



# Kidz Ink

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April 2011

## DATES TO REMEMBER

April 15th, Friday  
Parent's Night Out

April 18th - 22nd  
Spring Break

April 22nd, Friday  
Kids Inc. **CLOSED**  
For staff in-service day

May 2nd thru 6th  
Teacher Appreciation Week

May 18th, Wednesday  
2 hour early dismissal @ 1:20

May 30th, Monday  
Memorial Day Holiday  
Kids Inc. **CLOSED**

## Things to Remember...

### From Kids Inc:

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### Pandas:

- April 13th, Wednesday, Field trip to the Aquarium
- April 15th, Friday, Parent's Night Out
- April 18th - 22nd, Seattle Spring Break, no school
- April 20th, Wednesday, Fieldtrip to the 5th Ave.
- April 22nd, Friday, Kids Inc **CLOSED**, for Staff In-service day.
- April 27th, Wednesday, Imagine Children's Museum is visiting Kids Inc.

### Otters:

- April 8th, Friday, Field Trip to the Zoo.
- April 13th, Wednesday, Field trip to Science Center.
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### Grizzlies:

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### King Snakes:

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## NOTICE:

Kids Inc. will be **CLOSED** on  
Friday, APRIL 22nd

For a staff in-service day...mark this date on your calendar!

### NOTICE

Tuition is due by the 1st of the month. Please let Melissa know, in writing if this presents a hardship. A \$25.00 late fee is assessed for payments received after the 1st of the month, unless other arrangements have been approved

## Director's Corner



The Potluck was absolutely fantastic! Thank you to all of our families for coming out and thank you to our staff who have been working really hard with all of our talented students to produce a great show and wonderful art!

This past month has been very busy with enrollment and planning. Thank you for getting in your registration on time and bearing through all of the paperwork! I also had a visit from our city Specialist, Suzette Espinosa-Cruz, recently and she was really impressed with our program as a whole. Suzette looks at health and safety issues but really focuses on our environment and teacher/child interactions. Our state licenser, Celeste Lanier-McClary, should be making a visit soon too. Busy times!

I know there are some parents that are unaware of our Disaster Plan. There is a red binder located on the parent table that describes in detail what would happen in the event of a disaster. Our on-site meeting place would be the west end of the upper blacktop and our off-site meeting place is St. Alphonsus School on Market Street. The binder is filled with important information so please be sure to take a look. Our out of state emergency contact number is located in front of the binder and on the back of my business card which is on the parent table as well. As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Take Care,  
Melissa



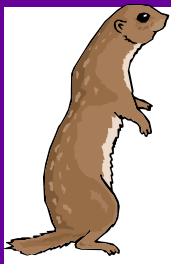
## Panda Posse

March was a wonderful month for the Pandas. We started the month with two weeks in space, learning about new planets and supernovas, making alien slime, and visiting the UW Planetarium. The month continued with a short week on jungle animals and a warm weathered, animal filled field trip to the zoo. We sprung into spring with a week on the season and discussed what we see, hear, smell, and feel in the spring. The month ended with another week on community, with a focus on community service.

April will hopefully continue bringing warmer weather! We will have two weeks at sea with two field trips - the tide pools at Golden Gardens on the 7th and a tour of the Aquarium on the 13th. We will finish the month with a week on farm animals and have a visit from the Imagine Children's Museum of Everett on Wednesday, 4/27.

Elizabeth will also be taking some time off to run a marathon in Paris for the Leukemia/ Lymphoma Society. She will be gone April 6th - 11th, so don't forget to wish her good luck!

Andrea, Polly and Elizabeth



## OTTER'S DEN

Another great month has come and gone...our theme last month on sea life went well. We began the month going to the aquarium and seeing lots of great animals. We had a lot of fun learning about sea stars, fish, octopi, and many other animals. Our science fair project on sea life turned out nice. It was great seeing so many Otters at science night.

This month we will be studying more about invertebrates. Our primary focus will be on insects, but you cannot study insects without at least mentioning other invertebrates, such as arachnids, slugs and scorpions. As part of this month's theme, we will take a trip to the zoo to visit "Bug World" and search for other invertebrates and also make a trip to the science center to see the butterflies. As we are moving into April and a warmer (we hope) season, you can help extend the classroom lessons by letting your kids help in the garden and search for invertebrates or take them to neighboring parks or other areas to search. The more you can extend the lessons outside the classroom, the more the kids learn and connect lessons to their own lives. This month's letter of the week will be Z. We will also begin a focus on three dimensional shapes.

