

School Age Programs

Dear Families,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and that your families are thriving as we reach the end of the academic year. We're excited to share with you the latest updates and highlights from our vibrant community here at Just for Kids! Below you'll see what fun we've had during the second half of our school-year adventure!

Throughout the year, our team works hard to ensure your little ones are in a safe and engaging environment as they participate in fun activities and learn new skills alongside friends. We love to see their smiling faces, and each day they inspire us with their curiosity, creativity, and resilience.

Thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of educating and inspiring your children. We look forward to continuing this journey of growth, discovery, and fun at our <u>four summer camp locations</u> — and to welcoming you back in the fall! Registration is now <u>open</u> for most programs beginning in September.

Best wishes, The Just for Kids Team <u>www.justforkidsonline.org</u> | <u>info@justforkidsonline.org</u> 716.639.8500

Fun & Games!













Fine Arts Projects













Happy St. Patrick's Day!





JFK's Got Talent!

Our students amazed us with their talents, from singing and dancing to magic and comedy; each performance was a hit! We love being able to give them a space to shine and share what makes them special. Huge thanks to all the stars who took the stage and the families who cheered them on!











Kids College

Kids College is a program component where we invite special guests to share their skills and talents with the kids. This year, we've been happy to have <u>SNAP</u>, author <u>Jennifer Conklin</u>, <u>Master Chong's</u> <u>World Class Tae Kwon Do</u>, the <u>Buffalo Bandits</u>, and many others offer presentations for the kids as part of our enrichment programming. We look forward to hosting more guests at <u>camp</u> this summer, such as <u>NURT</u>, <u>Prevention Focus</u>, <u>Mental Health</u> <u>Advocates</u>, local police and fire departments, and more!

The Buffalo Bandits came to February Break Camp to teach the kids about lacrosse!



Author Jennifer Conklin came to April Break Camp to talk about her passion for writing and read from her new children's book series, The Adventures Above!

The Adventures Above series is available for purchase on Amazon!

Book 1: a.co/d/fbL8yCP

Book 2 : a.co/d/3AUHPAN





SNAP teaches the kids about nutrition and how to make healthy food choices!



The kids have been learning discipline, focus, and martial arts skills from Master Chong's World Class Tae Kwon Do!











Kids Care

Kids Care is a program component that teaches kids about what it means to give back, and we enjoy helping our community together!

For our spring *Kids Care* project, we made birthday cards to wish Hannah Strong, a local child with cancer, a very special happy birthday!

SPECIALSPACES CHANGING CHILDREN'S LIVES ONE BEDROOM AT A TIME.

This month, we're raising funds for <u>Special Spaces</u>, an initiative that builds dream bedrooms for

children with terminal and significant health concerns. So far, we've raised \$600 and counting!

Summer is Here!

Our Summer Club is extra special this year as we're celebrating our 25th anniversary, so get ready for some awesome Silver Summer fun! Visit <u>www.justforkidsonline.org/summer-club</u> for camp calendars, field trip details, and to register!

REGISTER TODAY!



Just for Kids Summer Club

A new generation of summer programming

We're Celebrating 25 Years!

This summer is extra special- we mark a milestone year! Featuring fun-filled summer day camps with friends old & new, amazing special guests, swimming, thrilling field trips, themed weeks, outdoor adventures, activities your kids will love, & more!

CAMP LOCATIONS:

WILLIAMSVILLE: Heim Middle School 6/30 - 8/22, 7:30am-5:30pm \$68.75/day; Entering K to 15 yrs

GRAND ISLAND: Sidway Elementary 6/30 - 8/29, 7am-5:30pm (half-day: 1pm-5:30pm) \$68.75/day (\$44.50/half-day); Entering PK4 to 15yrs (must be 4 by 7/1)

SWEET HOME: Willow Ridge Elementary 6/30 - 8/22, 7:30am-5:30pm (half-day: 1pm-5:30pm) \$65.50/day (\$44.50/half-day); Entering PK4 to 15 yrs

(must be 4 by 7/1) CHEEKTOWAGA:

Union East Elementary Three Sessions: 7/7 - 7/10, 7/14 - 7/17, 7/21 - 7/24 Noon-4:00pm (following end of Summer School) Offered FREE! No cost courtesy of 21st CCLC grant funding; UE students only







Camp Calendars & Details: justforkidsonline.org/summer-club info@justforkidsonline.org 716.639.8500 ezchildtrack.com/justforkids/parent

Did you register for the 2025-2026 school year yet?

See the chart below for your district's opening date. Visit **www.ezchildtrack.com/justforkids/parent** to register today!

District	Registration OPENS 9:00AM on:
Drop In Enrichment Programs (At Private & Parochial Schools): Nardin Academy Park School of Buffalo St. Benedict School Sts. Peter and Paul (Hamburg) St. Mary (Swormville)	OPENED 5/19
Williamsville CSD: Country Parkway (Before & After School) Dodge (Before & After) Forest (After School) Heim (After School) Maple East (After School) Maple West (Before & After)	OPENED 6/2
AMHERST CSD: Smallwood (After School) Windermere (Before & After)	OPENED 6/9
SWEET HOME CSD: Glendale (NEW: Before & After) Heritage Heights (NEW: Before & After) Maplemere (After School) Willow Ridge (After School) GRAND ISLAND CSD: Huth (Before & After) Kaegebein (After School) Sidway (After School) CHEEKTOWAGA SLOAN UFSD: @ THEODORE ROOSEVELT FOR TR & WOODROW WILSON STUDENTS (After School) New: UPK CLEVELAND HILL UFSD:	OPENED 6/16
CH Elementary (NEW: Before & After)	
CHEEKTOWAGA CENTRAL CSD: Union East elementary (After School)	MONDAY, JUNE 23

Congrats to Our Award-Winning Staff!

