

Mt. Airy Daycare & Learning Center, Inc. MSDE Accredited License #47525 605 Ridge Avenue Mt. Airy, MD 21771 301-829-6364



October 2025

Refrigerator Dates



October

10/1 & 10/2: Picture Days!

10/3: Charleston Wrap Order Deadline

10/6 & 10/7: Mt. Airy Fire Department Visits

10/13 & 10/14: Preschool 4's Field Trip to Sharp's Farm

10/14 & 10/15: Preschool 2's Field Trip to Gaver Farm

10/16: Bookmobile Visit for Preschool 3's and PreK 4's Classes @ 10:30 AM

10/17: SCHOOL CLOSED for all – Staff- In- Service Day

10/17: Fall Festival 4-6 PM (All are welcome!!)

10/23 & 10/24: Preschool 3's Field Trip to Green Meadows

10/28 & 10/29: CCPL Puppet Sow: Goldilocks and the Three Bears

10/30 and 10/31: Halloween Celebrations (more info in this newsletter!)

November

11/1-11/15: Mt. Airy Net Food Drive (more info to come!)

11/12: Full Day Preschool Classes will close at 12:00 PM for a Staff Meeting. Extended Day hours will not be affected.

11/13 & 11/14: Bookmobile Visit for Preschool 3's and PreK 4's Classes @ 10:30 AM

11/17 & 11/18: Lion's Club Vision Screening for the Preschool 3's and 4's (Permission slip will be coming home)

PreK 4's Field Trip to Safeway Supermarket TBA

11/25 & 11/26: Special Thanksgiving Activities!!

11/26: Full Day Preschool Classes will close at 12:00 PM. Extended Day hours will not be affected.

11/27 and 11/28: SCHOOL CLOSED for all – Happy Thanksgiving!

Coming up in December

Walking Trips to Senior Center to visit Santa and Holiday Celebrations TBA!!

All School Closed December 24-26 and January 1 Happy Holidays! We close EARLY at 1:00 on December 31st!

Preschool Classes Closed for Winter Holiday from December 22- January 4

All Classes resume Monday, January 5th!



Director's News

The staff has had a wonderful start to the school year and are excited to have all of your children to spend time with. The children are adjusting well to coming to school and the classes are busy getting into a routine and schedule. Fall is a wonderful time of year at our school. The children will be busy painting and creating wonderful artwork with the beautiful colors of fall. We are excited for field trips to the pumpkin patches this month and our visits from the Mount Airy Fire Department!

Thanks to all for your support with our fundraiser! We are about \$1000 away from reaching our goal! We are excited to use these funds to help send our amazing teachers to the NAEYC conference in DC next year, so please support Mt. Airy Daycare & Learning Center, Inc.! The deadline to order from Charleston Wrap is October 3rd. You can order online using the directions in the flyer included in this newsletter. Please feel free to share with family and friends.

We are very excited for the Mt. Airy Fire Department to visit this month. They are a wonderful resource in our community. The fire trucks will be visiting on October 6th and 7th for all of our preschool classes. Stay tuned for pictures on Class Dojo.

On Friday, October 17^{th,} our school will be closed for an in-service day. The staff will have time to plan as teams, and work in the classrooms to transition to fall. Later that day, we will be hosting a Fall Festival. We have several members of our community participating, and we would love for you to come and join in the fun. A flyer is included in this newsletter with more information about this special event.

A few weeks ago all of our families received a link for the Ages and Stages Questionnaire and Developmental Screening (ASQ). All parents are asked to complete the screening for their child. Once the screening information has been entered by the parent, I will be able to print out the results for you. The

teachers will be completing the screening for some children and will let you know if a meeting is needed. Please know that if you ever desire a private conference time with your child's teacher, we can make it happen!

Please continue to read ClassDojo regularly, as this is our main form of communication. If you are having trouble connecting, or you are not getting the messages we are sending, please let myself or another staff member know.

As always, my door is open to parents for questions or suggestions. We appreciate all of your support, and we appreciate all of our wonderful families!

Kindly,

Michelle

Flying Monarch Photography



Time to dress up! Each child's individual picture will be taken on October 1 and 2. The photos will be taken (hopefully) outside in front of the beautiful fall foliage. Proofs will be emailed to you after the picture days. The finished pictures will be delivered in time for a holiday card!



Halloween Information



As children become more and more excited about the holiday of Halloween, we want to ask parents for help on a few items. If your child's costume comes with a mask or accessories, please leave the them at home on the day of our parade and parties. We are also asking that costumes be non-scary and 'friendly'.

