



Bedford Child Development Center  
December 2017 Newsletter

**News from the Director:**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our canned food drive! We collected 460 items! The items were donated to the Erie food pantry in Erie Michigan. Our winning class was Toddler 2! They will receive a pizza party this month.

We will be setting up our giving tree and placing items on the tree for our annual adopt a family. We have contacted a local elementary school and have been put in touch with a local family that needs some help this holiday season. You can help in a couple different ways you can choose an item from the tree and then return the item unwrapped to the office, you can donate money to go towards items from the family, or you can donate gift cards for the family. If you have any questions please contact Pauline or Cindy.

I have had numerous parents ask about Date night! With going through PQA this fall we did put these on hold but we are going to hold a date night this month so make sure to read through the entire newsletter for more information on this!

Update on PQA - On Monday, November 13, 2017, our assessment began in the Preschool 2 classroom. Our assessor visited with Ms. Robin & Ms. Natalie's preschoolers for approximately 6 hours. In that time, she observed large group, small group, choice time, outside time, mealtime and teacher/child interactions. She then spent about 10 minutes with Ms. Robin asking questions about certain policies and procedures. Then our assessor returned to the center on Friday, November 17, 2017 at which time she spent in the Infant Room with Ms. Megan, Ms. Rachel & Ms. Sarah. She observed arrivals, caregiving routines, large & small group, outside time and mealtime. During that time, the assessor interviewed Ms. Megan on our policies & procedures for our infant/ toddler program.

We now wait! Our assessor has one week to upload our results in the program and then the results go to the editor to double check her work. It should be about three weeks before we find out what the final results are! I have the utmost confidence in our teachers and that we will receive 5 stars! As soon as we know I will pass it along to all of you!

We will be again this year doing a decorating contest. Each classroom will be designated a wall to decorate. You will then be given the opportunity to vote for your favorite decorated wall. Make sure you have liked our Facebook page for your opportunity to vote!

## **Important Notes:**

- The center will be closed on the following dates for the upcoming holidays:

December 22<sup>nd</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

January 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

If you plan on using vacation anytime within these days remember to put your request in at least 2 weeks in advance.

- Date Night: **What is date night?**  
Date night is where you can bring your child to the center after hours and you and your significant other can have time to go to dinner or get some last minute Christmas shopping done.  
You can drop your child off and we will play games, watch a movie, have a snack, and make a craft.
- We ask that your account is at zero at the end of the year for tax purposes. So I will soon put a list on the door if there is a credit on your account or if you owe.
- Tax statements will be sent home sometime early January; as soon as they are ready we will personally pass them out.
- Scholastic book clubs: This is a GREAT way to get some great books for Christmas at a great price! Not only that but we receive free books every time you order! If you order online our online school code is J3KK6 and select Cindy's name. These items **will** be in before Christmas if placed by the due date!
- We will be having our center Christmas party December 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:15-3:15pm. All parents are invited to attend. Please look for more information on donations and gift exchange from your child's teacher.

## **Dates to remember:**

- December 7<sup>th</sup> Fun Lunch (Pizza)
- December 8<sup>th</sup> Date Night 6:15-9:15pm
- December 8<sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book orders are due
- December 13<sup>th</sup> Items from the giving tree due
- December 20<sup>th</sup> Ugly Christmas sweater day
- December 21<sup>st</sup> First day of winter
- December 21<sup>st</sup> Christmas Party 2:15-3:15pm
- December 22<sup>nd</sup> Center closed
- December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve
- December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas- Center closed