

SCOTTY'S NEWS

January 2026



DIRECTOR'S KORNER



Happy New Year!

In this Newsletter, you will see the 2026 Holiday and Vacation calendar. We like to get this out to you early so you can plan other childcare arrangements for the days we are closed. Please make note that full tuition is due every week **except** for our Winter Vacation Shutdown.

This month you will also be receiving a copy of your child's Family and Information Record for you to review and make changes. It is imperative that we receive these back, even if no changes, to make sure all information is up to date, especially in the case of an emergency.

Lastly, please make sure your child has a coat, hat, gloves, and sneakers every day. We try to get the children outside as much as possible, even in these cold months. Even if just for a carousel ride! Oh, and a box of tissues for all the runny noses would be great as well.

Wishing you a healthy and prosperous year ahead!

Lillian

SANTA'S MAILBOX



Santa received many letters from the children at Scotty's and he hopes they all had a Merry Christmas.

If your child was one that mailed his/her letter to Santa in our lobby mailbox, their original letter is available as a keepsake for you to keep with Santa's reply.

Just ask for it from Lillian and we'll discretely return it to you.



2026 FAMILY INFORMATION FILE UPDATE:

In mid January, we will be providing each family a copy of their child's CHILD and FAMILY INFORMATION and EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORMs to be reviewed, updated and returned so we can make sure that your child's file is up to date with all important contact information for 2026.

2025 TAX RETURN INFORMATION:

By January 16th, each family will receive a copy of their 2025 TUITION PAYMENT RECORD to use with their 2025 Income Tax filing. If you need this information earlier, simply send us an email.



JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

We start off the new year learning all about **Winter!**

Week 1 is all about **Polar Animals** and how they survive in their freezing cold climate. Be prepared for some very cute projects coming home at the end of this week.

Week 2 We start the week learning about **Nocturnal Animals** and how similar and different their opposite schedules are to our own.

Week 3 we start the week learning about **Martin Luther King Jr.** and his accomplishments and importance in our nation's history. Next we will transition into learning about **Hibernation** and **Migration** and which animals do either.

Week 4 we shake it up for some **Winter Fun!** This is a week of creating art of some of our favorite winter items; from snowmen to mittens.

This month is a busy one, but one where you will definitely have some projects you will keep forever.



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2026 HOLIDAY and VACATION CALENDAR

Good Friday - Apr 3rd
Scotty's is closed
Friday, April 3rd
in observance of Easter
Full tuition is due
the week of Mar 30



Christmas Observance - Dec 24th
Scotty's will have a half day and close
at 1:00pm on
Thursday, December 24th
In observance of Christmas
Full tuition is due the week of Dec 21

Memorial Day - May 25th
Scotty's is closed
Monday, May 25th
in observance of Memorial Day
Full tuition is due
the week of May 25

Labor Day - Sept 7th
Scotty's is closed
Monday, Sept 7th
in observance of Labor Day
Full tuition is due
the week of Sept 7

Christmas Observance - Dec 25
Scotty's will be closed
Friday, Dec 25th
In observance of Christmas
Full tuition is due the week of Dec 21

Independence Day Observance - Jul 3rd
Scotty's is closed on
Friday, July 3rd
In observance of
Independence Day
Full tuition is due
the week of June 29

Thanksgiving - Nov 26-27
Scotty's is closed on
Thu, Nov 26th & Fri, Nov 27th
in observance of Thanksgiving
Full tuition is due
the week of Nov 23

Winter Vacation Shutdown
Scotty's will be closed the week of
December 28th thru January 1st for
our
Winter Vacation Shutdown
No tuition is due
the week of December 28



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WEEKLY TUITION

Tuition is due on Monday of each week or the first day that your child attends each week. Weekly payments that are not received by Wednesday of each week will be assessed a late fee of \$20.00. To avoid this late fee, be sure that your tuition is paid on time.

