

World of Wonders



Parent Newsletter February 2025



Friendship Blooms in February

Dear WOW Families,

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent parent survey. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us grow and improve. Congratulations to the two families who won \$50 gift cards for participating—[Family Name] and [Family Name]!

We take every opinion seriously and are committed to implementing real change based on your input. Our updated goals, informed by your feedback, are now available near the kitchen on our Continuous Improvement Plan. We encourage you to take a look to see how we're working to make WOW even better for your children and your family.

We've also dedicated page 3 of this newsletter to address some of the key questions and concerns raised in the survey. If you have additional thoughts or ideas, please don't hesitate to reach out.

To strengthen our community, we include a list of volunteer opportunities in every newsletter. Whether you'd like to read to a class, help with special events, or share a skill, we welcome your involvement at any time—just let us know how you'd like to participate!

Finally, we're excited to celebrate friendships next month with our Friendship Parties on February 14th. More details about these special events will be shared through Procure soon, so keep an eye out!

Thank you for being an essential part of our community. We're so grateful for your partnership and support.

Thank you for your continued support,
Lauren Brown
Executive Director

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Need information?

Do you need to tell someone your child will be taking a vacation? Do you want to ask a question but don't know who to ask?
Email: Info@wowchildcare.org

School Events

February 2025				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
Turn in your Heart	National Thank a Postal Worker Day			Parent's Night Out 6:00pm-10:00pm
10	11	12	13	14
				Wear Pink or Red Day Friendship Parties: 3:00pm
17	18	19	20	21
CLOSED			Board of Trustees Meeting 6:15pm	
24	25	26	27	28
				Pizza and Pajama Day

School Closure Dates 2025

2/17
 5/26
 7/4
 8/1
 9/1
 11/27
 11/28
 12/24
 12/25
 12/31
 1/1/2026

Celebrate WOW Staff!

Happy Birthday

2/2 Ms. Loretta
 2/19 Ms. Bri
 2/24 Ms. Chelsea

Happy Wow-aversary!

2/7 Ms. Sky (1 year)

Friendship Parties

On Valentine's day we welcome all of our parents and families into the center to enjoy snack with their child and do a craft! Join us at 3:00 on 2/14

Also, children are welcome to bring a Valentine card for all children in their class. We ask that you do not fill out the "To" section and just put your child's name on it. We will be making card bags at school that day!

Program Updates and Reminders

February Volunteer Opportunities

2/14	Join our classes and help at our Friendship Parties	3:00 PM
2/20	Help set up, or attend our board meeting.	6:00 PM
Parents are welcome to sign up to volunteer in classrooms at anytime! Please see front desk to sign up!		

Outdoor Play

We have outdoor play for all children over the age of 12 months each day at WOW. It is not just Ohio law that we go outside, but it is important for your child's growth and development.

- **Boosts Physical Health:** Running, climbing, and exploring help build strong muscles, improve coordination, and support healthy growth.
- **Encourages Mental Well-being:** Fresh air and active play reduce stress and improve mood, helping children feel calm and focused.
- **Promotes Learning:** Outdoor play sparks curiosity, enhances problem-solving skills, and offers hands-on opportunities to explore the natural world.

We understand that not every day is ideal for outdoor play. If temperatures drop below 25°F or the weather is unsafe (heavy rain, ice, or storms), we'll provide engaging indoor activities instead. Please remember to dress your child appropriately for the season so they can stay warm and comfortable during outdoor adventures!

Packed Lunches

At WOW Childcare, we ask families to pack lunches for their children for several important reasons:

- **Facility Limitations:** We do not have the facilities or food service license required to prepare and serve meals on-site.
- **Cost Efficiency:** By having parents provide lunches, we can keep our program costs lower for everyone.
- **Personalized Nutrition:** With food allergies, dietary restrictions, and personal preferences, packed lunches ensure each child's individual needs are met.
- **Healthier Options:** Parents have the opportunity to provide fresh, nutritious meals tailored to their child's needs, rather than relying on reheated frozen or canned food.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe, cost-effective, and healthy meal environment for all children.

Cameras at WOW

We prioritize the safety and privacy of all children in our care. While we utilize a camera system to enhance security and monitor our classrooms, we are unable to provide live streaming of the footage to parents.

This decision is made to protect the privacy of every child and staff member, ensuring that video access is securely managed.

If you would like to view specific footage, it can be arranged by request in the Executive Director's office. To make a written request, please email us at info@wowchildcare.org.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in maintaining a safe and secure environment for everyone.

Meet Our Admin Team



Hello! I am Lauren Brown, the Executive Director at WOW.

I have my degree in Elementary Education and am currently obtaining my Master's in Business Administration. I have worked in the field of early education since 2000 and have been at WOW for just over 9 years.

I am a mom of 4 and about to be a first-time grandmother! In my free time, I enjoy going on adventures with my family, painting, playing a variety of instruments, reading, and taking care of my numerous pets.

As the Executive Director at WOW, I oversee the program's operations, including HR, budgeting, curriculum and program development, and staff training. My goal is to create a supportive environment for children, families, and staff, ensuring quality care and education for all.



Hi, I'm Heidi, the Childcare Director here at WOW. I have a degree in Early Childhood Education and have been working in the field since 2002. I have been part of the WOW team since 2018.

I am a mom of three children that all attended WOW in their early years of learning. When I am not at WOW I enjoy spending time with my family, camping, reading and going on adventures with the cub scout pack my children are involved in.

