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December 2022 Refrigerator Dates



December	Looking ahead to January/February...
12/3 (THIS Saturday): Santa Parade at 6:30 in Downtown Mt. Airy (info in this newsletter)	1/2: School resumes for Rooms 3, 4, and School Age
12/14 and 12/15: Lion's Club Vision Screening for all Preschool 3's and 4's Classes (Permission Forms were sent home)	1/3: Classes resume for Rooms 1 (Preschool), 2 and 5 1/11: PM Preschool Classes ONLY Closed and Full Day Preschool Classes Early Dismissal at 12:00 (Rooms 1, 2, and 5) – Staff Meeting
12/14 and 12/15: Visit with Santa at the Senior Center @ 10:30	1/16: Preschool Classes Closed (Rooms 1, 2, and 5)
12/19 and 12/20: Grinch Days!	1/16: REGISTRATION BEGINS for In-House Families (more info to come!!)
12/21 and 12/22: Polar Express Days- Wear your jammies!	1/27 & 1/30: CCPS Closed – Field Trip TBD
12/22: Preschool 3's and PreK 4's Bookmobile Visit	1/31: AM Preschool Classes ONLY Closed and Full Day Preschool Classes Delayed Opening at 12:00 (Rooms 1, 2, and 5) – In- Service Planning
12/23: SCHOOL CLOSED	2/1: Public Registration for next year begins!
12/26: SCHOOL CLOSED	2/15: PM Preschool Classes ONLY Closed and Full Day Preschool Classes Early Dismissal at 12:00 (Rooms 1, 2, and 5) – Staff Meeting
12/23- 1/2: Preschool Classes ONLY Closed (Rooms 1, 2 and 5)	2/20: Preschool Classes Closed (Rooms 1, 2, and 5)
All School Closed December 23 & 26	
Happy Holidays!	



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Director's News

The winter weather has arrived, and we are excited that the winter holidays are almost upon us! We are all very excited for all of the fun activities that the teachers have planned for the children this month.

This Saturday, December 3rd, we are participating in the Santa Parade in downtown Mt. Airy,. Please join us if you are around! We have a hay wagon for the children to ride in! Parents, we ask that you accompany your child(ren) for this event. It is sure to be a fun time!

I would like to extend a big thank you from all of us on staff to Courtney Stanley and many other parent volunteers that helped out to make our teacher luncheon during conferences a HUUUGE SUCCESS! We are so appreciative to have such generous families.

The Lion's Club will be visiting on Wednesday, December 14 and Thursday, December 15 to conduct a vision screening for all of our Preschool 3's and 4's. A parent consent form was sent home that will need to be signed and returned. You are not required to have this screening done. It is very convenient that the Lion's Club provides this service for FREE.

With the upcoming winter season approaching, it is time to re-visit what to do when we have inclement weather. We are committed to providing you with service throughout the year and we will make every effort to stay open and open on time. However, we also want families and staff to be safe during travels. If we must close early, close for the day, or open late, it will be posted to ClassDojo. Preschool families please refer to the Inclement Weather Policy that was distributed early this year (I included it in this newsletter as well). This is our policy for the preschool in rooms 1, 2 and 5- not our School Age program or rooms 3 and 4.

Our School will be closed the Winter Holiday December 23-26. We will re-open for Rooms 3, 4 and School Age only on Tuesday,

December 27. Signup sheets are outside those classrooms for those families to let us know if you will be here those days between Christmas and New Years. Our staff would like to take some time off to be with their families, and we would appreciate the RSVP so we can plan accordingly. Thanks for your help with this.

We have been working on our **In-House Registration in January**. We will be using a link to a Google Registration Form again this year. A cash or check registration fee of \$65 is due by Friday of that week. If your first choice for class placement is not available, you will be automatically placed on a change request list. We will have a time stamp for when each family completes their forms, so you will be in order. We will use this order when filling classes to help keep it fair. More information about this, scheduling options, and tuition costs can be found in this newsletter. Public registration for the fall will begin in early February. We will also be providing information and registration on our summer camps in late February.

As always, my door is open to parents for questions or suggestions. If you have any questions about classes for next year, please do not hesitate to ask. We appreciate all of your support, and we appreciate all of our wonderful families!

