
December 2024

Kid Zone News

A monthly newsletter about your kids!



Winter Plant Sale Delivery and Pick Up

On Thursday, December 5th, Gerten's will deliver the items from the winter plant sale. Please plan to pick up your wonderful plants that afternoon.

Scarf Bombing!

Kid Zone is partnering with One Good Deed to help keep people warm who live in metro parks. We are collecting new, gently used, or homemade items such as scarves, hats, mittens, jackets, snow pants, and wool socks. Our collection box is outside of the office and will be there until the end of December. Help us spread kindness and warmth this season!

Lion's Club Vision Screening

The Lion's Club will return to Kid Zone on December 5th to offer free vision screening for children 6 months to 6 years old. The vision screener used is capable of screening for Myopia (near-sightedness), Hyperopia (far-sightedness) and Anisocoria (pupil size deviations). In addition, Astigmatism (blurred vision), Anisometropia (unequal refractive power), and Strabismus (eye misalignment) which can result in Amblyopia (lazy-eye). The individual screening takes just a few seconds and is performed from a distance of about three feet. There is no physical contact with the child and no eye drops are administered. Lion's Club will provide a print-out of the results for each child who should receive follow up care from an eye care professional. Consent forms will be located on a table next to the office.

Little Free Library

Our Little Free Libraries have been very popular! Thank you so much to all who have donated to it and to those who have explored them! We consistently see our adult Little Free Library being circulated and new books in there. Our child little free library is well loved as well, but could use some help with restocking. If you have any books that are ready for their next home, we would love them for our library!

Upcoming Events

December 2

Kid Zone Board Meeting

December 5

Winter Plant Sale delivery and Pick Up

Lion's Club Vision Screening

December 23

Kid Zone CLOSED all week

January 1

Kid Zone CLOSED

Prepaid tuition due dates:

Monday, December 2nd, 16th, 20th

Give to the Max

A Heartfelt Thank You for Your Generosity!

We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who donated to our **Give to the Max** fundraiser! Thanks to your incredible generosity, Kid Zone has raised **\$4,592.55** to kick off the transformation of our playgrounds and to make improvements to our landscaping. Your contributions will make a lasting impact, and we're excited to see these changes come to life.

Fundraiser Highlights:

Kid Zone's 6th Year Participating in Give to the Max Day
27 Generous Donations Received
2 Employer Matching Contributions Received

The Kid Zone directors and the board of directors are already hard at work, finalizing plans for the improvements this winter. We will keep you informed and share updates as soon as the plans are finalized. Thank you gifts for those who donated \$100/\$250 or more will be distributed over the next month.

Your support means so much, and we can't say it enough—**thank you!**

Office Staffing Update

We are excited to announce 2 "new" additions to the office team!

Ashlee Schertler has accepted the role of assistant director. Ashlee has taught in all age groups at Kid Zone throughout the years and has been our mentor teacher for the last 5 months.

Tyler Nelson has accepted the role of enrollment coordinator. Tyler has been an amazing lead teacher in the Owl Nest classroom over the last year and we look forward to seeing him grow in this new role. Tyler will remain in the Owl Nest classroom for a while we interview for the next lead teacher for Owl Nest. More information to come about this transition period.

Board Bulletin

Hello from the Board! Starting with some fun news, Kid Zone was named **2025**

Readers' Choice Award for Best Childcare in Hopkins! Additionally, after quite the arduous process, the sunshade has finally been installed. Thank you for bearing with us, and for all who contributed to help make this possible. We are very happy to have this playground improvement in place for the kids moving forward. We also wanted to thank you for participating in the annual survey. Your responses will help inform decisions and future updates for Kid Zone and the community in the upcoming year. Finally, it's that time of year - the board is taking applications for new board members to join in the spring, and particularly looking for someone to take on the Treasurer role! If you or someone you know would be interested, please reach out at board@kidzoneslp.com.



Safety at Kid Zone

Please do not park under the awning or along the curb by the west playground while picking up or dropping off (exceptions apply as needed). This area is extremely busy, for the safety of our community please use the available parking spaces. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Also, please make sure your children are with you while you are in the building. Thank you.

Winter Gear Check List for School

- Snowpants
- Snow boots
- Warm, waterproof jacket
- Hat
- 2 pairs of waterproof mittens

Please also make sure your child's cubby is stocked with weather appropriate clothing (extra pants, socks, underwear, long sleeve shirts). Please make sure everything is labeled.