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Employee Birthdays

Melissa 4/7
Carol 4/17

April
Children's
Birthdays

Jackson
Solai
Mariah
Jace
Amyra
Olivia

**Employee of
the Month
Above and Beyond
DESIREE LERNER**

****Saturday's in April or "SaturYAY's (YAY because it's fun!!)***

April 8th "Pajama Jam Day" Wear your PJ's
April 15th "Take a wild Guess Day" Trivia and scavenger hunt extravaganza!
April 22nd "Earth Day" Science experiments with dirt and rocks!
April 29th "International Dance Day" Oh yes, there will be dancing!

Employee
Anniversaries

Alisha 1 yr.

April 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 April Fools' Day
2	3 Find a Rainbow Day - prize for who wears all the colors	4	5	6	7	8 *See Above
9	10	11	12 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day - served for lunch	13	14	15*See Above
16 Happy Easter	17	18 Stress Awareness Day - how to deal with stress	19	20 High Five Day - high five scavenger hunt	21	22*See Above
23	24 Pigs-in-a-blanket day	25	26 Natl Pretzel Day - served for snack	27 Natl Denim Day - wear as much denim as you can	28	29*See Above
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GENERIC DRUGS: WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

What are generic drugs?

Generic drugs are usually lower cost alternatives of brand-name drugs that have the same active ingredient and dosage form and work in the same way as their brand-name counterpart. They may however, have a different size, color or shape because some of the non-drug ingredients (e.g. flavoring, coloring agents) may be different.

A generic drug is identical to a brand name drug in the following ways:

Dosage form	Route of administration
Safety	Quality
Strength	Performance characteristics
Intended use	



Why are generic drugs important?

The availability of generic drugs helps increase competition and lowers the cost of medications. Use of generic drugs may reduce your prescription insurance co-payment. Ask your pediatrician whether a generic alternative is available for your child's medication and if it is an appropriate alternative.

Why do brand-name drugs cost more?

Companies that produce brand-name medications invest money in the research, development, and marketing of new drugs. They price these drugs higher to recover some of these costs. New drugs are protected by patents from being produced in a generic form by other companies. When the patents or other periods of exclusivity on a brand-name drug expire, other companies may apply to the FDA to sell a generic version. Since generic drug makers do not develop a drug from scratch, the costs to bring the drug to market are less; therefore, generic drugs are usually less expensive than brand-name drugs.

What is the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval process for generic drugs?

All drugs, both brand and generic, approved by the US Food and Drug Administration must meet the same high standards for quality, strength, purity, and stability.

Are generic drugs as effective as brand-name drugs?

Yes. A generic drug is the same as a brand-name drug in dosage, safety, strength, quality, the way it works, the way it is taken, and the way it should be used.

Is there a "generic" for every brand-name drug?

No, not every brand-name drug has a generic drug. When new drugs are first made they have drug patents. The patent, which protects the company that made the drug first, doesn't allow anyone else to make and sell the drug. When the patent expires, other drug companies can start selling a generic version of the drug. But, first, they must test the drug and the FDA must approve it.