We wish our families have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday season!

Kindly,

Michelle

GRINCH DAYS

We will be having school-wide **"Grinch Days"** on December 19th and 20th. The children are asked to come wearing their favorite Christmas attire. Each class will be doing special green and Grinchy-like activities throughout the day! On



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Wednesday and Thursday, December 21st and 22nd, the school will be celebrating “Polar Express Day” by wearing our favorite Christmas jammies. Be on the lookout for special plans for each of the classrooms for end of the month celebrations.

Reminders:

- This is just a friendly reminder that we strive to maintain a healthy environment for our children and staff. There is an understanding that all children in our care can participate fully, including active play, indoors and outdoors. Please take a few minutes to review our sickness policy as stated in the Parent Manual. Mt. Airy Daycare and Learning Center has set the following standards for the health and safety of children and staff: Your child may not come to school and will be sent home, if we notice any of the following symptoms:
 - Temperature 100°F or higher (Your child cannot return to the center until he/she is fever free for 24 hours without medication)
 - Vomiting and/or Diarrhea
 - Unidentified Rash · Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)
 - Head Lice – a child must be nit free before returning to the center
 - Any Communicable Disease

We reserve the right to refuse admittance to any child with any of these symptoms.
- *Lunch time* is an important part of a child's day. This is a time that children build their peer relationships and social skills, but even more importantly children can replenish their bodies with healthy and nutritional foods. Many of the prepared meals, such as Lunchables, often contain a high amount of sodium

and other preservatives. While this can be a convenient alternative occasionally, here is a website with more information.

Nutrition - HealthyChildren.org



- *Weather Appropriate Clothing:* Classes will be going outside every day that weather permits, even in colder temperatures. Please make sure that your child wears weather appropriate clothing so he/she can enjoy the time outside. The weather is changing day by day, and even sometimes hour by hour. Please send in a jacket with your child every day. Remember to label your child's jacket. **Don't forget to label "extras", such as hats, mittens and scarves!**
- *Extra Clothes:* Please check your child's supply of extra clothes to make sure all the clothes are weather appropriate and fit properly. Remember to include extra underwear and socks.
- *Absences :* Please call the school to let us know when your child will not be here or is running late (301-829- 6364). This is extremely helpful to the teachers, so they may plan their days accordingly.
- *Holiday Schedules:* Holiday traveling, change in schedules, and the excitement of the season can throw kids out of routine. Keep this in mind as you are rushing here and there during the holidays. Please let your child's teacher know which days your child will be attending so we can allow our teachers to have time with their families.



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Registration Coming Up in January for Currently Enrolled Families!!

We are pleased to share with you the following information about class offerings for the Fall of 2023!! We are happy to talk with you about what options are available. Feel free to give the office a call (301-829-6364) or email us at kids@mtairydaycare.com.

Preschool Two's

MWF AM from 9:00-11:30 for \$396

MW PM from 12:30-3:00 for \$275

TTH AM from 9:00-11:30 for \$275

Preschool Three's

TTH AM from 9:15-12:15 for \$250

MWF AM from 9:00-12:00 for \$305

TTH full-day from 9:00-3:00 for \$420

MWF full-day 9:00-3:00 for \$485

Pre-Kindergarten 4's

MWF AM from 9:15-12:15 for \$315

TTH full-day from 9:30-3:30 for \$420

MWF full-day from 9:30-3:30 for \$485

Extended Day Preschool 3's and 4's

5 Days for \$290 per week

4 Days for \$275 per week

3 Days for \$260 per week

2 Days for \$245 per week

School Age

5 Days Before and After for \$210 per week

5 Days Before OR After for \$150 per week

4 Days Before and After for \$200 per week

4 Days Before OR After for \$145 per week

3 Days Before and After for \$190 per week

3 Days Before OR After for \$140 per week

2 Days Before and After for \$180 per week

2 Days Before OR After for \$135 per week

In- House Registration:

We will be holding currently enrolled and sibling registration starting on Monday, January 16, 2023 by publishing links to our online Google Registration Forms on the School Story Page of ClassDojo. This registration is only for currently enrolled students and their siblings.