Three of our incredible team members have been recognized by the <u>WNY Child Care Action Team</u> for their outstanding contributions to the field of child care.

Kristina Kleeh, Executive Director, received the Empire Award for Child Care Excellence in recognition of her character, commitment to excellence, passion for engaging with children and families, and efforts to bring the community together in support of children and families.

Lisa Stefanie, co-founder of the nonprofit, was awarded the Legend Award, honoring her lifetime of dedication to childhood care and education, as well as her unwavering advocacy for children in our community.

Jennifer Wolf, Field Supervisor and Special Initiatives Coordinator, received the Inspiring New Professional Award for her dedication, enthusiasm, and love for children and families.

We are proud to celebrate these individuals and recognize that their accomplishments also reflect the collective effort of our entire Just for Kids team!

Read the full story <u>here</u>.



End-of-Year Staff Appreciation Event

We wrapped up the year with an amazing end-of-year staff celebration! A huge thank you to all our dedicated staff for your incredible work this year, and a special shoutout to our program managers for their support and celebration of their site teams. We loved honoring some standout staff with awards: **Site of the Year to Union East Elementary** (Program Manager: James Hamilton), **Assistant Program Manager of the Year to Lily Matteson** (Site: Dodge Elementary at Willliamsville CSD), **Program Manager of the Year to Nick Reed** (Site: Theodore Roosevelt Elementary at Cheektowaga Sloan UFSD), and **Outstanding Staff of the Year to Adrianna Cooper** (Site: Smallwood Elementary at Amherst CSD). It was a well-deserved celebration all around!













We're Celebrating!

This year marks the Silver Anniversary of the Childcare Network of the Niagara Frontier, Inc., the nonprofit of which Just for Kids is a program.



The Childcare Network of the Niagara Frontier, Inc. is thrilled to celebrate 25 years of empowering families and fostering quality childcare in the region. Over the past quarter-century, the nonprofit has positively impacted thousands of children, families, and staff through its innovative programs and commitment to the community.

An example of this is the "Just for Kids" program, which offers enriching school-age programs in safe, nurturing environments. These programs inspire creativity, support educational growth, and provide children with a strong foundation for a bright future.

As The Childcare Network reflects on 25 years of achievements, it looks forward to continuing its mission of enriching lives and building stronger communities. Kicking off in 2025, The Childcare Network will be offering work space and trainings to the community via a Community Resource Room. Visit <u>www.justforkidsonline.org/ccnnf</u> for details. Here's to many more years of making a meaningful difference in the lives of children and families across the Niagara Frontier!

We're Hiring!

If you or someone you know is passionate about helping to create bright futures for today's youth, then Just for Kids is the place to be!

Begin your journey with Just for Kids by joining us this summer for our Open Interview Events! These events will take place at the JFK main office (6265 Sheridan Dr., Suite 106, Williamsville, NY 14221). We'd love to see you there!

Visit <u>https://www.justforkidsonline.org/job-openings</u> to learn more.

Candidates can email their resume to <u>HR@justforkidsonline.org.</u>

Parents - take advantage of our \$100 referral bonus! If someone you recommend works at least 60 days, you'll receive a \$100 tuition credit. No limit!

2025-26 School Year OPEN INTERVIEWS



Join our award-winning team of dedicated school-age program staff!



When:

June 18, July 9 & 30, Aug 13 11am - 4pm No appointment needed, walk-ins welcome! \$100 sign-on bonus to anyone hired at the event!* *payable after 60 days

Where:

Just for Kids Main Office 6265 Sheridan Dr., Suite 106 Williamsville, NY 14221

Open Opportunities: (18+ to apply for employment)

- Leadership Field Supervisor (Full Time)
- Management Program Manager, Assistant Manager, Manager-in-Training
- Staff Roles Program Teacher, Team Leader, Assistants
- Specialists Pre-K, Fine Arts, Music, Sports
- Support Door Greeters, Internships, Volunteers (Age 16+)

School-based Locations:

Amherst, Buffalo, Cheektowaga, Grand Island, Hamburg, Sweet Home, Williamsville 7 - 8:45 am, 2 - 6 pm

Check Out What Sets Us Apart:

- Part-time hours (10-35 hrs/wk), weekdays, \$15.50 \$22/hr
- 12-month employment options via Vacation Club
- Ongoing staff recognition & Career advancement opportunities

Free childcare, 401K, Paid sick time, PTO, Health/Vision/Dental*, Student Loan Forgiveness Qualified Employer
*Program Managers & Supervisors

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REFER A FRIEND!! RECEIVE \$100 PER PERSON YOU REFER!!

Program Locations:

- Amherst
- Cheektowaga
- Williamsville
- · Grand Island
- Sweet Home
- Buffalo
- Hamburg

Positions we offer:

- Program Manager
- Assistant Program Manager
- Program Teacher PreK & School Age
- Team Leader
- Specialists: Art, Sports, Music
- Floater



Thank you to our *Just for Kids* family!

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