

# Building Blocks Learning Center

## November 2017 News

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### *Pajama Day...an opportunity to help others in need!*

On Wednesday and Thursday, November 8 and 9, we will be celebrating "Wear Your Pajamas to School" Day. How great! We'll have some cozy fun in the classrooms and enjoy a special sleepy-time snack! In addition, BBLC will participate in our 8th annual **(BABY AND) PAJAMA DRIVE!** The Child, Home, and Community Agency right here in Doylestown (a United Way operation) is in need of **very specific items this year**. This is a great opportunity to teach our little ones about helping those in need. We are always astounded by the generosity of our families! Info sheets will come home soon in folders. Please consider sending in any of the following new (not used) items on November 8 and 9:



- baby pajamas (0-12 months ONLY)
- baby wipes (no diapers)
- crib sheets
- baby wash/shampoo/lotion
- hooded bath towels
- NEW baby books

### *Conference Day*

Fall conferences are being held later in November. We welcome you, and are eager to share your child's accomplishments! Please note that we are going paperless on this. **For our fall conferences, all families will be receiving an email with a link to SignUp Genius. Please sign up online for a conference time.** BBLC is hoping to save a tree or two! Once you sign up, please mark your personal calendars with your conference time. Please be extra-prompt, as conferences will be scheduled back-to-back. Be sure to be on the lookout for the emailed invitation! I will get them out within a week.

### *Donation Item of the Month--Suspended*

For the month of November, we will suspend our school donations in favor of our Baby and Pajama Drive. We are so thankful for your efforts to help us--this month, let's help others! Please consider donating an item or two from the list on November 8th and 9th! Congratulations to the winner of the October drawing--Marin in Step 2!



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## *November School Holiday*

There will be no Preschool classes from November 22 (Wed) to November 24 (Fri) due to the Thanksgiving Break. Kindergarten will have half days (no K Enrichment) on November 20 and 21, with a trip on the 22nd. School resumes on Monday, November 27. Please enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday with your families! Best wishes to all for a wonderful, cozy, delicious day! Take a moment to reflect on how truly blessed we are.

## *Registration--IMPORTANT NEWS*

Registration for next school year, for children presently enrolled in our program and their siblings, will begin December 1. Registration forms will be sent home with the children toward the end of November. **For all currently-enrolled families, just the \$75 non-refundable registration fee is required with the completed registration form. The May 2019 tuition deposit can be delayed up to March 1st, if needed.** We realize that December may be an expensive month, and forwarding an extra tuition deposit may be a financial hardship for some families. Your child's seat will be held until March 1, and confirmed when full payment is received. After March 1, if no deposit is received, your child's seat may need to be forfeited to an awaiting family.



**Early return of your registration form will greatly help to get your first choice of classes.** If you have specific questions about your class choice for next year, please call the office soon to help with this decision. Any special requests should be noted in writing directly on your form.

Registration opens to the public January 1. Any seats not filled by children of our in-house families will be offered to waiting outside families at that time. **Please avoid disappointment and return paperwork promptly; seats may not be available after January 1.**

If your child is entering Kindergarten next school year, please consider registering for our Kindergarten program here at BBLC. We offer full or half day programs, with optional bus transportation provided by CBSD. Our familiar, nurturing environment and low staff to pupil ratio offer a wonderful, well-rounded licensed Kindergarten experience which is recognized and accepted by public school districts. Please call the office for more information.



## *Holiday Cards*

Please, please keep BBLC in mind when you distribute your Holiday Cards! We would love to add your family holiday photo to our bulletin board. If you have an extra, just send it in with your child so that we can all ooohhh and ahhhh over the cute photos and share in the Holiday Spirit!



## *Thanksgiving at BBLC*

Here at school, Thanksgiving will be celebrated on November 16th and 17th by all preschool classes during morning class time. As the children will be "feasting", there will be no Lunch Bunch for Step 1 on the 16th, and no Lunch Bunch for any class on the 17th. Feasts will have the air of the First Thanksgiving, with some classes dressing as Pilgrims and some as Native American Indians. Children from MWF and M-F classes will gather at tables in the gymnasium to enjoy their feasts. Step One children will enjoy their feasts in individual classrooms. Feasts are for the children only. Kindergarten will be feasting in their classroom on Nov. 17 as part of their Fun Family event.

## *Lastly...some tidbits....*

- With Halloween approaching, I think it's important to address candy sent in lunches...a piece or two is your decision. However, **we cannot allow hard or particularly sticky candy** such as lollipops, Jolly Ranchers, Airheads, etc., as they do pose a safety risk. And as always, treats are kept in lunch boxes to be enjoyed after all other foods are consumed.
- When registering your Step 2 or Pre-K child for add-on programs, it is encouraged to **combine fees**, if applicable, and **write only one check**.
- The mornings are getting quite chilly. Our playground is still a bit shaded. Please remember that we do go outside for recess, even on cold days. **Cotton sweatshirts might not be enough--time for the fleece and winter-ish coats!** Don't forget to **name-label** everything, including **MITTENS** (so much easier for us to get on than gloves with fingers!). Band-aids or medical tape for labels inside mittens and hats work fairly well.



Thanks for your attention, and it is a pleasure to work with you and your children!  
Michele Burchell

## *Important Dates*

November 3--Tales and Treasures--Barn Nature Center; no Reg. Lunch Bunch  
November 8/9 -- Baby and Pajama Drive/Wear pjs to school  
November 1, 8, 15, 29 -- Fun Frolics--YOGA with Mrs. Wegeler  
November 10-- Scholastic Orders Due  
November 13--Charming Champions--Pre-Reg needed  
November 16--Thanksgiving Feast for Step 1 in classrooms; No Step 1 Lunch Bunch  
November 17--Thanksgiving Feast for other preschool classes; No Lunch Bunch for anyone  
November 17--Progress Reports for Pre-K and K go home  
November 20 and 21--Kindergarten half day with bus  
November 20 and 21--Conferences for most classes; No Lunch Bunch both days  
November 22--Kindergarten trip to Churchville Nature Center  
November 22 through 24--No Preschool or PM K Enrich classes

November 27-- School Resumes

December 1 -- In-house Registration for next school year begins

December 19--Step 1 Winter Show-mark your calendars!

December 20--K, Pre-K, Step 2 classes Winter Show--mark your calendars!