

A note from the executive director.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our families and staff for your continued support and partnership, which allows our program to grow and strengthen across both centers. Another successful year is in the books, and through funds raised from our events, along with a generous donation from one of our families at A Way of Wellness Chiropractic, we have been able to purchase much-needed classroom materials. We are grateful for the strong and caring community that supports the work we do each day.

This year, we have already begun working toward several program goals, including our accreditation efforts and continued compliance with evolving state regulations. Over the past year, there have been several changes related to funding, policies, and procedures. As a result, we have made a few important adjustments and updates to our own policies and procedures.

An updated Parent Handbook, as well as a new Infant/Toddler Parent Handbook, is now available on our website:

<http://pennylanechildcare.net>

Please note that tuition rates will also be increasing in August of this year. Once the new market rates are released, we will carefully review them and provide families with updated information.

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership.

KSipes, Executive Director

PROGRAM UPDATES

- **Both centers continue their partnership with MCCSC as a provider of preschool and pre-K education. Stipends are approved to families who live within Monroe County.**
- **The accreditation renewal process for Indiana's Paths to Quality Level 4 rating has begun for both centers.**
- **Tuition rates are increasing in August 2026.**
- **With recent FSSA licensing changes, including updates to ratios, policies, and procedures, Penny Lane remains committed to implementing best practices aligned with NAEYC Standards.**



For those interested in joining our parent council, inquire via BLOOMZ or let a director know.

Visit our Facebook page (Pennylanechildcare) for parent resources and community events!



REMINDERS

- Please let us know when child will **NOT** be attending due to vacation/breaks, etc.
- Please keep cubbies free of clutter
- Wash items weekly
- Bedding must be kept in bags / backpacks
- Update extra clothes for the weather and ensure all items are labeled.
- **NO** outside food is allowed

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What is the Week of the Young Child?

(April 11- April 17, 2026)

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.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

April 11- 17 (NAEYC's Week of the Young Child)

May 4- 8 (Teacher Appreciation Week)

May 11- 22 (ASQ Screenings)

May 15 (Annual Pre-K Graduation)

May 25 (CLOSED for Memorial Day)

June 19 (CLOSED for Juneteenth)

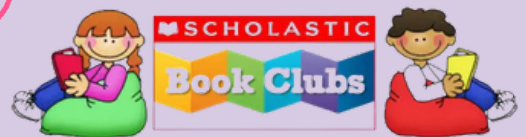
July 3 (CLOSED for Independence Day)

UPDATED DOCUMENTATION

It is imperative that all child records remain current and updated annually.

This includes physical forms with immunization records, updated contact information, and feeding plans when applicable. State regulations require that we have a physical on file dated within the past year. If your child has had a recent well-check, we can provide a physical form for the doctor's office to complete based on that visit. If your child has an upcoming well-check appointment, please bring a physical form with you for the provider to complete. If neither of these apply, please schedule a well-check appointment so your child's physical can be updated.

Keeping these documents up to date helps us maintain accurate records and ensures we can provide the safest and most appropriate care for your child. Please notify your child's teacher or a director if any information changes throughout the year.



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