



**PENNY LANE CHILDCARE**  
**FALL NEWSLETTER 2021**

**Executive Note:**

"Where there is no struggle, there is no strength." -Oprah Winfrey

Welcome all new families to Penny Lane Childcare! This past year has definitely been challenging for many. Some of us are still trying to catch up, but together, we can do this! While everyone is slowly getting back to "normality," I ask everyone to be patient with us. All of us have been working extremely hard to continue providing childcare throughout the pandemic. I think this has been the hardest time that all Early Education teachers has experienced. So, before I talk about the upcoming year, I would like all parents to THANK a Penny Lane staff/teacher for all their hard work, and long days. Because if it wasn't for them, we could not do this for you!

**Program Update:**

Following and keeping up with State/CDC guidelines and trying to survive by keeping everyone safe and healthy is a big accomplishment; and we are still going! This past year, both Penny Lane Centers have maintained their NAEYC Accreditation, and a level 4 of Paths to Quality. This is all to support quality care for children and families in our community. Another reason to give our teachers a pat on the back just to say "Thanks!"

Penny Lane is always looking to improve, if you have any comments or suggestions, please let us know.



August is the beginning of a new semester and classroom transitions will start Monday 8/16/21. We will inform all parents the children who are transitioning. If you are unsure, then please ask your child's current teacher. We will also communicate class rosters through the Bloomz App. Some of you will be invited to join new classrooms on the App, so please look out for that information. Of course, there is always paperwork involved; welcome letters, supply lists, as well as annual forms will be passed out. Please check your child's cubby (folder) for this information. **EVERYONE IS REQUIRED TO TURN IN ALL DOCUMENTS- THESE ARE REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF INDIANA!**

**PARENT REMINDERS:**

- ✓ Check cubbies and personal items to take home; parent notes, cubby folders, extra clothes, blankets, etc.
- ✓ Wash items weekly!
- ✓ Do not bring oversized items to put in cubby; no food or drinks in cubby.
- ✓ 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 (before 10:30am).
- ✓ Complete/Update all paperwork as needed and return to teacher and/or Director.
- ✓ Please follow **SICK POLICY** guidelines to ensure everyone stays safe and healthy.

### Communication/Community:

There are several ways of communicating, I want to remind everyone about our "Penny Lane" Facebook page, which usually posts general program and community information. Our Website is pennylanechildcare.net, which contains a lot of information about our program as well, including links, forms, events, etc. The "Bloomz App" is also imperative for parents/teachers to communicate. Therefore, we ask that all parents participate and join the classroom app when receive the invite and code. If you do not receive one, please talk to your child's teacher. We are all very busy and in classrooms, so be patient with us when trying to call and/or send messages through the app.



### EVENT/ DRIVEN2SAVELIVES.ORG

I want to introduce an event to everyone that Penny Lane Centers are proud to be a big part of, along with other community programs that have supported Early Childhood Education, especially through this pandemic. Chase Briscoe will be driving a midget at the BC39 in August at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. He has been kind enough to partner with us and other local sponsors to help support the Driven2SaveLives program. This is dear to my family, because of the loss of my sister-in-law this past year. She was a major support for this cause, as well as a donor recipient; due to a heart transplant she had eight years ago. So, this warms my heart and I am very appreciative of everyone involved; especially ChaseBriscoeRacing, LLC that has help make this happen. More information is posted on our Facebook page, and website;

<http://www.pennylanechildcare.net>. We encourage everyone to become a donor! For more information, you can go to the website; <http://www.Driven2SaveLives.org/>



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### GRANT/FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES!

There is more funding available for families; any child who turned 4yrs old by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, can apply at

<http://www.onmywayprek.org>

There is more funding available for families through the Build, Learn, Grow Scholarship through March 2022; this is for Essential Workers. You can go to the website to apply and get more information;

<http://www.brighterfuturesindiana.org>

The links are all available on the Penny Lane Website as well.



READ, READ, READ!! Scholastic orders will start back up soon for the fall. Catalogs will be available up by computer and information on how to order is on the back of the forms. If you have any questions, please ask. Calendars of our weekly focus, events,



Holidays, etc. are also posted up by parent resource area. These will also be available online, and on Bloomz App under community info. We will always let you know of upcoming changes to the calendars.

### HOLIDAYS/CLOSINGS:

Please remember to let us know if your child will not be attending; vacations, sick, holidays, etc. The centers will be closed on the following dates:

Labor Day	9/6/21
Thanksgiving Break	11/25-26 <sup>th</sup>
Christmas Day	12/24 (Friday)
New Yrs Day.	12/31 (Friday)

