

December 2017 News

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Thanksgiving has just passed, and we very quickly turn our attention toward the winter...we wish you a very merry holiday season! Enjoy the special time with your beloved families. And as always, thank you for sharing your little ones with us!

Thank You...

Thank you to all who provided food for the Thanksgiving Feasts and to all the parents who helped to heat and serve the food. The donations were very generous! The children enjoyed pretending they were Pilgrims and Native American Indians while they sat at long tables and ate their feasts. I hope you have had a chance to view the photos on Facebook! A sincere thank you, also, for your overwhelming response to our Baby and Pajama Drive. Many little ones will be cozy and warm this winter, thanks to all of you!



Holiday Programs...

Our BBLC Holiday Programs are simply spectacular! Tuesday, December 19 (for Step One classes), and Wednesday, December 20 (for Step 2, Pre-K, and full day K) are the dates for our programs. Families are invited to join us for a very special holiday time together. Details of each program time will be indicated on class calendars. Separate invitations will also be sent home. **Please pay special attention to this information, as there are different times for different class programs.** Rumor has it that the joyful Santa or the lovely Mrs. Claus will be appearing at these programs, so be sure to bring your cameras!



Toys For Tots...

Please consider participating in BBLC's Annual Toys For Tots holiday collection. December 4 through December 8, we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys. Our collection bin will be in the downstairs hallway. This is another wonderful opportunity for our preschoolers to learn about the importance of helping others who may not be as fortunate as themselves. Look for red info sheets to come home in folders when we return from the Thanksgiving break.





Registration...

Registration begins for the 2018-2019 school year for our in-house families on December 1. Forms will be distributed in folders after the Thanksgiving break. Please remember that it is our policy to allow the month of December for our in-house families to register. Remaining seats will be made available to the public, beginning on January 1. If you choose not to register during December, **seats may not be available**. There are a large number of new families already waiting for these seats. A separate email will go out out with more information. Please take the time to read it thoroughly, to avoid disappointment.

Snow, Ice, and Sleet...Oh, my!

It's coming...

In the event of an inclement weather day, please do not call the school to inquire about our status. I may not be at school to take your call. Instead, please listen to the TV or radio, or visit the Central Bucks website at www.cbsd.org to learn of school closings and delays due to inclement weather. Building Blocks does not announce by name, but follows the Central Bucks direction. If Central Bucks is **closed**, then BBLC is **closed**. (I do try my best to communicate our status via email, but just in case power is out, be aware of these alternate methods of communication.)

If Central Bucks is **delayed** two hours, our morning preschool session is **delayed** two hours as well. Arrival is 11:00 to 11:15. Please give your child a hearty snack at home before coming to school...We will hold an abbreviated class session from 11:00 to 12:30, with no snack and no Lunch Bunch. However, if you feel the safety of the roads is compromised at any time, please feel free to keep your child at home.

In case of a delay, full day Kindergarten will have delayed morning bus service, and will begin at 11:00. Dismissal is the usual 3:00. PM Kindergarten Enrichment will be unaffected.

Donation Item of the Month...Suspended again...

Again, our BBLC Donation Item of the Month will be suspended...let's help others in need! Please consider donating a new, unwrapped toy to our Toys for Tots Drive.

May We Have Your Card?

If you can spare one, we would love to include your holiday picture card in our hallway display! It will be captioned "Our Cool Families Have Warm Hearts". Simply send one in your child's folder--we'd love to post it!



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Reminders:

- Please remember that it is safest for your child to enter our arrival door with his/her hands free, especially with the snow and ice coming. I don't want children to slip and not be able to catch themselves. **Please place all items, including lunch boxes and show-n-tell items, in backpacks.** If your child does not wear a coat in the car, I'd rather you hand it to me at the door, instead of your child carrying it in.

- We go outside. Even if it is cold. Of course, if the wind chill is unsafe or too-cold, we will stay indoors for recess. Please send in coats, hats, and MITTENS labeled with names. (Band-aids are great for labeling knitted items.) We absolutely prefer MITTENS, as gloves have 10 fingers, and 10 fingers times lots of little people equals a whole lot of extra time spent bundling up. Thanks for your cooperation with this.



Thanks so much for your attention and support! A joyous holiday season to all!
Michele Burchell

Important Dates...

December 1 -- 2018-2019 In-House Registration Begins

December 1 -- Tales and Treasures; Pre-Reg needed; No Regular Lunch Bunch

December 4 through 8 -- Toys for Tots Collection

December 11--Charming Champions; Pre-Reg needed

December 19 and 20 -- Holiday Programs -- No Lunch Bunch for Step 1 on 12/19

December 20--No Lunch Bunch for preschool

December 22-- Half Day for Kindergarten with bus service and 12:00 Dismissal; No Lunch;
No Lunch Bunch for Preschool

December 25 to January 1-- School Closed -- Winter Break

January 2-- School resumes