This is the registration process for in-house families this year. These are the steps to follow:

- 1. Complete the Google Registration Form for the age that you are signing up for. Links are found on the School Story on ClassDojo.**
- 2. Submit a credit, check, or cash registration payment to the**



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office by Friday, January 20, 2023 at noon in order to secure your registration. Feel free to turn in the registration fee anytime that week!

Alumni Registration:

Monday, January 30, 2023

Public Registration:

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

****We will be filling classes to full enrollment for the Fall of 2023. If your first choice is not available, we will automatically put your child in your second choice and add their name (in order of receipt) to the "Class Change Request List." *If your registration payment is not received, your name will be dropped from the class lists on Friday, January 20, 2023 at 3:00 PM.***

****Children must turn the age for the class prior to September 1, 2023. Children in the two-year-old classes do not need to be potty-trained. Children entering the preschool three-year-old classes and up need to be potty trained.**

Frequently Asked Questions from Currently Enrolled Families

How do I access the Google Form for registration?

The link to the google form will be posted to the School Story on Class Dojo at 10:00 AM on Monday, January, 16th (This is Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

What ages qualify for the extended day preschool program?

We will be offering extended days for our preschool 3's and 4's. The hours will be 7:00 am- 5:30 pm. next Fall.

Can I register my currently enrolled child's younger sibling during the in-house registration?

Yes! Siblings of currently enrolled children can register beginning January 16th.

What happens in the case of inclement weather?

With our new Google Forms Registration there will not be a need to worry about inclement weather AND no waiting in the cold!



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When will I find out who my child's teachers is?

We will notify everyone in August of teacher assignments.

I have a friend that would like to register their child at Mt. Airy Daycare and Learning Center for the first time. When can they do this?

Registration for families new to MADLC will begin on February 1st. Please have your friend give us a call to get on our mailing list!

I want to learn more about the 2's classes, and/or what the program is like in the Preschool 3's or Pre-K 4's. How can I do this?

Please give the office a call and I will be able to answer any questions about any of our age group's programs and schedules.

If I don't receive my first choice of classes, what happens?

Your child will be placed on your second or third choice's (depending on availability) class list. You will automatically be placed on a "Change Request List" indicating your first choice.

Changes in class assignments are made as openings become available. This can happen anytime – even as late as mid-August!

When will registration begin for the summer program?

We will begin registration for our summer program (June-August) mid-February after our Fall registration is under way.

Please email or call! I am happy to talk with you about what options are available to you.

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**Inclement Weather Policy
for Preschool Classes (Rooms 1, 2 and 5)
2022-2023 School Year**

Our Inclement Weather policy affects **ANY and ALL** Preschool activities (i.e. field trips, conferences, and class time).

When **Carroll AND/OR Frederick** County is CLOSED, Mt. Airy Daycare & Learning Center Preschool will be **CLOSED**.

When Carroll AND/OR Frederick County Schools open **1 Hour LATE** the preschool classes will begin at 10:00 A.M.

When Carroll AND/OR Frederick County Schools open **2 Hours LATE** the preschool classes will also begin at 10:00 A.M.

Early Closings:

Early Closings due to bad weather will follow Carroll AND/OR Frederick Schools. Should either or both counties decide to close early, the afternoon classes will close accordingly (i.e. if schools should close one hour early, classes will dismiss one hour early.) If either of the school systems closes 2 hours or more early, the afternoon classes will be canceled.





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PEANUT AND TREE NUT FREE ZONE



Due to multiple serious peanut/tree nut allergies in our center, no nuts or nut products are permitted in our school. This includes peanut butter, Nutella, almond butter, and Reese's Peanut Butter Cups. Thank you for your cooperation to keep all the children in our school safe.



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School Closings 2022-2023

August 29 Monday	Professional Development Day
September 5 Monday	Labor Day
October 13 Thursday	Professional Development Day
November 24 & 25 Thursday & Friday	Thanksgiving Break
December 23 & 26 Friday & Monday	Winter Break
March 22 Wednesday	Professional Development Day
April 7 Friday	Good Friday
May 29 Monday	Memorial Day
July 4 Tuesday	Independence Day
August 27 Friday	Professional Development Day
September 4 Monday	Labor Day