



The Children's Center Connection January 2022



Winter Weather Outdoor Play

With another winter upon us, it seems like a good time to review the Center's plan for outdoor winter activities. We are required to take the children outdoors on a daily basis, weather permitting. Air temperature and the wind chill factor are combined to determine if it is safe to play outdoors. We consider temperatures above 30° safe for regular outdoor play. At 25°, children may venture outside but for an abbreviated time. Dressing for the weather is extremely important. Please provide a hat, mittens, snowpants, boots and a scarf for your child to protect them from the cold. (Don't forget to label them!)

All children are expected to participate in routine activities each day, including outdoor play. Children who are well enough to attend the Center are considered well enough to go outdoors. We look forward to a fun-filled winter season!

The Latest Quarantine Guidance

The guidance for quarantine after COVID exposure seems to change frequently. The latest information that we received from our regulatory agency "specifically states to quarantine for 14 days OR until the local health department says they may return to school."

This adds a layer of complication to our current quarantine practices. For now, if there is a COVID exposure, we will need to wait on the Cuyahoga County Board of Health for approval of any quarantine less than 14 days post exposure. We appreciate your patience as we grapple with each unique situation.

Center Weather Closing/Delayed Start

With winter in full force, we wanted to remind you about our weather closing and notification procedures. We make our decision to close The Children's Center independent of the school districts. The center closes in extreme cases like loss of heat, power or water. Weather related closings are unlikely, unless there is significant risk for automobile travel.

If the Center needs to delay our start of care or close, families are notified in a variety of ways. An email blast will be sent to parents on our distribution list. The major school closing networks will be alerted. We are listed as **First Baptist Children's Center**. We will also post it prominently on our page of the church website, www.firstbaptistcleveland.org and on our Facebook page. If you follow us on Twitter, you may even get a tweet!

The iAlert system also has free alerts to mobile devices. Families can go to <https://www.wkyc.com/textalerts> to sign up. Please note that WKYC cannot guarantee 100% delivery of mobile text messages due to carrier and/or geographical difficulties.

Depending on weather severity and the forecast, we may post a delayed start, close for the day or close early. We try to give as much notice as possible, but sometimes severe storms sneak up on us.

Dates to Remember

January 14
Pajama Day



January 17
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Center Closed

February 21
President's Day
Center Closed

April 15
Good Friday
Center Closed

April 22
Professional Development Day
Center Closed



January Lunch Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Mac and cheese, peas, oranges	4 Shepherd's pie w/ biscuit top, mixed veggies and apple	5 Potato latkes, turkey sausage, apple sauce and carrots	6 VIP ALAN Apples, noodles, cheese sauce, and big green beans	7 Fish sandwich on a bun , cucumber and bananas
10 Chicken patty on a bun, peas and oranges	11 Grilled cheese and tomato soup and apples	12 Turkey tetrazzi- ni, mushrooms, green beans and melon	13 Orange chicken, rice, corn and pineapple	14 Loose meat sandwich on bun, carrots and bananas
17 CENTER CLOSED	18 Chicken and dumplings, carrots and grapes	19 Potato corn chowder, wheat roll and peaches	20 VIP SAVANNAH D Chicken on the bone, rice broccoli and apples	21 Hot ham sandwich, cucumbers and oranges
24 Parker house bun meatball subs, cucumbers and peaches	25 Won ton soup w/ chicken and spin- ach, apples	26 Chicken alfredo, w/ pasta, green beans and bananas	27 VIP ADDIE Pizza, tomatoes and oranges	28 Cheese quesadillas, corn salsa and apples
31 Orange chicken, rice, mixed veggies and melon				

Organic fat free milk is served with lunch for children on the second floor.
Organic whole milk is served to children on the first floor.

Menu is subject to change.

