIES, CORN & MIXED FRUIT	GRAHAM CRACKERS & WATER
TUESDAY DEC 15	CHEESE GRITS & STRAWBERRIES	PORK VEGETABLE EGG ROLLS, VEGETABLE FRIED RICE & PEACHES	FIG NEWTONS & PINK LEMONADE
WEDESDAY DEC 16	STRAWBERRY POP TARTS & PINEAPPLES	BEEF STEW, DINNER ROLLS & SLICED ORANGES	STRING CHEESE & WATER
THURSDAY DEC 17	RICE CHEX CEREAL & APPLE SLICES	POTATO SOUP, GARLIC BREAD & MIXED FRUIT	PRETZELS & WATER
FRIDAY DEC 18	WAFFLES W/SYRUP & MANDARIN ORANGES	STEAK BITES, BUTTERED NOODLES, LIMA BEANS & PEACHES	VEGGIE STRAWS & WATER
MONDAY DEC 21	SCRAMBLED EGGS, BUTTERED TOAST & MIXED FRUIT	CHICKEN MAC N' CHEESE, GREEN BEANS & BANANAS	VANILLA WAFERS & WATER
<b>TUESDAY DEC 22</b>	<b>CHEESE GRITS &amp; APPLE SLICES</b>	<b>SLOPPY JOES, TATER TOTS, CORN &amp; PEARS</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS PARTIES!!!</b>
WEDNESDAY DEC 23	PANCAKES W/SYRUP & GOGURTS	BROCCOLI CHEESE SOUP, GARLIC BREAD & APPLESAUCE	OREOS & MILK
<b>THURSDAY DEC 24</b>	<b>CLOSED!!!!</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE!!!!</b>	<b>CLOSED!!!!</b>
<b>FRIDAY DEC 25</b>	<b>CLOSED!!!!</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY!!!!</b>	<b>CLOSED!!!!</b>
MONDAY DEC 28	CHEESE GRITS & MIXED FRUIT	CHICKEN NUGGETS, YELLOW RICE, BLACK BEANS & BANANAS	GOGURTS & WATER
TUESDAY DEC 29	EGG PATTIES, SAUSAGE PATTIES & PEACHES	SHEPARD'S PIE & PINEAPPLES	BROWNIES & WATER
WEDNESDAY DEC 30	CHEERIOS & MIXED FRUIT	PIZZA ROLLS, GREEN BEANS & APPLESAUCE	FIG NEWTONS & WATER
<b>THURSDAY DEC 31</b>	<b>CLOSED!!!</b>	<b>NEW YEAR'S EVE!!!</b>	<b>CLOSED!!!</b>
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## Barney's Favorite Smoothie

1/2 c. fruit | 1 meat alt. | Yield: 16 - 8 fluid ounce servings

### INGREDIENTS

Names	Weight	Measure
Yoplait® ParfaitPro® Lowfat Vanilla Yogurt (16632)	4 lb	8 cups
Juice, grape, unsweetened, chilled	2 lb 2 oz	4 cups
Cranberry sauce, canned, chilled, mashed	2 lb 7 oz	4 cups
Total Weight	8 lb 9 oz	

### DIRECTIONS

1. Combine yogurt and grape juice in 8 quart or larger measurement-marked storage container, stir until well mixed.
2. Add cranberry sauce, 2 cups at a time, stirring until smooth.
3. Verify mixture yields 4 quarts (16 cups) so each serving contains 1/2 cup fruit; add cranberry sauce as needed to yield 16 total cups and stir.
4. Portion 8 oz into 9 oz serving cups; place lids on cups and serve chilled; refrigerate if not serving immediately. May also refrigerate overnight.

### TIP

Fill 1 serving cup with 8 oz of smoothie; use as a visual guide to fill remaining cups.

### NUTRITION

*Nutrition values calculated using weights of ingredients*

**8 fluid oz:** Calories 240 (Calories from Fat 5); Total Fat 1g (Saturated Fat 0.5g; Trans Fat 0g); Cholesterol 0mg; Sodium 60mg; Total Carbohydrate 55g (Dietary Fiber 0g; Sugars 48g); Protein 3g  
**% Daily Value:** Vitamin A 10%; Vitamin C 2%; Calcium 10%; Iron 0%  
**Exchanges:** 1/2 Fruit, 3 Other Carbohydrate, 1/2 Skim Milk

**Carbohydrate Choices:** 3 1/2





# Christmas Pet Safety Tips



## Holiday No-No Foods



Chocolate



Alcohol



Bones



Onions/Garlic



Grapes/Raisins



Candy



## Poisonous Plants



Poinsettias



Holly



Mistletoe



Lilies





# Christmas Pet Safety Tips



## Decoration Safety



Put out candles if you are leaving the room



Use string AND metal hooks to hang ornaments



Tape down any electrical cords



Cover the water pan under the tree



Tie tree to the ceiling so it can't get knocked over



**No tinsel!**



## Managing Your Pet Around Guests



Make sure their ID tags are up to date



Teach any kids the proper way to treat a pet



Hold onto your pet as people enter the house



Make sure nobody feeds them from the table



Introduce your guests to your pet



Give your pets a place to get away



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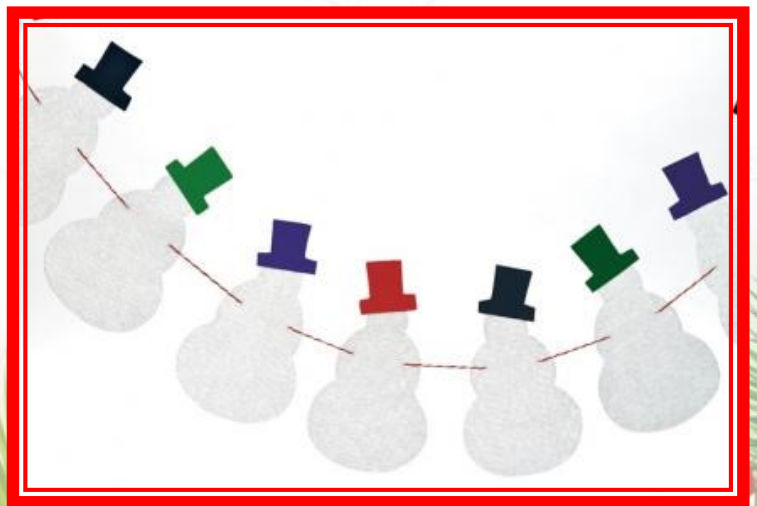
# The Crafty Corner

## Tag, You're It

- Trace a cookie cutter on a piece of felt and colored paper.
- Cut out shapes and glue together.
- Punch a hole at the top center of the tag.
- Add a string to attach to a gift.

## Melt-free Snowmen

- Cut snowman shapes out of felt.
- Decorate each snowman with a felt top hat.
- Punch a hole on each side of the snowman.
- String with baker's twine.





# Christmas Special



## Forget Lemonade

Set up a hot-chocolate stand.

On a mild afternoon when families will likely be outside, offer cups of hot cocoa, along with candy canes for stirring.

Donate the proceeds to a charity of your child's choosing.



## Take a Family Bedtime Drive

Get everyone in their pj's, fill up thermoses with hot cocoa (cooled to room temp for little guys) and pile into the car. Put on Christmas music and cruise around the neighborhood, admiring the lights.