

# DAYSTAR DAYS NEWSLETTER



## AND THE SURVEY SAYS...

96% Approval Rating



Thanks for sharing your opinion on our Annual Family Satisfaction Survey. We appreciate your candid feedback to help us continue to improve. Congratulations to Vanya's family on winning a Wegmans gift card and Daystar Kids tote!

## IMPORTANT DATES



Mark your calendars for these important dates:

**Thursday, August 12th** – Pirate Toy Fund Party & Picnic – Registration Required

**Thursday, August 26th** – Rising Stars Graduation Ceremony – Registration Required; Graduates, only; Last Day of Program – All Students

**Friday, August 27th – Tuesday,**

**September 7th- Closed** – Summer Break

**Wednesday, September 8th- First Day of Program** – Students and Staff Attend

## 2021-2022 PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORMS DUE NOW

Registration packets for the 2021-22 Program Year are due now. If you need assistance completing the forms or would like to meet with one of our staff to review your child's registration, please contact Sarah Jackson at ext. 4500 to schedule an in-person or virtual appointment this week.

Incomplete packets will be returned. **If we do not receive your child's completed packet by Friday, July 30th, we cannot guarantee placement in September.** As always, there is high demand for our specialized Pediatric Respite Center programs and very few openings this year. Please help us finalize our class assignments by returning your child's information ASAP.

- **Schedule:** if you are changing your child's schedule or requesting Before-care or After-care, please notify us ASAP as there are limited openings for our extended day program. Your child's schedule will not be approved until we receive a signed Service Agreement outlining their contracted days/times

Questions? Contact Lisa DiDomenico, Director of Preschool & Curriculum Services at [ldidomenico@daystarkids.org](mailto:ldidomenico@daystarkids.org).



## CELEBRATING DAYSTAR'S CLASS OF 2021 RISING STARS

Daystar Kids will celebrate its Class of 2021 graduates on Thursday, August 26th at its annual Rising Stars Celebration. The outdoor event starts promptly at 10:00 am and is restricted to friends and family members of graduating enrollees, only.

Guests are required to register in advance and wear masks, regardless of vaccination status. Please RSVP by Friday, August 13th. For more information, please contact Sarah Jackson, Program Manager, at [sjackson@daystarkids.org](mailto:sjackson@daystarkids.org) or dial ext. 4500.

## BRIGHT SPOTS

Congratulations to our new Program Manager, Sarah Jackson, MS. Sarah previously served as our Data and Quality Manager. In her new role, Sarah coordinates intake and registration and is responsible for managing Daystar's OPWDD Family Support Services program. Sarah also assists the Director of Preschool and Curriculum Services, Lisa DiDomenico, with other program related activities.



Daystar Kids is proud to welcome Denny DeVelder as Data and Quality Manager. Denny reports to Daystar's Director of Finance and Administration, Diane Tucker, CPA, and provides strategic support to advance the agency's quality measures and program compliance. Denny joins Daystar from Villa of Hope, where he spent the past 9 years in Finance and Development.

## GIVING DAYSTAR KIDS THE BEST SHOT AT A BRIGHT FUTURE

Daystar Kids is grateful to the Rochester Business Classic for including us in its charitable golf tournament which was held on Monday, July 19th at Country Club of Rochester. Daystar Kids is honored to be selected as one of RBC's highlighted charities and will receive part of the proceeds of this annual event for the next 6 years.



## PIRATE TOY FUND PARTY & PICNIC

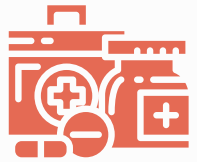
Don't miss the fun! Register today for a Daystar Kids Party and Picnic hosted by The Pirate Toy Fund on Thursday, August 12th. Lunch will be provided with special character visits to help enliven the party. Vaccinated family members are welcome to join us but advance registration with proof of vaccination is required.





## SUPPLY REMINDERS

Daystar Kids requires a 2-week supply of diapers, wipes, formula, and medications onsite at all times. Please make sure to refill your child's supplies to avoid service suspension. Reminders are sent home on your child's Daily Care Sheet when supplies are low. Daystar Kids has a limited stock of emergency supplies for families who require assistance. Contact Sarah Jackson, Program Manager, at ext. 4600 to request help.



## SUMMER BREAK REMINDERS

The last day of Program for all enrollees is **Thursday, August 26th**. Daystar Kids will be closed to all enrollees until **Wednesday, September 8th**, when we kick off the first day of the 2021-22 Program Year. Please communicate with your classroom teacher and nurse to make arrangements for your child's medications, medical devices and adaptive equipment that will be needed at home during our Summer Break. Non-essential personal supplies such as clothing, diapers, and wipes, may remain onsite and will be transferred to your child's cubby for the 2021-22 Program Year.

**Daystar Kids will be closed after August 26th and you will be unable to access any supplies left onsite during this time.**

