

# Penny Lane Childcare

## Winter/ Spring Newsletter

A note from the Executive Director

### Program Updates

I just want to say thanks to everyone that continues to support our program. It is a new year, our goal is to continue making improvements and providing quality care in our community, which benefits families, children, and staff. Both Penny Lane centers will be renewing their level 4 rating with Paths to Quality in the coming weeks. As we have new teachers join our team, they strive for excellence in their classrooms with structure, activities, and curricular activities. This accreditation promotes quality care for children and families throughout our community. *V. King*



### NEW HOLIDAY CLOSURES 2025

New Year's Day	January 1	Labor Day	September 1
M.L.K. Day	January 20	Thanksgiving	November 27
President's Day	February 17	Black Friday	November 28
Memorial Day	May 26	Christmas Eve	December 24
Juneteenth	June 19	Christmas Day	December 25
Independence Day	July 4		

### SEEKING PARENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Penny Lane thrives on parent feedback, suggestions, and support. We manage an advisory board that is revised annually by adding new members. Members give their input and suggestions on how to improve our program and provide quality care in our community. If you are interested in joining our board, please let us know! You will be added to our private group of advisory members on our Bloomz app. This makes communication easy and at your convenience.



### Parent Reminders

- ✓ Check cubbies for personal items to take home; parent notes, documents, soiled clothing, blankets, etc.
- ✓ Wash items weekly!
- ✓ Be sure your child has extra clothes.
- ✓ Do not bring oversized items to put in cubby; no food or drinks (other than water) in cubby. No outside food brought in, unless approved by teachers.
- ✓ Please bring a water bottle to keep in the classroom at all times.
- ✓ Label your child's personal items.
- ✓ Communicate with teachers at least weekly; contact us when your child is absent or coming in late (after 10:30am).
- ✓ Please follow **SICK POLICY** guidelines to ensure everyone stays safe and healthy.
- ✓ It is imperative to keep documents updated annually. (i.e. physicals w/ immunizations, contact information, feeding plans, etc.)



# Let's Talk...

## Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) and the Kindergarten Readiness Indicators (KRI)

All children are screened bi-annually, in the fall and spring of our academic year. These questionnaires can be used to determine individual goals and create teaching strategies. The areas of development addressed are physical, communication, fine/gross motor, and social-emotional. Parents are asked to sign the “*Parent Acknowledgement Form*” to complete this screening process.

Following ASQ screenings and KRI assessments, families will be offered the opportunity to schedule a parent/teacher conference to discuss your child’s development.

Assessments/progress reports have been completed, these must be viewed and signed by parents. Informal Parent-teacher conferences can be scheduled if desire, please check with your child’s teacher to schedule. **Remember that all documents will be kept in each child’s portfolio as an ongoing assessment.**



## Upcoming Dates/ Events

- ✓ Teacher Appreciation Week [May 5<sup>th</sup> - May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025]
- ✓ Kindergarten Readiness Indicators (KRI)  
[ Pre-K participants *only*]  
**April 1<sup>st</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup> , 2025**
- ✓ Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) Screenings  
**May 12<sup>th</sup> - May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**
- ✓ Annual Pre-K Graduation is **May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**
- ✓ Parent/Teacher Conferences offered week of **May 26<sup>th</sup> -May 30<sup>th</sup> , 2025**
- ✓ **CLOSED** Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> for MLK Day
- ✓ **CLOSED** Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> for President’s Day
- ✓ **CLOSED** Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day



## What is National CACFP Week? (March 16- March 22, 2025)

CACFP Week is a national education and information campaign sponsored annually the third week of March by the National CACFP Sponsors Association. The campaign is designed to raise awareness of how the USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program works to combat hunger. The CACFP brings healthy foods to tables across the country for children in childcare centers, homes, and afterschool programs as well as adults in day care.

You can participate by helping spread the word about the CACFP! Visit their [Campaign page](#) to download resources for spreading awareness in your classrooms, your community, and at the state level.



( April 5- April 11, 2025 )

The Week of the Young Child® is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 60,000 members and a network of 52 Affiliates.

The purpose of the Week of the Young Child® is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

NAEYC first established the Week of the Young Child® in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life. The Week of the Young Child® is a time to plan how we—as citizens of a community, of a state, and of a nation—will better meet the needs of all young children and their families.

