



BCP News & Notes

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A Note from Mrs. Roma

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe we are halfway through the school year. January's colder temperatures are perfect for learning about winter. This month we will be talking about snow, ice, soup, winter animals and hibernation. The Author of the Month is Karma Wilson who writes an adorable series of books about Bear and his friends. Kevin Crilley from Montgomery County Park will visit at the end of the month to teach us how animals adapt in winter.

Each week our class is learning a new shape. The students are excited about 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 learning about groundhogs, shadows, mailing letters and healthy teeth. We will exchange valentines and wear our pajamas to school for Pajama Day. Information about exchanging valentines will be coming home soon.

In March we will learn about bears, St. Patrick's Day and celebrate the first day of spring with a teddy bear picnic.

Thank you for all your cooperation and support. Mark your calendars for our spring conferences in March. Mrs. LaSalle and I love working with your children!



Dates to Remember

- ~January 9 & 10 – Winter Play & Learn Classes Begin
- ~January 13-24, Soup Collection for Boyertown Multi-Service
- ~Wednesday, January 15 – 4s Trip to Argento's
- ~Monday, January 20 - Preschool Closed
- ~Wednesday, January 22 - Open House
- ~January 30 & 31 - Winter Animal Program
- ~February 1 - Preschool Registration Begins
- ~Sunday, February 2 - Cookie Decorating 4:00 - 5:30
- ~Monday, February 17 - Preschool Closed
- ~Saturday, February 22 - 16th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser **More Information Below**
- ~February 27 & 28 – Winter Play & Learn Classes End
- ~March 1 - Open Registration for the Community Begins
- ~Week of March 10 - Spring Conferences
- ~March 13 & 14 Spring Play & Learn Classes Begin
- ~Friday, March 28 – Craft Night 5:30 – 7:30



2025-2026 Preschool Registration

We will begin accepting registrations for the 2025-2026 school year on February 1. A spot will be held for current students and their siblings until February 28. Depending on enrollment, we may be adding afternoon classes next fall. A spot for current students will not be guaranteed after March 1 when open registration begins. We appreciate getting your registrations early so we can plan for next year.

Four-Year-Old Class - Mrs. Gehman

The four-year-old class enjoyed their Friendship Feast right before Thanksgiving vacation. Thank you to Genevieve's mom for the extra set of hands. When we returned in December, we began getting ready for Christmas by making a gingerbread man and God's Greatest Gift projects for Letter G. Other December projects include decorating Christmas stockings, completing a Christmas Counting Book, making a candy cane and luminary.

The last day before Christmas vacation the classroom was decorated with balloons, and we sang Happy Birthday to Jesus. A highlight of the month was the 10 items of Christmas Show and Tell. They also did a fantastic job at the Christmas program. Thanks to everyone who came out to support them.

We made 2025 headbands to welcome the new year. January's first letter of the week was Y. We made a yak and a game to learn the months of the year. Next, we will make icicles for letter I week, talk about snowflakes being ice crystals, experiment with ice and take a trip to an Italian restaurant. Thank you to Genevieve's family for opening their restaurant to us!

We will celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day by reading a story and talking about being kind and caring to others. We'll learn about quails for Q week and collect cans of soup for those less fortunate than us. Next will be letter H when we will learn about hibernation, homes and have Hat Day. Kevin Crilley will visit and share his expertise about nature with us!

February is a busy month. We will talk about love and make an I Love You project for letter L. Then we will learn about the mail and make valentines for letter V followed by an x-ray project for letter X week. Letter D week includes visits from Mark Hager who will share his dinosaur collection with us and Jill Haldeman who will teach us about keeping our teeth healthy.

The children are very happy to be in school with their friends, making projects, doing activities to enrich their learning, playing games at Circle Time and singing songs. Mrs. LaSalle and I are really enjoying them.

Music Class - Mrs. Roma

During the month of December, we had fun singing Christmas songs and ringing jingle bells. It was wonderful to see everyone at the Christmas Program. We hope you will join us again on May 4 for the Spring Program.

Currently we are singing songs about winter, snow and soup. The children love to clap, stomp, jump and dance along with some of our favorite movement songs.

Over the next two months we will be exploring different instrument families including percussion, strings, woodwinds, brass and keyboards. It will be fun to see, hear and try out some instruments.



Spanish Class - Mrs. Gehman

In December we completed a unit on formas (shapes). The four-year-old class made a Christmas formas project and both classes played games to help them remember the Spanish words. We sang songs about Christmas: Mi Burrito Sabañero, Niño Lindo, Árbol de la Navidad and Feliz Navidad. We ended the month reading a story about the Legend of the Poinsettia (from Mexico) and the four-year-old class made a project to go along with it.

In the new year we began a unit on numeros. The children will learn numeros 1-10. We will sing songs, play games and listen to stories to reinforce learning.

We are learning winter songs such as Muñeca de Nieve (snowman) and Cuando Tengas Mucho Frío (When You Are Very Cold). The next two units will be La Cara (the face) and El Cuerpo (the body). It is fun to hear the children sing and speak Spanish! They love to say 'Hola' to me when they see me.

Play & Learn Classes

The Winter Play & Learn classes will begin the second week of January. We will be learning about snow, winter, penguins, bears and dinosaurs. As a reminder, we will be using the car line to dismiss these classes on Thursdays and Fridays at 11:15. If you arrive early, kindly wait in the parking lot until the two-year-olds have been picked up.



Tuition Changes

Bally Community Preschool has increased tuition rates for the 2025-2026 school year. Full tuition for the three-year-old class is \$1215 or nine monthly payments of \$135 (September through May). Full tuition for the four-year-old class is \$1620 or nine monthly payments of \$180 (September through May). The registration fee remains at \$50. Play & Learn classes are \$125 per session.

Open House

Open House for new students will be held on Wednesday, January 22 from 9:00 – 11:30 AM. If you know of anyone who is looking for a preschool, please encourage them to attend. Thank you for spreading the word!



17th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Saturday, February 22, 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 (takeout is available), homemade desserts, a slide show of our preschool and time to visit 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. We look forward to working with you.



Winter Weather

Please note BCP follows Boyertown Area School District in the event of inclement weather. If BASD is closed, preschool will be closed. If BASD has a weather-related two-hour delay, we will have classes from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Lunch Bunch will be held from 12:00 - 1:00 if there is a two-hour delay on a Wednesday. 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.

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