Thank you for your help with this. More information will be coming home this month regarding our parties and the parade!

Charleston Wrap Fall Fundraiser is happening NOW!

Our fall fundraiser is through Charleston Wrap! Packets have been sent home, and we are excited with the support we have received so far. Their wrapping paper is really nice, and all are two sided. They also have other items that are fun that you may be interested in. The money that we make from the program will go directly to our Professional Development fund. We are excited to use these funds to help send our amazing teachers to the NAEYC conference in DC next year. If you would prefer not to purchase and sell items, you can give a donation. We greatly appreciate your help! This is our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year.

Information and order forms have been sent home. The money (checks payable to Mt. Airy Daycare and Learning Center and/or cash) and order forms are due back to the school office October 3.

Orders can also be made online by registering and using our school ID# 24733. Invite out-of-town friends and relatives to shop with the easy invite generator after registration. Please

see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more information.

Orders will be delivered pre-sorted to the school about a month later or online orders of over \$98 can be delivered free to your home.

Thanks again for your support!



Halloween Treat Cups

Materials for each student: small Styrofoam® cup, yellow and orange paint, paintbrush, small piece of sponge, black marker, yellow M&M's® candy piece small treats for cup, piece of plastic wrap, length of orange ribbon

Steps:

- 1. Paint the bottom third of the cup yellow.
- 2. Paint the top two-thirds of the cup orange, leaving the rim white. Let the cup dry.
- 3. To make the face, add eyes and a mouth with the marker. With your teacher's help, hot-glue the candy piece to the cup for the nose. Sponge-paint the cheeks yellow.
- 4. Fill the cup with the treats. Then wrap it in the plastic wrap and tie it at the top with the ribbon.

Enjoy your treat!

(The Mailbox Magazine)



Reminders:

Drop off/Pick Up

Please turn your car off and lock the door when dropping off or picking up your child from school. MADLC is not responsible for anything that is taken from a parked car in our parking lot. It is against the law to leave children in a parked car unattended. If you are ever in a bind, please call the school and Ms. Patti or Ms. Michelle can assist in drop off or pick up!

Please supervise your children when they exit your vehicle to come into school. We have LOTS of cars coming in the mornings and children MUST be holding hands or walking on the sidewalks. Thanks for your help with this as we want everyone to be SAFE!

Extra Clothes

Please take a few minutes to check your child's supply of extra clothes. Check to see that all clothes are appropriate for the season and still fit properly. A gallon ziplock should be in your child's tote each day with a change of clothes.

Weather Appropriate Clothing

It is our goal to encourage healthy habits and provide indoor and outdoor activity each day. Please have your child come to school with the proper shoes for safe play for outside. If your child wants to wear flip flops that will impede their outside activities. Closed toed shoes are recommended for a day of fun. Our classes will continue to go outside every day weather permitting.

Water Bottles

We have water coolers in each classroom, and the children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day. We provide cups and encourage independence when using them. If you choose to send a water bottle to school, please be aware that ONLY clear water may be added to water bottles. Please make sure to label your child's first and last name on water bottles.

Shoes

Sneakers are best for the playground!! Please make sure to dress your children in shoes that are close-toed and appropriate for running, climbing and playing on the playground.

Absences

Please message the teacher on Dojo and call the school to let us know when your child will not be here or is running late (301-829- 6364). This is extremely helpful to the teachers, so they may plan their days accordingly.

Updates

It is critical that any changes in your home, work, or cell phone #s are updated with us. If there is an emergency with your child, we want to be able to reach you as quickly as possible. If we are not able to reach you, we will call the people listed as your emergency contacts. If you do have changes, please see the office to make changes on the original Emergency Card.



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Fall FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 17, 2025 4-6 PM

PONY RIDES, FOOD TRUCKS, MOONBOUNCE, VENDORS, RAFFLE BASKETS

Mount Airy Daycare and Learning Center 605 Ridge Avenue Mt. Airy, MD 21771

If you are interested in setting up a table for your business, please email Michelle at director@mtairydaycare.com or call 301-829-6364







In- House Registration begins 1/26/26 *Priority will be given to currently enrolled children

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and their siblings*

Alumni Registration begins 2/2/26

Siblings of former students may begin registering on this day

Public Registration begins 2/3/26

Please call or email to be placed on our mailing list



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PEANUT AND TREE NUT FREE ZONE



Due to multiple serious peanut/tree nut allergies in our center, no nuts or nut products are permitted in our school. This includes peanut butter, Nutella. almond butter, and Reese's' Peanut Butter Cups. Thank you for your cooperation to keep all the children in our school safe.