I am the Childcare Director here at WOW, I am responsible for all state paperwork, maintaining ratios, scheduling staff, tours and welcoming new families to the program. My goal is to provide a welcoming and educational environment for all children and families here at WOW.



Hi, I'm Miranda, and I'm the Inclusion and Support Specialist. I have been with WOW going on 7 years now, and thankful my two girls are able to come with me. I have my associate and bachelor in Social Work, and received my CDA last year. My goal at WOW is to provide care, help and resources for anyone that needs it. My family includes my husband Matt, and our two daughters Harper (5) and Betty (3). We have two dogs (Webbley and JR) and a cat (Mini Mongoose Muscle Cheetah). When not at WOW, I spend most of my time doing small adventures with my family. I love to bird watch, play cards (UNO), cornhole when the weather is nicer and watch badly made horror films.



Hi, I'm Jenna, the new Staff Development Specialist. I have been at WOW since January of 2023, and I have my Child Development Associates. I have been both a Pre-k teacher and team lead at WOW prior to stepping into administration. I have worked in the education field in both dermatology and esthetics, and early childhood education.

My family includes my husband Sean, our three year old son Foster who attends WOW, and my bonus daughters Alyssa and Rylee. In my free time, I love to vacation as a family, go to different zoos, aquariums, and major league baseball parks.

As the Staff Development Specialist, it is my job to train, mentor, and support the amazing teachers at WOW. My goal is help aide and support in their day to day challenges, and mentoring them to the best they can be in their roles.

Infant Updates



Classroom Projects for this Month

Week of	Infant 1	Infant 2	Infant/Toddler
2/3	Construction	Community Helpers	Community Helpers
2/10	Friendship	Friendship	Friendship
2/17	Emergency Vehicles	Transportation	Transportation
2/24	Community Helpers	Construction	Construction

Learning Activities

	Social Emotional Learning	Read it Again	Sensory Experiences	Additional Activities
Infant 1	Exploring facial expressions through music and naming emotions.	Reading books back to front with our caregivers. Pointing at the pictures, and trying to copy the names of things in books.	Trucks and dirt Water and water toys Sand and sand toys	Community helper hats, pretending to be postal workers, exploring emergency vehicles
Infant 2 and Infant/Toddler	Working on visual tracking through play to increase peer engagement.	Reading books back to front with our caregivers. Pointing at the pictures, and trying to copy the names of things in books.	Sand and sand toys Water and water toys	Dressing up as community helpers, exploring new car toys, engaging with community helpers.

For a full list of learning activities, please see your daily Procare updates

Toddler and Early Preschool Updates



Classroom Projects for this Month

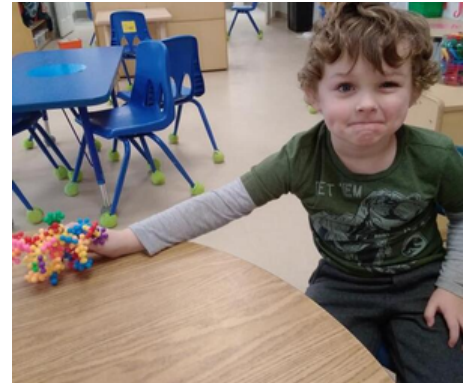
Week of	Toddler 1	Toddler 2	Early Preschool
2/3	Arctic Animals	Ocean Animals	Nutrition
2/10	Friendship	Friendship	Friendship
2/17	Farm Animals	Jungle Animals	The human body
2/24	Ocean Animals	Arctic Animals	Hygiene

Learning Activities

	Social Emotional Learning	Read it Again	Highlight Activities
Toddler 1	Learning how to follow classroom rules through games.	Letter recognition. Learning that each word is made up of parts. Learning that letters make sounds	Matching items Creating a classroom restaurant Farm art/small motor activity Ocean animal learning through sensory play
Toddler 2	Naming emotions. Calming Activities and Personal Space	Letter sounds and reading	Matching fish and other animals Creating patterns with art Going on a classroom safari Snow painting activity for small motor skills
Early Preschool			Creative art to learn about healthy foods Creating a classroom restaurant Classroom Doctor's office Leaning about the importance of tooth brushing

For a full list of learning activities, please see your daily Procare updates

Preschool and Pre-K Updates



Classroom Projects for this Month

Week of	Preschool	Pre-K
2/3	Hygiene	Experiments
2/10	Friendship	Friendship
2/17	Exercise	Dinosaurs
2/24	Nutrition	Space

Learning Activities

	Social Emotional Learning	Read it Again	Highlight Activities
Preschool	<p>Learning how to follow classroom rules through games.</p> <p>Naming emotions.</p>	<p>Learning about syllables, sounding out parts of the word.</p>	<p>Learning about the importance of handwashing</p> <p>Creating a classroom restaurant</p> <p>Learning about directional words with mazes</p> <p>Writing healthy food names</p>
Pre-K	<p>Calming Activities and Personal Space</p>		<p>Learning about colors through color mixing</p> <p>Tracing friendship words</p> <p>Creating dinosaur skeletons in art</p> <p>Making extended, and complicated patterns</p>

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School Aged Care Updates



Classroom Projects for this Month

Week of	Pre-K
2/3	Experiments
2/10	Friendship
2/17	Dinosaurs
2/24	Space

For a full list of learning activities, please see your daily Procure updates

Full Days at WOW

February 14th. Please pack your child a lunch. We will have a Friendship party in the afternoon. Please bring cards for 28! We ask that you only put your child's name on the card.

Important Reminders

If your child will not be at WOW, please remember to fill out the absence form.

Please make sure your child has spare clothing at WOW!