

A Taste of MARYLAND HEIGHTS

At Dave & Buster's, Finish Your Food, and Then You Can Go Play

You may know Dave & Buster's as a great place for adults to "go out and play." But Dave & Buster's is more than pool tables and video games. The 55,000 square-foot facility includes a restaurant, where I dined with my family on a recent Wednesday evening.

I called ahead to ask if our pre-school-aged son might be too distracted by the games to eat. The hostess assured me that the restaurant and game area are separate. The restrooms, however, are located within the "Million Dollar Midway." We planned accordingly, and did not have to take our son past the games.

We arrived shortly after 6 p.m. and were seated promptly. The restaurant area is very comfortable and attractive, with high ceilings, dark wood, wrought-iron rails, stained glass light fixtures, ceiling fans and lots of greenery. Besides tables, there are large semicircular booths as well as smaller, more private booths. The noise level was comfortable. Other diners included a large group of senior citizens, a bachelorette party, couples and families.

The menu is varied, but not overwhelming. Many of the entrees are built around steak or seafood. Several selections feature chicken or ribs. Strict vegetarians won't find many options on the menu, but the chefs will modify menu items by request.

We started with the delicious and substantial Spicy Shrimp and Avocado Quesadilla appetizer. I ordered the Chargrilled Atlantic Salmon with Citrus Rice and Sautéed Green Beans. At my request, our waiter, Justin, said he would ask the chef to prepare my beans without butter. My husband picked the Blackened Chicken Pasta, and my son selected Grilled Cheese with French Fries from the children's menu.

Before long, the entrées were ready. My son and I loved our whimsical, triangular, zebra-striped plates. My husband's pasta bowl was also fun and festive, with spirals, triangles, and zigzags. The food was presented beautifully and tasted as good as it looked. The salmon was grilled to perfection, and the pasta was creamy and flavorful. My son ate

only a little of his food, because he ate so much of mine!

When Justin showed us the dessert tray, my son immediately told him that we wanted "the white one," which turned out to be Key Lime Pie. Again, the presentation was lovely, and the pie was scrumptious (so much for my diet). As with the appetizer, the dessert was big enough for the whole family to share.

The entire restaurant menu is available in the bar as well. The bar is well-stocked, wrapped in television screens for watching all the games and as attractive as the restaurant area. Happy hour is from 4:30 - 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and Late Night Happy Hour is from 10 p.m. until close Sunday through Thursday.

The pool tables and arcade were calling our names, and my husband and I plan to come back soon to play. We can't wait to try out the "Power Hour" - a game pass worth one hour of playtime for only \$10!

by resident reviewer **Lauren Lyerla**

Dave & Buster's

Address:

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(I-70 at Earth City Expressway)
Maryland Heights, MO 63043

Phone: (314) 209-8015

Hours: Monday - Wednesday: 11 a.m. - midnight; Thursday - Saturday: 11 a.m. - 1 a.m.; Sunday: 11:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Price Range:

Salads, soups and appetizers: \$4 -9; lunch entrées: \$6 - \$8; dinner entrées \$10 - \$20.

Dress: Casual

	Yes	No
Reservations		●
Smoking Allowed*		●
Outdoor Dining		●
Carry Out Available	●	
Credit Cards Accepted	●	
Kids Menu	●	
Alcohol Served	●	

*smoking allowed in bar only



Meals at Thai Kitchen range from mild to extra spicy, and the particularly daring can augment their plates with the industrial-size bottle of hot sauce on each table.