Fun Days In January

Each month has a number of little known holidays and celebrations. These obscure holidays and their history/explanations can be found on the Holiday Insights website at holidayinsights.com. They are fun to learn about and fun to add to the holidays you and your children celebrate. Here are some of them for **JANUARY**:

The month of January is:
NATIONAL HOBBY MONTH
NATIONAL BATH SAFETY MONTH
NATIONAL OATMEAL MONTH
NATIONAL SOUP MONTH

Special weeks in January:
2nd WEEK - LETTER WRITING WEEK

Some of the holidays within January:
01-04 - NATIONAL SPAGHETTI DAY
01-04 - TRIVIA DAY
01-05 - NATIONAL BIRD DAY
01-08 - BUBBLE BATH DAY
01-11 - STEP IN A PUDDLE AND SPLASH YOUR FRIENDS DAY
01-13 - MAKE YOUR DREAM COME TRUE DAY
01-15 - NATIONAL HAT DAY
01-16 - APPRECIATE A DRAGON DAY
01-18 - WINNIE THE POOH DAY
01-19 - NATIONAL POPCORN DAY
01-20 - PENGUIN AWARENESS DAY
01-21 - SQUIRREL APPRECIATION DAY
01-23 - NATIONAL PIE DAY
01-24 - COMPLIMENT DAY
01-25 - OPPOSITE DAY
01-28 - NATIONAL KAZOO DAY
01-29 - NATIONAL PUZZLE DAY
01-31 - BACKWARD DAY

This & That

WHEN WINTER WEATHER HITS

we do our best to keep our side walks, parking lot and driveways clear and safe. Please realize that there may still be slippery spots or accumulation while it is storming. Please take special care when arriving and departing as children and parents may be moving around their cars. Let us all stay safe and be alert during the cold and snowy winter weather season.



Just for Fun

Q: How do you calm down a snowman?
A: Tell them to chill out!

Health & Wellness



WINTER WEATHER

has arrived and this affects the children's outerwear needs for outdoor play. For outside play during the winter months, **each child must have sneakers or winter boots, gloves/mittens, a coat and hat.** When there is snow on the ground, boots and snow pants are required. Children will not be allowed to play outside if they cannot be properly dressed.

NOTE: *Scotty's policy is to not take the children outside when the temperature or the temperature with wind chill factored in falls below 30°F.*

We will also cancel outdoor play when extreme weather conditions are forecast.



THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Department of Public Health requires that all children who attend day care be immunized. This includes their annual flu shot. CT State Day Care Licensing Regulations mandate that a current health assessment record be in your child's day care file.

This means that a new **Early Childhood Health Assessment Record** form must be filled out and turned in to us each time your child visits the doctor for his/her wellness visits/physicals.

It is required that the Parents fill out and sign Part I on page 1 of the form prior to visiting the doctor.

The doctor must fill out and sign Part II on pages 2 and 3.

Please be sure to review the form before leaving the doctor's office to be sure that they have completed the form, especially that they have:

- filled in the date of the exam - pg 2
- filled in the Medical Evaluation section - pg2
- filled in the TB Risk section - pg 2
- filled in the Developmental Assessment section - pg 2
- filled in the Immunizations section - pg 2
- signed the form - pg 2
- filled out and initialed the Immunization Record - pg 3

(note that a printout of the doctor's Immunization record form is acceptable in place of page 3)

No incomplete forms can be accepted.

The forms are available for you here at Scotty's, or on our website (www.scottyskiddykorner.com) under the 'Parent Korner' tab. We are happy to show you what information is required on the form.



INCLEMENT WEATHER:

With the change of seasons, inclement weather is always a possibility. Those of you that have been with Scotty's for years know that we make every attempt to be open daily, but weather and travel safety factors can cause us to announce late openings, early closings and full day closings. We announce these over the radio, television, on the web and through our own emergency email blast to each parent that has provided us with an email contact address. If you have changed your email address recently, please be sure to notify us so we can update our records to make sure that you receive our emergency email announcements. Here is a listing of where to tune in to for our emergency announcements:

Television: WFSB-TV Channel 3 and FOX CT Channel 6

On the Web: WRCH.com HOT937.com
WFSB.com CTNOW.com and
COURANT.com

In addition: WFSB-TV Channel 3 Early Warning Network has a TEXT ALERT system for parents, staff and teachers from Day Cares to be made instantly aware of delays when their Day Care enters their announcement with WFSB. To enroll in this TEXT ALERT program, visit the following link online:

<http://my.textcaster.com/asa/Default.aspx?ID=c1616077-39d9-4682-b0ca-63a1ee174441>

WELCOME

We offer a warm welcome to the newest additions to Scotty's family.

Peyton Bargelski
Jameson Humbert
Mohammad Salaar Umar

