

Hello Parents!

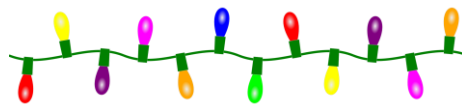
We'd like to extend a big "Thank You" to everyone who participated in our food drive for St Joe's this year, they were very grateful for the donations! All of us here at Kidzland believe it's important to give back to the community, and we couldn't do it without you! If you have any questions about the donations we have planned in December, just ask!

We'd also like to thank everyone who attended our first Thanksgiving Dinner. We have had great feedback about it, and plan to have it become one of our annual Kidzland traditions.

If you have any schedule changes with the upcoming holidays, please let us know so we can schedule staff accordingly. We hope everyone has a joyous holiday season filled with love, family and fun! See you in 2017!

Homeless Connections Giving Tree

Stop by our front reception area to pick an ornament off our tree and purchase an item for Homeless Connections! Please make sure all unwrapped items are back by December 16th.



Kidzland Toy Drive

Please have any new and gently used donations for our toy drive in by Friday, December 9th. Let us know if you have any questions!

Dates	to Remember
Dec 9 th	Kidzland Toy Drive donations due
Dec 13 th	Kidzland Toy Sale
Dec 16 th	Homeless Connections donations due
Dec 21 st	Kids on the Move Dance Recital
Dec 23 rd -26 th	Kidzland CLOSED

New Faces

We have several new faces to introduce! **Ms. Skylea** and **Ms. Madalynn** are part of our closing float staff, you'll see them in many different classrooms helping at night with cleaning and closing the classrooms. **Ms. Lacie** is our new co-teacher in the Banana Room joining **Ms. Alexis**. Welcome to Kidzland ladies!



Spotlight Staff:

Our Spotlight Staff member this month is **Ms. Sara!** Ms. Sara is often referred to as the Baby Whisperer. She does such a great job caring and loving all of the babies as if they were her own so that their moms and dads can go to work knowing their children are in such great care. Thanks for all you do Ms. Sara!

Upcoming Holiday Hours

December 23rd & 26th: CLOSED in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
 January 2nd:
 Closed in observance of New Year's Day

Happy Birthday!

Elise V	12/2	Ms. Heather	12-19
Madeline P	12/9	Zoe O.	12/28
Kennedy S	12/14	Grayson M.	12/30
Avralena R	12/18	Hayden R	12/30
Ms. Colleen	12/19		

Snowman Pizza:Recipe from: chefmomshknows.comINGREDIENTS

For the crust:

1 package active dry yeast
 1 teaspoon sugar
 1 cup warm water (110 degrees F)
 2- 1/2 cups bread flour
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 Salt

For the topping:

2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
 1/2 marinara or pizza sauce
 Black olives
 1 small carrot sliver
 Arugula for the scarf

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat your oven to 375 degrees F. Lightly grease a pizza pan with nonstick cooking spray.

In a large bowl, mix together the sugar, yeast and water. Let sit for about 10 minutes, or until foamy. Add in the flour, oil and salt and mix until a soft dough forms.

Place the dough on a lightly floured surface and knead until soft and elastic, about 8 minutes. Cut off 1/3 of the dough and set aside.

Using a lightly floured rolling pin, roll out the larger part of the dough into a medium-size circle. Place on the greased pizza pan. Roll out the smaller piece of dough into a smaller circle. Place on top of the medium circle, slightly overlapping the medium piece. Cover the medium and small circles with tomato sauce, leaving about 1/2 inch border of dough. Cover the sauce liberally with cheese. Using the olives, make two eyes, a mouth and buttons. Place the carrot sliver above the mouth for the nose.

Bake the pizza for about 15 minutes, or until the crust is golden brown and the cheese is melted. Using the arugula, make a scarf around the bottom of the head.

Fun Winter ArtMarshmallow Snowmen

Have your child stick mini-marshmallows to glue to create these adorable snowmen! Check out the full directions here: [Marshmallow Snowmen](#)

Happy Holidays!

Baby Sign Language

Baby sign language is a great way to communicate with your baby or toddler! It helps them learn to communicate their wants and needs in a way that can be understood.



Happy

To sign *happy*, take your extended hand and brush it in little circles up your chest a couple of times. Teach your baby the sign for *happy* by making the sign whenever your baby is visibly *happy* or excited. Remember, when making the sign for happy, it is important to emote happiness.