Dear Parents,

Please note this change in our holiday schedule:

All Clubs and administrative offices will close on **Wednesday, December 30**, and reopen on **Monday, January 4**.

Clubs and offices will open with regular hours on Monday and Tuesday, December 28 and 29.

Please accept our sincere apology for not announcing this closing sooner. There are a number of reasons for adding the 30th and 31st to our holiday closing schedule. While our COVID-related health-safety measures have worked well in maintaining a safe environment for children and staff, we respect CDC warnings regarding the holiday season and believe that closing for the five days from 12/30-1/4 would help mitigate COVID exposure concerns over the holiday.

Another consideration is the ever-changing nature of virtual and hybrid school schedules, as well as the sheer variety of daily classroom schedules we are trying to accommodate for different children in each of our childcare classrooms. We are proud of our professional staff for the way they have extended their formidable work responsibilities to meet the varied and increasing virtual school-related demands of teachers and parents. They have willingly done so in order to provide the help and support the children need during these difficult and confusing times.

In meeting these unusual demands, many of our staff members have not been able to take personal time off, which they have earned and need to take. Although it does not seem like much, closing an additional two days will greatly help the organization address those needs, even as it provides timely and needed relief to our individual staff members.

We know such short notice may cause inconvenience and difficulty for some parents. For that we are sorry and even more appreciate your consideration and understanding.

Sincerely,

John S. Wellons  
President & CEO

Chris Basher  
Chief Operating Officer

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