WE ARE VERY THANKFUL THAT OUR FAMILIES ARE RESPECTFUL WHEN IT COMES TO KEEPING THEIR CHILDREN HOME WHEN THEY ARE SICK. PLEASE USE THE SYMPTOM CHECKER BELOW IF YOU ARE UNSURE AS TO WHETHER YOUR CHILD SHOULD ATTEND SCHOOL. YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO MESSAGE ME ON CLASSDOJO OR CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

○ MICHELLE

If you answer yes to any of these questions your child cannot come to school.

Please call the office at 301-829-6364 and speak with the Director. Thank you!

We are trying hard to keep our children and staff as healthy as can be- we appreciate your cooperation with adhering to these health guidelines.

Does your child have one (1) of the following symptoms?	Does your child have two (2) of the following symptoms?
 Fever of 100.4 or higher 	Cough
 Difficulty breathing 	 Congestion
Diarrhea or vomiting	Sore throat
 New loss of taste or smell 	Runny nose
	 Headaches
	Body aches
	Lethargic
YES/ NO	YES/ NO





Mt. Airy Daycare And Learning Center!

Can we count on you?

It's easy to support our fundraiser! Our organization receives profit for every item purchased.

With your help, we'll be one step closer to reaching our very important goal!



Shop online & share with friends!



Participant Registration

STEP 1: REGISTER



Simply scan the QR code to the left or visit registercw.com to access your participant dashboard and unlock your participant link (use the organization ID). You can check your progress anytime!

Order Deadline
October 03, 2025

STEP 2: SHARE

Organization ID: <u>24733</u>



Use the sharing tools to TEXT & email our fundraising link to your friends & family. Don't forget to share your unique shopping link on social media, too!



BONUS! WIN A PRIZE when you receive 10 and 20 visits from your friends & family!

Ordering from the catalog?

SAFETY FIRST! No door-to-door sales without adult supervision!

- Make checks payable to: <u>Mt. Airy Daycare And Learning Center</u>
- Return all money and the top 2 copies of the order form by the order deadline date please keep the pink copy of the order form for your records!
- <u>Delivery Information</u>: Paper order forms will not be included in your product box. If you misplace your pink copy, your product box will have instructions on the side label on how to view a digital copy of your order form.
- * Stock is limited, not all products featured in printed catalogs will be available for online purchase.

 *Online orders ship directly to the purchaser and are subject to shipping and sales tax.

 *Prizes will be sent to the organization for distribution.

 *FREE shipping available, see online for details.





Inclement Weather Policy for Preschool Classes

2025-2026 School Year

Our Inclement Weather policy affects **ANY and ALL** Preschool activities (i.e. field trips, conferences, and class time).

When Carroll County is CLOSED, Mt. Airy Daycare & Learning Center Preschool will be **CLOSED**.

When Carroll County Schools open **2 Hours LATE** the preschool classes will begin 1 hour later than their regular start time.

Early Closings:

Early Closings due to bad weather will follow Carroll Schools. Should the county decide to close early, the full day and afternoon classes will close accordingly (i.e. if schools should close one hour early, classes will dismiss one hour early, etc.) If the school system closes 2 hours or more early, the afternoon classes will be canceled. Please pay close attention to the school story on ClassDojo for closings due to the weather.

^{**}This policy applies to our Preschool classes, not our Extended Day Preschool classes. We will alert our Extended Day Classes if school is delayed, canceled or closing early by posting to ClassDojo.**





School Closings 2025-2026

August 25	Professional Development Day
Monday	
September 1	Labor Day
Monday	·
October 17	Professional Development Day
Friday	
November 27 & 28	Thanksgiving Break
Thursday & Friday	
December 24-26	Winter Break
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	
December 31	New Year's Eve
Wednesday: Close at 1:00 PM	
January 1	New Year's Day
Thursday	
March 18	Professional Development Day
Wednesday	
April 3 & 6	Good Friday and Easter Monday
Friday & Monday	
May 25	Memorial Day
Monday	
May 26	Professional Development Day
Tuesday	
July 3	Independence Day Holiday
Friday	
August 31	Professional Development Day
Monday	-
September 7	Labor Day
Monday	•



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