



SUMMER '26 NEWSLETTER

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As summer begins, I would like to take a moment to thank you for being part of our Penny Lane Childcare family. The summer season brings many exciting opportunities for learning, exploration, and fun, and we look forward in making lasting memories

This newsletter contains **IMPORTANT** updates regarding our program, including upcoming classroom transitions, summer events, holiday closings, changes to our hours of operation, and tuition increases. We encourage you to review the information carefully to help your family prepare for the busy summer months.

As always, our goal is to provide a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment where children can learn, grow, and thrive. We appreciate your continued support, flexibility, and partnership as we work together to ensure a successful summer for everyone.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's care and education. We look forward to an exciting summer filled with laughter, learning, and new experiences!

PROGRAM UPDATES AND CHANGES

1 Tuition Rate Increase

Beginning August 1, 2026, tuition rates will be increasing by an estimated 9%. This is the first tuition increase since 2023, and it comes after careful review of the current market rates, financial challenges and changes that have occurred within the last year; including FSSA Regulations, CACFP Government funds, grants, etc. We have experienced significant increases in operational expenses, including supplies, food costs, utilities, insurance, and other essential business costs as well. In order to continue providing high-quality care and educational experiences our families expect—as well as valuable benefits such as supplies, such as meals, formula, diapers, wipes, etc. We understand that any increase in childcare costs impacts family budgets, and this decision was not made lightly. This tuition adjustment will help ensure the long-term sustainability of our program, and to continue offering flexible schedules, sibling discounts, vacations, and more. Allowing us to continue investing in our children, families, staff, and learning environments. The NEW Fee Schedule will be posted on the website, Bloomz, and displayed near the clock-in/out area.

2 Hours of Operation Update

Effective August 1, 2026, both Penny Lane Childcare centers will be closing at 5:30pm daily. This time change will help with staff overtime, cleaning procedures, and other closing routines. Another careful decision to help the sustainability of our program, as well as budget. This adjustment was made after careful consideration and is part of our ongoing efforts to manage operating costs, staff overtime, as well as cleaning, while maintaining the high-quality care and services our families have come to expect. There will also be a 5 minute gap before any late pick-up fees are charged.

3 NAEYC Renewal

We are proud to share that both Penny Lane Childcare locations are actively working through the renewal process to maintain our accreditation through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). This ongoing process reflects our commitment to providing high-quality early childhood education and care. Throughout the year, our staff have been engaged in reviewing practices, updating documentation, and ensuring that our programs continue to meet the high standards established by NAEYC. We appreciate the support of our families as we continue this important work to provide the best possible learning environment for every child.



REMINDERS

- Check cubbies for personal items to take home including artwork and soiled clothing.
- Wash nap time linens weekly
- Provide extra clothes (weather appropriate)
- Label personal items
- Bring a water bottle to keep in the classroom





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CLASSROOM TRANSITIONS

As we approach the start of a new school year, classroom transitions will take place on August 17, 2026. During this time, some children may move to a new classroom based on their age, developmental readiness, and program needs. We understand that transitions can be both exciting and emotional for children and families, and our staff will work closely with each child to ensure the process is smooth and positive. Additional information regarding classroom placements and transition schedules will be shared with affected families in the coming weeks.



MONROE COUNTY FAIR ART EXHIBIT

We are excited to announce that preschool children from both Penny Lane Childcare locations will be participating in the Young Children's Division at the Monroe County Fair (June 27- July 4)! Each preschool class will create and submit a special art project to be displayed during the fair. Children will receive award ribbons recognizing their hard work and creativity, and their artwork will remain on display throughout the duration of the fair for families and community members to enjoy. We are proud to showcase the talents of our young artists and look forward to celebrating their accomplishments!

SUMMER WEATHER & VACATION REMINDERS

As the weather continues to warm up, children will be spending more time outdoors. Please ensure your child has sunscreen and bug spray at the center if you would like staff to apply these for skin protection. A completed Topical Administration Form must be on file before staff can administer Topical products. Additionally, if your family has any upcoming vacations or planned absences this summer, please notify your child's teacher or a director as soon as possible. Advance notice helps us plan staffing and classroom schedules more effectively.

SUMMER WATER FUN!

Throughout the summer, each classroom will enjoy special Water Play Days filled with sprinklers, water activities, and outdoor fun! Because Indiana weather can be unpredictable, classrooms will have a water play day each week. We ask that families ensure their child has an extra set of clothes and shoes in their cubby that can get wet or muddy. Classroom teachers will share additional details and reminders via Bloomz prior to their scheduled water play activities.

Important Dates

June 19

CLOSED for
Juneteenth

July 3

CLOSED for
Independence Day

August 5

First Day for
MCCSC Students

Sept 7

CLOSED for
Labor Day