

# Best Friends for Kidz February 2017 Newsletter

**IMPORTANT DATES, EVENTS, and FUN DAYS at BFF KIDZ:** •February 3<sup>rd</sup>: VPK's 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School Celebration. •February 6<sup>th</sup>: Pasta for Pennies begins. •February 8<sup>th</sup>: VPK goes to Home Depot • February 17<sup>th</sup> VPK has Streetcar tour in Tampa • February 10<sup>th</sup>: No School or VPK. Hillsborough County Fair Day •February 11<sup>th</sup>: Sweetheart's Tea •February 13<sup>th</sup>: Mail Day •February 14<sup>th</sup>: Happy Valentine's Day •February 24<sup>th</sup>: Pasta for Pennies ends.

**MESSAGE FROM BFF KIDZ'S PRESIDENT:** Parents we have some exciting news! Our BFF family is growing. We recently purchased another school, Think ♥ Children, located at 408 East Lumsden Road. The name will be changed to Best Friends for Kidz and we will be referring to it as The Learning Laboratory. We are informing you of the purchase because we know that the community will be speaking about it and because you may be seeing our name at the other location. There are no plans for anything to change this school year with either school. I would like to host an open house there one Saturday this month for those who are interested in touring the facility. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email me directly at [flowers@bffkidz.com](mailto:flowers@bffkidz.com) as I will be able to provide you with the most accurate answers. —Amanda Danielle Flowers

**SWEETHEART TEA:** This year's "Sweetheart Tea" Night will be held on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-12am. On this day parents can drop off their child(ren) for a flat rate! We do this to give parents a chance to celebrate the upcoming Valentine's Day. The pricing is as follows: 6-10pm = \$25 for one child and \$10 for each additional sibling or 6-12am = \$35 for one child and \$15 for each additional sibling. The children will get to enjoy a Pizza dinner, popcorn, movie, and a pajama party while you get to enjoy some alone time! Please make your reservation as soon as possible because space is limited and on a first come, first serve basis.

**PASTA FOR PENNIES (GIVING BACK):** Please join us in raising awareness and donations towards the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for the month of February sponsored by Olive Garden with their Pasta for Pennies fundraiser. Participation is welcomed by all of our BFF family, we will be sending home personal donation boxes with each child which will be awarded with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place certificates for our little spotlight fundraisers at the end of the month. Keep an eye out for fun in center activities we have planned for three weeks starting Feb-6th and don't forget to donate towards your child's class in their class boxes for a chance to win the Pasta for Pennies class trophy at the end of the month. Every little bit counts and is appreciated we look forward to working with all our big hearted helpers.

## ***Week 1- Competition week***

2/6/17- Lunch Raffle  
2/7/17- Guess-A how many Pasta???  
2/8/17- Penny War  
2/10/17- VPK fundraising bakeshop

## ***Week 2- Goodie Sales***

2/13/17-Cookies for a cure  
2/15/17- Popping cancer popcorn  
2/17/17- Cancer sucks lollipops

## ***Week 3- Spirit Week***

2/20/17- Leukemia awareness wear orange  
2/21/17- Heroes against cancer Superhero day  
2/22/17- Lymphoma awareness wear lime green  
2/23/17- Medical team fighting cancer appreciation day  
(dress as a doctor, scientist, nurse etc..)  
2/24/17- Pajama day

**FUN ALL AROUND:** •Please visit <http://fun4tampakids.com/> for many fun (and some free) things for your children to do or attend in the area.

**READING IS FUNDAMENTAL:** Read to your child for at least 20 minutes a day. Research shows it will help improve vocabulary comprehension and listening skills and will likely make a child a better reader as well. During the winter break make it a priority to read with your children every day.

**QUOTE of the MONTH:** "A child has a special way of adding joy to every day"! —Author Unknown

**PARENTING TIP of the MONTH:** 5 Ways to Wipe Out Whining

- Acknowledge their feelings.
- Provide the Words
- Laugh it Off.
- Disconnect.
- Hug it Out.

Read the detailed tips on the following link: <http://www.parents.com/parenting/better-parenting/advice/ways-to-wipe-out-whining/>