

# PENNY LANE NEWSLETTER

FALL 2025

## Director Note:

I want to welcome all families (old and new)! You will see some new faces in your child's classroom. Both centers have made some classroom expansions and improvements as well. This is due to State (FSSA) changes that took effect in July. We strive for excellence, most importantly, to serve quality care for families. We have a lot of things coming up this year and your feedback is always appreciated. I will be updating the Parent Council on the BLOOMZ App and if you would like to be a member, please let a director know. My goal is to collaborate with families this year with suggestions, concerns, improvements, etc. Both centers have maintained their PTQ Level 4 and will be working on NAEYC accreditation later this year. We have introduced new policies and will continue to make changes for the well-being of children in our care. Thanks for trusting in us. All teachers work hard in addition to their dedication, so please be patient with us as we transition classrooms.

*Kelly Sipes, Executive Director*

## Upcoming Events

**August 21<sup>st</sup>: Back-To-School Bash (West Playground)**

**September – Peden Farm field trip (PreK only)**

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>: LifeTouch Picture Day (EAST only)**

**October 6-10: Fire Prevention week**

**October 25<sup>th</sup>: Annual Halloween Carnival!**

**November 4<sup>th</sup>: LifeTouch Picture Day (WEST only)**

**December: Holiday Celebrations with Santa visit!**

## Reminders

- Check cubbies for personal items to take home.
- Wash items weekly
- Provide extra clothes (weather appropriate)
- **NO OUTSIDE FOOD IS ALLOWED!**
- Please bring a water Bottle to keep in classroom
- Label your child's personal items

## Program Updates:

- ALL nap-time items (blankets, pillows, fitted sheets, stuffies, etc.) must be kept in a backpack or a sealable bag.
- We have made classroom changes by creating more enrollment space.
- Both centers are MCCSC partner providers. Now offering preschool and PreK assistance.
- NAEYC Accreditation renewal 2026 and PTQ (Paths to Quality) annually
- There are several upcoming FSSA changes regarding family childcare funding and regulations. We will keep families posted.

Classroom transitions are in full swing as children adjust to new teachers and learning environments. Both centers are excited to implement our updated Creative Curriculum, which features hands-on, project-based investigations completed over a 4-6 week period. Our weekly focuses will continue to support key classroom objectives, individual goals, and lifeskills.

To keep communication strong, all families are required to join the BLOOMZ app as it is our reliable form of communication between parent/teachers for classroom and center updates.

When your child moves into their new classroom, you'll receive a cubby folder with forms that need to be completed and returned by August 22<sup>nd</sup>..

State regulations (FSSA) and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) require specific documents to be updated yearly. Most forms are available via website if needed;

<http://www.pennylanechildcare.net>

Please let your child's teacher(s) know if you are coming in after 10:30am for schedule purposes.

## Important Dates

- Sep 29 - Oct 10<sup>th</sup>: ASQ Screenings
- Sep 1<sup>st</sup>: CLOSED for Labor Day
- Nov 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>: CLOSED for Thanksgiving
- Dec 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>: CLOSED for Christmas
- Dec 31<sup>st</sup>: CLOSE at 4pm for New Year's Eve
- Jan 1<sup>st</sup> - CLOSED for New Year's Day

## Parent Council:

If you would like to be added to our parent advisory group on BLOOMZ APP, please let a director know! All parents are welcome as we love your suggestions, ideas, and any advice you can offer.

Message on the app or email:  
[ksipes@pennylanechildcare.net](mailto:ksipes@pennylanechildcare.net)

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

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.

**Shop our school page:** <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!