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**April 2023 – I Love to Read Month!**

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# Kid Zone News

**A monthly newsletter about your kids!**

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## Annual Plant Sale Fundraiser

A big thank you to the families that participated in our Annual Spring Plant Sale.

Plants will be ready for you to pick up Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, from 2pm to 5pm in the parking lot – just in time for Mother’s Day!

Proceeds from this year’s sale will go toward updating classroom iPads!

We are looking for [volunteers](#) to help with the incoming plant sorting and organizing. Please contact the Kid Zone office at [director@kidzoneslp.com](mailto:director@kidzoneslp.com) if you have additional questions.

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## Parent Appreciation Day

On Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> Kid Zone will be celebrating YOU! Kid Zone would not be the community we are without the support of you, the parents and guardians! We are excited to celebrate your greatness! Thank you for everything you do to make Kid Zone such a great place.

## April is I Love to Read month at Kid Zone!

Kid Zone is celebrating the love of reading this month! We will be celebrating our favorite books and authors, finding fun new places and ways to read. Don’t forget to return your completed circles to help us grow our caterpillar around the school!

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## Upcoming Events

### April 3

Art Gallery 4:30p-5:30p

### April 4

Kid Zone Board meeting

### April 8

Pre-paid tuition due

### April 19

Kid Zone Closed for Spring Professional Development Day

### April 22

Pre-paid tuition due

### April 24

Parent Appreciation Day

### April 29

Moose Trail conferences start

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## More Important News

### Board Bulletin

Hello from the board! The biggest news from this month's meeting was the discussion and planning as current board members roll off and new board members join. We are excited to announce that we voted on adding five new board members that will begin their time next month. Current board members will step down over the next several months and into the summer to help transition the new folks. We want to offer a special thank you to those members who are ending their time on the board. Two of the members have been on the board for 3 years and the others for two years. They were imperative in helping during the move and helping KZ get rooted here at our new space. So, thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The committees are also hard at work with fundraising events, staff appreciation, and website updates to name a few. Additionally, we reviewed and approved changes to the COVID-19 policy addressed in this newsletter. Lastly, Marcy was given 24-hour notice to go to the capitol to testify for a committee in favor of a proposed bill that would help return rent cost for non-profit child centers. Special thank you to Marcy for telling the Kid Zone story and stepping up our kids and others in the non-profit early learning centers as well as Emily, our board president for writing a letter in support for the bill. This was helped by our connection with our Hopkins state rep and KZ visitor, Cheryl Youakim who proposed the bill. Thank you!



#### **Kid Zone Updated Covid Policy:**

The CDC has recently updated their COVID exclusion recommendations and Kid Zone has updated our policy accordingly.

Effective immediately, if there is an exposure to COVID within a classroom, children who are asymptomatic at the 6 day mark, will no longer need to send in proof of a COVID test. Staff and children who have been exposed and are exhibiting symptoms will be excluded until they have a negative COVID test, alternative diagnosis and symptom improvement.

### Sunscreen

As the days are becoming warmer and the sunshine is getting stronger, it is time to update the Kid Zone Sunscreen Permission Form. You can find the form [HERE](#). As a reminder, Kid Zone provides Banana Boat Simply Protect Mineral Sunscreen SPF 50+. You are welcome to use your preferred brand; please indicate type on the permission for and bring in the sunscreen for your child. Please note that Kid Zone asks that aerosol sunscreen and bug spray products not be used. Please return a signed copy of the updated form to the basket outside the office by Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Save the Date! Pajama Fun Run/Walk/Push on June 22

Mark your calendar to join us on **June 22nd at 9 a.m.** for our annual summer fundraiser. The whole family is invited to wear pajamas and run, walk, or ride in a stroller along a short course followed by a festive post-run celebration. Don't hit the snooze button on this opportunity to make a difference in our Kid Zone community! Further details will be provided in the coming weeks.