

Kids Corner

HOLIDAY BREAK DETAILS

Thanksgiving and Winter Break is fast approaching, and we wanted to give you some details about what to expect when it comes to the Child Care sites. Listed below are the dates of importance when it comes to Thanksgiving and Winter Break:

- Wednesday, November 21st: Full Day
- Thursday, November 22nd: CLOSED
- Friday, November 23rd: CLOSED
- Monday, December 24th: CLOSED
- Tuesday, December 25th: CLOSED
- Wednesday, December 26th: CLOSED (Staff Training; *We will not charge regular weekly fees for this day*)
- Thursday, December 27th: Full Day
- Friday, December 28th: Full Day
- Monday, December 31st: CLOSED
- Tuesday, January 1st: CLOSED
- Wednesday, January 2nd: Full Day
- Thursday, January 3rd: Full Day
- Friday, January 4th: Full Day

*“Child Care fees will **NOT** be adjusted for these closings—normal payment will be required for those children who normally would be expected”* (Parent Handbook; pg. 10). If you are full-time and your child does not attend our child care over break, you will need to use vacation days to avoid being charged. If you have any questions about this you may reach out to your Site Director/Manager or to Joseph Falin, Sr. at (540) 661-5375 or jfalin@orangecountyva.gov.

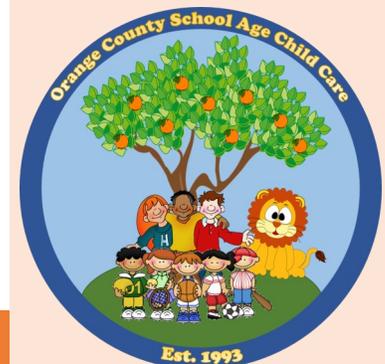


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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Orange County Gingerbread House Contest; pg.2



CHANGE OF STATUS

The holidays are coming up and this is the time of the year some of you would like to change your child care status, and we wanted to refresh you on the rules and regulations as outlined in our Parent Handbook.

“Changes in status must be submitted in writing—with a minimum of two weeks’ notice. The exception to this will be during the following times: the beginning of the new OC school year, January 1st, and the beginning of summer vacation. Children may change status at those times each year with-

out providing two weeks’ notice; however changes should still be submitted in writing” (Parent Handbook; pg. 4). “Status changes at any other time throughout the year will be limited to once per year unless a life altering circumstance occurs. Charges will accrue based on the most recent, completed status forms” (Parent Handbook; pg. 5).

If you wish to change your status, you can email us, give us a handwritten letter, or use our change of status form (you can ask a staff member for one or you can print one off at www.orangecountyva.gov/

OFFICE ON YOUTH EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ November 9th: Parent’s Night Out @ OES (6pm—9pm); \$15
- ◆ November 12th: Veteran’s Day (Child Care is OPEN; County Government is CLOSED)
- ◆ November 16th: Parent’s Night Out @ GBES (6pm—9pm); \$15
- ◆ November 21st: County Government Offices Close at Noon; Full Day for Child Care
- ◆ November 30th: Parent’s Night Out @ LGPS (7pm—10pm); \$15
- ◆ December 5th: Personal Property and Real Estate Tax Due
- ◆ December 7th: Parent’s Night Out @ OES (6pm—9pm); \$15
- ◆ December 14th: Parent’s Night Out @ GBES (6pm—9pm) & LGPS (7pm—10pm); \$15

For additional information about Parent’s Night Out contact Joseph Falin, Sr. at (540) 661-5375 or at jfalin@orangecountyva.gov



Hosted by Orange County Parks & Recreation & the Arts Center in Orange

Free to Enter, Entry Forms due Dec. 3
Enter (and view official rules) Online at:

www.orangecountyva.gov/parksandrecreation
Find Entry Form on "EVENTS" Page.

Entries will be displayed for viewing, judging, and public voting Dec. 7-14 at the Arts Center in Orange.

Public votes for "People's Choice" award are made through freewill donations to benefit the OCPRF Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization which supports the OCPRF Department. Voting must take place onsite at the Arts Center in Orange. Judges decide 1, 2, 3 places.



(Above) Pumpkin Carving at GBES Child Care

OCSACC STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Kerstyn Hartly

School: *Gordon Barbour Elementary*

Grade: *Kindergarten*

Favorite Subject: *Reading*

Favorite Child Care Activity: *“Going outside and playing on the playground with my friends”*



Gavin LaFontaine

School: *Unionville Elementary*

Grade: *1st*

Favorite Subject: *Math and Recess*

Favorite Child Care Activity: *Playing with the Legos, cars and trucks*



Kinsley Labus

School: *Orange Elementary*

Grade: *1st*

Favorite Subject: *Art*

Favorite Child Care Activity: *Going to the computer lab*

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WINTER TIPS/RESPONSIBILITIES

- Send your child(ren) to school with a coat/hat/gloves (*if you need help purchasing hats/gloves, let your site director/manager know*)
- Call Child Care to inform us if your child is sick

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

“In general, OCSACC (sites) follow the lead of Orange County schools regarding winter precipitation. It is easy to make the decision when precipitation is imminent or occurring - the Child Care sites will automatically be closed. However, when the School System remains closed for a period of time, we recognize that this places a hardship on parents. Therefore, every attempt will be made to re-open the sites as soon as the roads and parking lots are safe for travel.

Delayed openings may occur when appropriate in order to allow staff and parents safe travel to the sites during the daylight hours.

In the event the Orange County Schools closes early (for any reason) the Child Care sites will open immediately. The staff asks that parents attempt to pick up the children as soon as possible to allow the staff and parents safe travel in the daylight hours. This does not mean that parents are expected to pick children up within the first few minutes of (the) day. If you do not work in the immediate area - please contact your child’s site to establish what the weather is currently doing and how quickly you will need to make arrangements for your child.

There will be NO fees assessed for days closed due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances which require the closing of the Child Care program. Site Directors will adjust the fee for the week to reflect a credit for days closed due to weather or other unpredictable occurrences” (Parent Handbook; pg. 10).

All closings and delays will be posted on each child care site’s voicemail message and the Office on Youth Facebook pages. There will also be an email sent out through OnCare to the email address we have on file. If we do not have an email address on file for you, be sure to give us one to receive these notifications.



“Orange Ooy”

Once a child care parent friends us, we add them to a Private Group for parents only. We use this to provide updates on inclement weather closings, emergencies, and other information!