Steve

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## School Agers-Grizzlies (K-2nd Grades) & King Snakes (3rd-5th Grades)

April showers are upon us, to hopefully bring those May flowers. Our annual family potluck on the 31st was a great success. It was great to see the finished product of all the hard work accomplished in our clubs! Mason Stroud...the worm was terrific! Nice job to all who participated. With the ending of this session of clubs a new session will be starting next week. Listed on the next page will be the clubs and times that are offered, so have a discussion with your children to see if any of the clubs peak their interest.

As always, this is a gentle reminder to let us know when your child will not be at Kids Inc, if it is their scheduled day to be with us. You can email (but do it before 2:00 pm), call us or write it in the parent log book next to the sign in sheets. We worry when your children are not here and should be.



Spring break is also just around the corner and we are highlighting "Space". The sign up sheets will also be out, so fill those out and return them to the Parent Return Box on the wall. We also will be doing a project that requires old CD's, so if you have any laying around, please bring them in and I will have a box on the Otter cubby cabinet. We will also need any clean, empty soup cans, which also can be put into that same box. Thanks for your help.

The School Age Crew



# School Ageds-Grizzlies & King Snakes New Afterschool Club Descriptions

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	Main Room	CAFÉ	GYM	OUTSIDE
MON		<b>TOURNAMENT CLUB</b> Jay	<b>YOGA</b> Alyssa	
TUES	<b>COOKING</b> Amira	<b>THINGS THAT FLY</b> Karen	<b>BASKETBALL/HOCKEY/ VOLLEYBALL</b> Lindsay/Amira	
WED		<b>NEWSPAPER CLUB</b> Karen	<b>SCHOOL YARD GAMES</b> Karen	<b>GARDENING</b> Alyssa
THUR	<b>ART</b> Jay	<b>SURVIVAL ADVENTURE CLUB</b> Alyssa	<b>SOAK "EM</b> Amira	
FRI	<b>BUILDING/SCULPTURE</b> Amira/Jay			

### Survival Adventure Club

Roll the dice and see where the adventure takes you! Create characters, develop your skills and journey along side your friends as you find treasures, fight monsters and explore strange new worlds.

### Tournament Club

Try your luck with Tournament club! We will be competing against our friends in games like Jeopardy, Uno, Trivial Pursuit and many other games.

### Soak 'Em (dodge ball)

Battle your friends in a friendly game of dodge ball. Every Thursday we will storm the gym and show off our throwing and dodging skills! How long can you last in an exciting game of soak 'em?

### Basketball/Hockey/Volleyball

As the request has been asked, this club will begin with Basketball, then a stint with Hockey and end the quarter with volleyball. With hockey scrimmages, various basketball games and an intro into volleyball, this club will help improve your cardio, flexibility, balance and coordination all the while having a blast. This is a great club to do after sitting in your classrooms to get the movement going!

### Things that fly

Learn how to make everything from parachutes to rockets to paper airplanes. Enjoy the spring sunshine while seeing how these creations fly.

### Gardening Club

Kids will participate in beautifying the school grounds by helping to clean up the beds and identify plants we find. We will also be planting our own herbs and veggies.

### Newspaper-Kingsnakes & 2nd graders

We are continuing to publish our own newspaper "The Bite". With highlights of students and puzzles and laughter. Enjoy some great reading!

### School Yard Games

Come play and learn the new skills, old skills and just a bundle of fun. From 4 square & kitty wants a corner to tether ball tourneys and learning how to double-dutch jump rope.

### Sculpture/Building Club

Using a variety of materials, we will create a diverse collection of art!

### Mural Club

Your kids will explore the magic of mural art. We will look at pictures of and discuss various murals throughout Seattle and our impression of them. Then develop & paint our own murals. This will also include making sidewalk chalk to make that wash away mural!

### Cooking Club

We'll be exploring different spices from the Middle East & learning how to incorporate them into your everyday meals. Challenge yourself by learning how to make homemade dips, salads and delicious dishes that your taste buds will never forget!

### Yoga Club

The kids will work as a group by allowing one person at a time to demonstrate various yoga poses. We will build teamwork and listening skills and promote flexibility!



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**Fri**

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3 Thomas M's Birthday	4	5	6 Elsa W's Birthday	7 Panda FT-Golden Gardens Cassidy M & Tristan T's Birthday	8 Otter FT-Zoo  WW Talent Show Jack K & Lindsey B's Birthday	9
10	11 Caden K's Birthday	12 Camilla B's Birthday	13 Panda FT- Aquarium  Otters FT-Science Ctr  Lily M's Birthday	14	15 Parent's Night Out!	16 Vaughn L & Dadoo A's Birthday
17 Montana G's Birthday	18	19	20 Panda FT-5th Ave Theatre	21	22 <b>KIDS INC. CLOSED</b>	23
24	25	26	27 Preschool-Imagine Children's Museum comes to Kids Inc.	28 Helen A's Birthday	29	30