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# Kid Zone News

A monthly newsletter about your kids!

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## Spring Plant Sale: Thank You + Order Pickup Information

Thanks much to everyone who supported the Kid Zone Spring Plant Sale this year! We raised more than \$2500 which will be used to help us upgrade our playgrounds and toward our erosion mitigation project.

Plant sale orders will be available for pick up starting at 12:30pm and until Kid Zone closes at 5:30 p.m. on **Thursday, May 8th**.

Also: We are still in need of volunteers (and wagons!) on May 8th to help sort and organize the plant orders and assist with pickup. If you're able, please consider volunteering and sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4ea4ae2ea46-plant1>

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## Pajama Fun Run/Walk/Push on June 21st: Register Today!

🏃🏃🏃 **Rise, Run, Revel — Registration Now Open!** 🌟

Get ready for a morning full of energy, laughter, and cozy fun at our annual **KZ Fun Run Fundraiser — Rise, Run, Revel!**

📅 **Date:** Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

🕒 **Time:** 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

📍 **Location:** Hopkins Pavilion

As tradition calls for, it's time to break out your favorite pajamas for our much-loved **PAJAMA PARTY** theme! Roll out of bed, stay comfy, and come ready to move! We've got a fantastic lineup to keep everyone pumped:

- **Fun Run Events** for all ages (including a **crawl-friendly course** for our tiniest racers!)
- A **Donut Walk** 🍩 (think cake walk, but sweeter!)
- **Coffee and a breakfast menu available for purchase** ☕ — because cheering is better with caffeine!

**Invite your friends!** Know other families looking for something fun to do? Older siblings, Kid Zone alumni, neighbors, and friends are all welcome to join the fun and festivities.

There's a **suggested registration fee of \$25 per child**, but most importantly — we just want to see you there, having a blast in your pajamas!

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## Upcoming Events

### May 5

Pre-pay tuition due  
Teacher Appreciation week starts  
Kid Zone Board Meeting

### May 6

KZ fundraiser at Chipotle

### May 8

Plant Sale delivery and pick up

### May 20

Pre-pay tuition due

### May 26

Kid Zone CLOSED

### Reminder:

Please keep any snacks or food outside of the Kid Zone building. Students and staff have allergies to some foods, especially peanuts and tree nuts. If you provide your child a snack in the car on the way to or from Kid Zone, please keep it in the car.

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🕒 So grab your sneakers, grab your coffee, and let's Rise, Run, and Revel together!

Register Here: <http://kzel.betterworld.org/campaigns/rise-run-pajama-fundraiser>

### 🎵 Sound Help Needed for KZ Fun Run! 🎤

We're getting ready for the **KZ Fun Run Fundraiser** on the **morning of June 21st**, and we could use your help!

If you have **any** of the following that we could **borrow** — **DJ equipment, speakers, a microphone, or a megaphone** — we'd love to hear from you! Good sound will help us cheer on our runners and keep the energy high throughout the morning.

If you're able to help or have questions, please contact Kid Zone board member Clara Choe at 608-469-3035 or [cchoe12@gmail.com](mailto:cchoe12@gmail.com).

Thank you for helping make the KZ Fun Run a success!

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## Board Bulletin

Hello from the Board! As we transition to the new board members, we extend another huge thank you to Morgan Azbill, Andy Garbers, Phil Hodge, and Hannah Karns for their selfless service to Kid Zone! We are also happy to announce the results of recent officer elections. Sara Wilhelm Garbers was elected President and Jake Ehresmann as Treasurer. Our committees are now led by Katie Twelves (Classroom Parents), Clara Choe (Fundraising), and Eleanor Powell (Staff Appreciation), with additional support from Jordan McGee (Communication), Corey Brenner (Landlord Liaison), and Erv Fringer (Little Library Maintenance).

Thank you to everyone who participated in another successful plant sale fundraiser! We are also excited about the upcoming Fun Run on June 21 with lots of exciting activities planned. These fundraising efforts will improve playground structures and landscaping.

As always, if you have any questions or would like more information, please reach out to [board@kidzoneslp.com](mailto:board@kidzoneslp.com).

## Garden Assistance

We are seeking volunteers who like to get their hands dirty! If you have a green thumb, or just want to help, you can contact Jill at [food\\_nutrition@kidzoneslp.com](mailto:food_nutrition@kidzoneslp.com) to get more information. We are looking for immediate help with weeding for anyone interested.

## Staff Appreciation

Next week is Staff Appreciation Week (May 5-9)! We want to celebrate the educators, kitchen staff and office leadership who make Kid Zone such an incredible place. If you have not finished your pages for the teachers yet, please complete them in by **Friday, May 2nd** (dropping in the basket in the lobby or emailing to [natalie.azbill@gmail.com](mailto:natalie.azbill@gmail.com)).

We will have flyers around the building outlining each day's activities, and wanted to give a quick heads up regarding two in particular:

- **Tuesday May 6th**, we are encouraging kids to bring something beautiful for their teachers. This can be a small, kid-selected, no-cost item, such as a flower, a rock, or a drawing!
- On **Wednesday May 7th** the ice cream truck will be at Kid Zone in the afternoon (4-6). Please bring cash!