



### April 2012

Pancake feed to raise money for new roof

The teachers of Kidtopia Station will be hosting a pancake feed April 14 at Kidtopia Station. All proceeds will go towards a new roof for the daycare.

"The teachers and I brainstormed at our last meeting of what we could do to raise money," said owner Nikki Wright.

The teachers of Kidtopia have hosted various other fundraisers like garage sales and bake sales in the past to raise money for supplies and inside toys.

"Our parents have been a great help but we are reaching out to the community also," said 3's afternoon teacher Rebecca Zeller. "Everyone is welcome to join us for good food and help us get a new roof."

Tickets are \$3 for daycare kids, \$5 for non daycare kids, \$7 for adults. Pancakes, bacon and eggs will be served along with a choice of milk, juice or coffee.

The event will go from 5 to 7 p.m. at Kidtopia Station.

*T-shirt design chosen for 2012-2013 year* 



A fter a two month search, Kidtopia has decided on a t-shirt design for the daycare.

Kim Stanford, parent of Maddy, Shaun and Trey, designed the winning t-shirt design. She won a \$30 gift card to Wal-mart and free t-shirts for her children.

15 designes were submitted this year by parents and Kidtopia staff.

Parents can place orders for

t-shirts and long sleeve shirts on a sign up sheet in the office. The shirt color for the 2012/2013 school year is white with a black design.

The deadline for orders is Monday, April 30. Shirts will be Monday, May 14. Contact Nikki Wright, owner, with any questions or concerns.

Money is due at the time of the order. Make checks out to

# New playground equipment is here



Top left: Kamarre Farmer and Anya Martin. 2's classroom Bottom left: Nathan Evans and Milo Stevenson. 1's classroom Isabelle Scott, Trey Stanford, Kaliegha Johnson. 2's classroom

New playground equipment has arrived just in time for spring and summer.

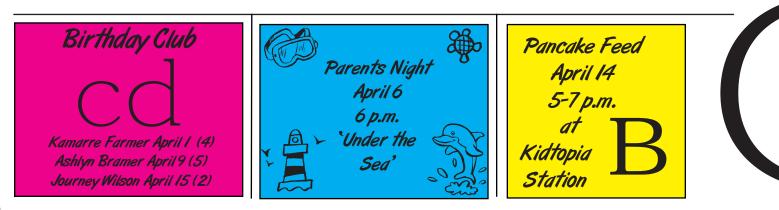
Parents and Kidtopia staff pitched in to purchase a few new playground toys for both the front and back playgrounds.

"We had a few playground toys that were worn out," said Sharelle Thorton, 1's Lead teacher. "The kids were wanting some new things to play with so we made a wish list."

Children from each class made a wish list of what they wanted in the playgrounds back in December. Parents were also invited to share their suggestions. The lists were narrowed down by price and popularity.

"The kids haven't stopped talking about the new equipment," said 4's afternoon teacher Gwen Jeffers. "Many have drawn pictures showing what they think we will have."

Equipment will be set up over the first weekend in April.



Upcoming Themes

#### **April 2-6:**

Sea Creatures

<u>April 9-13:</u>

Dinosaurs

April 16-20:

Healthy Living

April 23-27:

Weather

#### April 30-May 4:

#### The Circus

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Kidtopia Station. Kids t-shirt sizes are \$5, long sleeve \$8, adult t-shirts are \$12, long sleeve \$15. This is

the fifth year Kidtopia has hosted a t-shirt design contest. Rules for the contest are the design must be the work of a parent or staff member, Kidtoia Station must be part of the design, the design must be appropriate for a daycare center and no copyright images



This is Stanford's second year entering the contest and first year winning.



2's classroom during shape week. Here they are using sponges cut into various shapes and using paint.

Each teacher has prepared their own sylabus to meet the needs of their class's age. Parents may be asked for children to bring items from home or to dress according to the theme. Parents are not required. Art will be displayed for several weeks and then sent home with the child. Activities will be sent home the day they are completed. If you have any questions speak to your child's lead teacher.

Lead teachers strive to create unique projects and activites to teach children about various topics throughout the year. Teachers use multiple art mediums such as paint, chalk, construction paper, crayons and clay to make projects.

If parents have suggestions for projects or themes there is a suggestion box outside of the office.

## Classroomes to showcase talent during upcoming `Parents Night'

Join Kidtopia for 'Under the Sea' Parents Night April 6 at 6 p.m.

The 2's class has been chosen to host Parents Night for the spring session.

Each classroom has been working on songs and artwork to present to parents. Parents Night is every 4 months/ 3 times a year where parents can visit with teachers, check out the classroomes, see artwork and listen to songs each class has learned.

Cookies and drinks will be provided.

