

April 2018 News

Building Blocks Learning Center

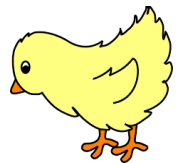
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Spring... A Time For New Beginnings

Every year, it is our BBLC tradition to bring a chick hatching project to school. This year, the eggs will arrive the week of April 16. They will stay in an incubator under our care, and are expected to hatch the next week. We will then care for the baby chicks for a few days here at school. **We are still in need of someone to take the feathery friends. Please let me know if your family, or someone you know, is interested.**



In anticipation of this project, your child will be bringing home a paper chick very soon to decorate with your family and then return to school to greet the arrival of the baby chicks. Instructions for this chick decorating project will be included.

From the first day the eggs arrive, there is a buzz of excitement and enthusiasm among our students and even from the wider community that shares our building. Caring for the eggs throughout the embryonic development process provides excellent learning experiences and also an upfront and personal opportunity with nature. We will not only learn to care for the eggs and chicks, but also gain vocabulary like incubator, hatch, and brood. We read books about chicks and chickens. We bring in math by numbering and counting the eggs and predicting which egg will hatch first.



Seeing first hand new life and all the awe and wonder it brings proves this project to be another excellent extension of our curriculum. Look for the birth announcement at the drop-off door when the eggs hatch in a few weeks and you are welcome to stop in the office to see and enjoy the new, fluffy baby chicks with your child!

Thank You

Thank you to the Buddies who joined us for "Breakfast with Buddies". The children were so proud to show their classrooms and to share a sweet treat at school with loved ones. We hope the Buddies enjoyed the morning as well!

Also, thank you for your kind donations to Operation Helping Hand. Many will benefit from your generosity! Thanks for the wonderful response!

Summer Fun...Holiday Hodgepodge...Come, Celebrate!

BBLC's Summer Fun program has begun registering. A bright green brochure arrived last week in your child's folder. On June 5-6-7/12-13-14, the children will enjoy a super-fun "Holiday Hodgepodge" theme. Campers will be involved in crafts, games, and activities revolving around fun holidays. We'll play with ice, look for gold, and gobble up a grand time! Spaces are filling VERY quickly. We can only accommodate a limited number of campers. Our absolute deadline for registration is May 1. However, spaces very well may fill before this date. If so, an email will be sent. Children need to be independently potty trained to attend.

A note will be sent home closer to the Summer Fun weeks, detailing the assigned groups. Children are always grouped with others they know from their regular classes. This program is lots of age-appropriate fun and provides a nice activity for our preschool and kindergarten children while their grade school siblings finish out their school year.

Tuition

For most families, this is the last month for tuition, as May tuition was paid at registration. Please use the tuition envelope to pay your April tuition. The envelope will be returned to you after you pay your April tuition **if no May tuition is owed**. If May tuition is still owed, the envelope will be kept at school and sent home in time for this May payment. This envelope notes our Tax ID#, as well as your payment amounts and check numbers. **Please save this envelope carefully; you may need this envelope as your receipt for 2018 taxes. If you are looking for a record of your early 2017 payments, last school year's envelope can serve as your receipt.**

Donation Item of the Month--3-ounce plastic cups



Thanks so much for your consideration in donating a pack. We use fresh cups each day for snack. We certainly go through many of these plastic (not paper, as paper are not durable enough for little grips), bathroom-sized (to fit in little hands) cups each week. Children who donate will be entered in the Free Lunch Bunch/Book Drawing. (These 3 oz. cups usually come in clear or white plastic.)

Memory Books

We have noticed that over the recent years, many families are starting "memory books" for teachers to sign at the end of each school year. We are more than happy to do this; please start sending in those books NOW. As you can imagine, our school days are very busy. It may take teachers a few days to return your books with handwritten messages; we want to avoid the last-minute rush!



Spring Conferences...

Most will be held on Monday, April 30--we look forward to connecting with our parents! (There is no school this day to allow for this very important time.) Please remember that we are going paperless on this. Sign ups were completed on line; no paper reminders will be sent. If you have not signed up for a conference yet, please know that an email was sent to you with a link to SignUp Genius. If you need the link sent again, please let me know. **This is the final reminder. If you do not arrange a conference, I will deduce that you choose not to have one.** (And that is fine.)

Parents are asked to enter on this day through the "left-most front door" on Mechanics Street--these are the glass doors on the left front side of the building, to the left of the "Little Library", closest to the driveway exit. I will clearly label this door. Please be extra-prompt, as our teachers are on a tight schedule. We expect well over 100 families visiting us on Conference Day, and want to avoid any foot traffic through the church main office.

Vision Screening

Our annual Vision Screening is scheduled for April 11-12-13. A form will go home shortly stating the actual date your child's class will be screened. This is a service provided by the Bucks County Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Using this service for your child is voluntary, but highly recommended. Every year, irregularities are detected when none were suspected. Parents will be required to sign a consent form before the screening can take place. A donation to the BCAB is very appreciated, and should be attached to the consent form. Again, this service is purely optional.



Important Dates

- April 4, 11, 18, 25 -- Fun Frolics Zumba; pre-reg was required
- April 6--Make Up FF Yoga class
- April 11-12 -- Decorated paper chicks due back; Scholastic Due
- April 13-- T&T Digger and David Puppet Show; Pre-Reg required; **No Reg. Lunch Bunch**
- April 16 -- Eggs arrive! Keep tabs on our babies on Facebook!
- April 23??-- Eggs hatch--Look for Birth Announcement
- April 25--PM Kindergarten to Michener
- April 27--K Family Celebration 11:30--wait to enter at Church St. door
- April 30--No School; Conferences: enter through left front door
- May 9--Mother's Day Celebration for PreK (just for moms)
- May 10--Mother's Day Celebration for Step 1 (just for moms)
- May 11--Mother's Day Celebration for Step 2 (just for moms)

