



Another year has gone by, some children have moved on to higher education, and others are moving up to the next age group. The new semester is a fresh start for everyone, as we begin another school year, along with upcoming changes. I want to thank all families for entrusting in our program as we continue providing quality care and education for young children throughout our community. Both centers continue to be an On My Way PreK program with the State of Indiana, and now collaborating with MCCSC as a PreK provider. Our centers prioritize excellence in care and education, while continuing to make improvements. Communication continues to occur on our BLOOMZ App, hence why it is important for all families to join the app. My goal is to increase parent activity and communication this school year, so that Penny Lane continues to support our families the best that we can. Remember, we value your opinions, comments, encouragement, and support!

Program Update

Classroom transitions are in full swing as children are adjusting to new teachers and classroom environments. Both centers are eager to implement our improved *Creative Curriculum* program involving project-based investigations (studies) within a 4-week duration, while continuing our *Weekly Focuses* with important classroom goals. It is necessary for teachers, directors, and families to maintain consistent communication throughout your child(ren)'s time here at Penny Lane. All families are required to join their child's BLOOMZ classroom with a specific code provided by your child's teacher. If you need any assistance, please let us know.

As your child transitions into their new classroom, families will receive a folder containing important documents. We strongly encourage families to read the classroom's welcome letter and additional information provided to understand daily routines, developmental goals, and classroom expectations. The documents in the "Return" pocket must be completed and returned by the desired date. These documents must be updated

annually as required by the State of Indiana. Please return the documents with the folder, as it will become your child's cubby folder for the year to disperse important and confidential information as needed.

Other documents to be updated annually include physicals, immunizations, and other medical/consent forms. Make sure to update these forms throughout the year when needed. Forms are always available on our website: <http://www.pennylanechildcare.net>

CACFP (Child and Adult Care Food Program) has made it more challenging for children with dietary needs. The proper form has to be completed correctly and updated annually. Parents are allowed to bring in one creditable food item per meal (non-medical) according to the completed form. For medical reasons, the Special Needs form must be completed and signed by a physician using descriptive information and all sections completed. As always, we try to make accommodations for every child and family, yet there are certain requirements that we have to follow. If you have any questions about the form, food item, etc., please ask.

-----REMINDERS-----

- ✓ Check cubbies for personal items to take home; parent notes, cubby folders, soiled clothing, blankets, etc.
- ✓ **Wash items weekly!**
- ✓ Be sure your child has extra clothes (weather appropriate)
- ✓ Do not bring oversized items to put in your child's cubby. All items must fit in your child's cubby.
- ✓ **NO OUTSIDE FOOD IS ALLOWED!**
- ✓ 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).
- ✓ Complete/Update all paperwork as needed and return to teacher and/or Director.



Indiana fall weather is making its arrival. With the temperatures expected to drop, it is imperative that your child be dressed accordingly.

Children will be offered outdoor play daily, weather permitting of course.

Due to limited space, we ask that you reduce your child's personal items in their cubbies. All items should fit in their cubby nook and bin without touching others' belongings.

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Lifetouch Photography has scheduled school pictures to be taken in October. More detailed information to come.

AGES & STAGES SCREENINGS/IU RESEARCH

These are scheduled for 2 weeks in October, as part of our Curriculum/Assessment Plan and Indiana University Research.



Peden Farm Field Trip- PreK Only
➤ **Friday, September 27, 2024.**



October- Fire prevention week with Firetruck and local Fire Department visit!



Penny Lane's annual Halloween Carnival will be held at the West location on Saturday October 26th, 2024 between 2:00-4:00pm. This is subject to change.



December- Annual Holiday Classroom celebrations, Santa Visit, Angel Tree for kids!

IMPORTANT DATES

Labor Day	[CLOSED]
Thanksgiving Break	[CLOSED Nov. 28 th and 29 th]
Christmas Eve	[Closing at 4pm on Dec. 24 th]
Christmas Day	[CLOSED Wed. Dec. 25 th]
New Year's Eve	[Closing at 4pm on Dec. 31 st]
New Year's Day	[CLOSED Wed. Jan. 1 st]

SCHOLASTIC

Book Clubs

This year, our school is reading with **Scholastic Book Clubs!** You'll have access to expertly curated, affordable books that help boost your child's reading skills, build your home library, and maybe even create moments of quality time you can share together.

Plus place an order of \$25 or more and you can pick a FREE \$5 book (use code READS at checkout).

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<https://orders.scholastic.com/GRZJ9>

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Invite relatives and friends to help your child discover the joy of reading when you share our school link. Every order benefits our classrooms, helping us earn FREE books and resources that every child can enjoy.

Thanks so much for your support!



Penny Lane thrives on parent feedback, suggestions, and support. We manage an advisory board that is revised annually. Members give their input and suggestions on how to improve our program in general, as well as policies and procedures. 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.

