

# September 2024 Newsletter

## Building Blocks Learning Center

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### Welcome Back!

A hearty WELCOME to our new families and a great big WELCOME BACK to our returning friends! We're looking forward to a wonderful school year! As always, we strive to provide our super school students with a safe, nurturing, and inviting learning environment. Enjoy the first few weeks of school. Listen as your children share their new stories and celebrate the joys of starting school again!

The purpose of this monthly electronic newsletter is to highlight current and future school-wide happenings. Please save and refer to it for important school information. Specific dates and details are noted. I do my best to keep it as brief as possible, but feel that keeping our families fully informed is a priority. Please set aside a few minutes to read through it thoroughly and don't hesitate to contact me with questions.

Here are some reminders:

- The parking lot opens at 8:50 for those cars getting in line for drop off, as well as for those wishing to park and walk to the arrival door. Please do not enter the parking lot until 8:50.
- Make a "goodbye" plan with your child and stick to it! Uncertainty can creep in when these plans are changed. Be confident and upbeat, and your child will follow your cues.
- Keep your cell phones ON and with you; this is the most convenient way we have of reaching you, if needed.
- Remember to have your child use the bathroom right before you leave for school. For safety, all staff members need to be at their posts until the arrival door closes and are not available to bathroom your child during the arrival process.
- Please be extra patient as we all learn new routines and get accustomed to school life once again!

### Donation Item of the Month--Paper Towels



Each month, BBLC will highlight a specific item for donation. These items help to keep our students healthy, safe, and comfortable at school. This is always absolutely voluntary. If you choose to donate, simply send/bring in the named item with your child. Throughout the month of September, we will be collecting **rolls of paper towels**. Please consider donating a roll or two. Thank you so very much for your consideration and generosity. Each child who donates will have his/her name entered in the monthly drawing to win a free Lunch Bunch or bouquet of books.

### Dismissal--ID Needed

Even if you've been with BBLC for years, we are respectfully asking that every adult who comes to pick up a child have his/her photo ID in hand and ready for display at pick-up for the first few weeks of school. New class assignments most likely mean new teachers, who may not easily recognize parents and caregivers. We will be taking our time at dismissal, doing all the checking and identifying we need to. Having photo ID in hand, just in case we need to see it, will help move this process along more smoothly.



## The Driveway Loop

Starting Monday, 9/9, all classes will be in session. Patience and cooperation with the driveway loop are appreciated; we have many new families doing this for the first time. The parking lot opens at 8:50 and the drop off/pick up loop begins in that parking lot—remember to approach the lot from the cemetery side on Spruce. You must see the tombstones before entering our parking lot and there can be **NO STANDING TRAFFIC** on Selner Lane. This creates anxiety for our neighbors; please take a courtesy lap around the block.

## School Bus Safety

There are several yellow school buses that transport our Kindergartners to BBLC each morning. The buses stop at the side entrance of our building, on the Church Street hill. It is state law that cars must stop both in front of and behind stopped buses with flashing lights. Please adhere to this law and do not pass or try to squeeze behind a stopped bus. Also, please make sure your car fits **completely** in our driveway and doesn't "hang off" into Church Street, blocking the buses or car traffic. The safety of our students is an absolute priority. Thanks for your cooperation with this important issue.



## Folders

Please be sure to check and empty green folders each school day. Be on the lookout for Picture Day (and for some classes-Fall Field Trip) info sheets to come home soon!

## REMIND TEXTS

Please share these codes with all who wish to receive texts from the school. Codes should be sent to 81010.

Miss Diane Step One: @step1di

Mrs. L 3-Day PreK: @bbkc3day

Mrs. Null Step One: @step1jenn

Mrs. Hamer 5-Day PreK: @preklaure

Mrs. Null Step Two: @step2jenn

Mrs. Dougherty 5-Day PreK: @prek5anne

Mrs. T Step Two: @step2jenna

Ms. Zimmerman Kindg: @bbckinder

## Important Dates for September

9/10 First independent days for preschool classes

10/12/17/19/24/27 Step One classes dismiss promptly at 11:00

23 Lunch Bunch Begins for Step 2/PreK (M-Th; \$9 per day or \$40 for punch card). All items (Including \$\$) to be placed inside of name-labeled lunch box

Thanks so much for your attention. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. I am available both by phone and email. And of course, if your child (or you!) is a bit teary at drop-off, please call, as I am happy to check on him/her and give you a full update!

Looking forward to an exciting and productive September with you and your little ones! Let the magic of school begin...

-Michele Burchell, Director

