



BCP News & Notes

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A NOTE FROM MRS. ROMA

2018 ended with a flurry of activity for the 3s class. We had fun learning about Thanksgiving and Christmas and making art projects to go along with those holidays. Thank you to all the grandparents for arranging your schedules so you could spend the morning with us. It was so nice to meet all of you.

January's colder temperatures are perfect for learning about winter. Kevin Crilley from Green Lane Park will visit this month to teach us about how animals adapt in winter. We'll be talking about snow, ice, soup and dressing for winter weather.

Each week our class is learning a new shape. The students really enjoy Shape Show & Tell each Thursday. Thank you for your help with this project – some shapes can be a challenge to find. We are also working on a shape book.

During the month of February, we will be talking about the groundhog, mailing letters, dental health and winter birds. We'll also be having pajama day this month. Information about exchanging valentines will be coming home soon.

In March we will learn about bears, shamrocks and celebrate the first day of spring with a teddy bear picnic. Pastor Tim will continue to visit our classroom each month. Everyone looks forward to his visits.

Thank you for all of your cooperation and support. Mark your calendars for our spring conferences in March. Mrs. Noska and I are excited for the second half of the school year.



WINTER WEATHER

If BASD has a weather-related two-hour delay, Bally Community Preschool will have classes from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM. If BASD is closed, preschool will be closed. Please be sure your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves. We try to take the children out for a short time each day. Also make sure your child's change of clothing in their backpack is appropriate for the season.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ~January 17 & 18 – Animal Program with Kevin Crilley
- ~Monday, January 21 – No School
- ~Wednesday, January 23 – 9:00 – 11:30 AM – BCP Open House
- ~January 24 & 25 - Play & Learn Classes Begin
- ~Friday, February 1 – Scrip Orders Due
- ~Monday, February 18 – No School
- ~Saturday, February 23, 4:30 – 7:00 PM
13th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
More information below
- ~March 14 & 15 – Play & Learn Classes End
- ~Week of March 18 – Spring Conferences



13th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Saturday, February 23, 4:30 – 7:00 PM

These dinners are a lot of fun and have been a very successful way to support our school. The evening will include a delicious meal (take-out is available), homemade desserts, a slide show of our preschool and time to tour the classrooms. Please plan to attend and invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us.

The event is organized by the BCP Board of Directors and Glenn and Sharon Bechtel. We are counting on the help of preschool parents and church members to set up, serve, clean up and bake. There will be sign-up sheets outside the classrooms at the beginning of February. Please check them out! This is a great way to support the preschool, meet other parents and interact with families in the community. We look forward to working with you.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD CLASS – Mrs. Carol Gehman

The four-year-old class had a great time celebrating Thanksgiving with a Friendship Feast. A BIG thank you to William's mom for coming in to help. We started December getting ready for Grandparents' Day by making chocolate covered pretzels. A BIG thank you to Easton's Mom Mom for coming in to help with that! The Grandparents had fun with their grandkids and helped them make a Christmas ornament. We prepared for Christmas by making a Christmas Countdown Chain, Christmas Counting Book and reading lots of good books for the holiday. Our last Show and Tell for 2018 was 10 items of Christmas. What fun it was to see what everyone brought in to share.

We started off the New Year by making 2019 headbands and decorating the After Christmas Tree with treats for wild animals. Next, we learned the letter I, created ice cream cones and experimented with ice turning into water as it melts and reveals a surprise. For letter B week we will discuss bears and make biscuits. Vegetables and violins will be the focus of letter V week. We will accept soup cans the third week of this month to donate to a local food bank during Soup Week. To end January we will talk about the letter M and make mittens.

In February, we will continue to learn a new letter each week and look forward to a visit from a postal worker, dental hygienist and dinosaur enthusiast.

MUSIC & SPANISH CLASSES

During the months of November and December we had fun singing Christmas songs and ringing jingle bells in music class. We also enjoyed listening to holiday music and moving to the different musical sounds in the toy shop. We loved learning songs for the Christmas program and had a great time performing for our family and friends. It was so good to see everyone enjoying themselves. In the New Year we will explore different instrument families including woodwinds, strings, brass and percussion. We will learn about each different family with pictures, listening and have some instruments for the children to see and hear.

Spanish class has been very busy place. We finished a unit on shapes, made a shape Christmas tree scene and a shape activity book. We also read the story *The Legend of the Poinsettia* and made a poinsettia. The next unit is all about our faces. We will learn the Spanish words for eyes, ears, mouth and nose. Then we will move on to the body learning words for arms, legs, head, hands and feet using songs and games to help reinforce each new word.

Play & Learn Classes

Play & Learn classes for two-year-olds begin January 24 & 25. We are looking forward to playing together and learning new things during the Winter Session.

Fundraising Update

Thank you for supporting our fundraisers! We continue to accept Redner's receipts, Tyson chicken labels, used cell phones and printer ink cartridges. Scrip cards can be ordered in February, April and May.

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January 9 & 23
February 6 & 20
March 6 & 20



Open House & 2019-2020 Registration

Open House for new students will be held on Wednesday, January 23 from 9:00 – 11:30 AM. We will begin accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year on February 1. We really appreciate getting your registrations as early as possible. Spread the word!

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