## March 2025

# Kid Zone News

A monthly newsletter about your kids!

### It's Almost Time for the Annual Spring Plant Sale!

Kid Zone's Annual Spring Plant Sale is an excellent opportunity to buy beautiful, hearty Gerten's plants for your garden—all while supporting Kid Zone!

This year's sale will begin on **Saturday, March 1**<sup>st</sup> and run through **Monday, March 31**<sup>st</sup>. Orders will be ready for pick up the afternoon of **Thursday, May 8**<sup>th</sup>, just in time for Mother's Day!

The sale includes a wide selection of plants, including patio tubs and hanging baskets of flowers, vegetables and herbs, flats of annuals—and more.

You can purchase plants at <u>www.gertensfundraising.com</u> using the company code **161**. Please remember to include your name for ease of distribution.

#### Vote for Kid Zone!

Don't forget to Vote for Kid Zone! Voting for Minnesota's Best in childcare, early education and Preschool is open until March 12<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Each person can vote once per day until the end of the event. Go to www.votemnbest.com to help Kid Zone win!

### Pick-Up/ Drop-Off Safety

All children must be supervised at the end of the day during parent pick-up. Parents and guardians must stay with their children throughout the Kid Zone building. Please keep children from hitting door accessibility buttons when unnecessary.



## **Upcoming Events**

April 14

Spring Conferences Start

March 1

Annual Plant Sale Fundraiser Begins

March 9

Daylight saving time begins

March 10

Prepay tuition due

March 20

First Day of Spring

March 24

Prepay tuition due

March 31

Plant Sale Closes

#### **Tax Information**

As you complete your 2025 taxes, you may be asked for Kid Zone's EIN or Tax ID number, which is 41-1683532.

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### **Board Bulletin**

Hello from the Board! The big news first. We will be welcoming eight new members to the board - Katie Twelves, Jacob Ehresmann, Clara Choe, Jordan McGee, Corey Brenner, Eleanor Powell, Sara Wilhelm Garbers and Erv Fringer! They will receive training in March and officially step onto the board in April. Congrats! We want to thank everyone who filled out a heart for Valentine's Day (the staff could feel the love!), and for all those who supported Kid Zone by eating at Noodles & Co. We raised about \$250, and plan to do more of these collaborations in the future. If you'd like to have a hand in planning fundraising events like this - especially with Kid Zone's Summer Fun Run and Party around the corner - consider joining the Fundraising Committee (reach out to <u>board@kidzoneslp.com</u> for more details). Next up from Staff Appreciation is book repair! As a part of We Love To Read Month, we are asking for volunteers to help repair much loved books in need of mending. Each classroom will have a few Book Repair Kits available. Once you see a bin has a few books, you can grab it, bring it home to fix the items, and bring the whole bin back with the repaired books for the classroom. Finally, don't forget to vote for Kid Zone for Minnesota's Best childcare and pre-school. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to board@kidzoneslp.com with any questions or feedback!

### **Spring Conferences**

It's almost time for spring conferences! Beginning the week of April 14<sup>th,</sup> you will be able to schedule a 20-minute conference with one of your child's teachers. Conferences will be held via Zoom. The links for conference sign-ups will be sent out via Brightwheel. The classroom conference schedules are below:

Week of April 14<sup>th</sup>: Owl Nest Week of April 21<sup>st</sup>: Fox Den and Moose Trail Week of April 28<sup>th</sup>: Bear Cub Cave and Turtle Rock Week of May 5<sup>th</sup>: Bunny Burrow and Duckling Cove

#### We Love to Read! Month

We are holding the Kid Zone 'We Love to Read' Month in March. Classrooms are hoping for volunteer guest readers throughout the month. If you are interested and available please click the link below to sign up for a reading time.

#### **Spring Professional Development Days**

Reminder **Kid Zone will be closed April 18<sup>th</sup>** for our Spring Staff Professional Development.



## **Spring Weather**

With the warmer temps, many of us are breaking out our lighter jackets. Please still make sure your child's winter gear is at Kid Zone! We are spending lots of time outside playing in the snow and slush.

Also, please make sure your child has plenty of extra clothes, including socks in their cubby for the extra wet days ahead!

Lastly, we encourage families to purchase rain pants for your child/ren to allow them maximum enjoyment exploring outside.

#### Click Here for examples

#### **Scholastic Book Orders**

Looking to enhance your home book selection? Use Scholastic and you can choose to have your books shipped to your home or delivered to Kid Zone. With a \$25 order, you can pick a FREE \$5 Book (use code: READS).

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