

May 2018 Newsletter

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Farewell...

Farewell to all of our students and their families who are moving on...we have tremendously enjoyed having you, and wish you only good things in the years to come! Please keep in touch--send us holiday cards, drop us an email, stop by to say "hi"! We would love to hear all about your super accomplishments!

Mother's Day Celebrations

In May, our preschoolers will be honoring moms in our classrooms. Each preschool class is busy planning a special day just for Moms. Please consult individual class calendars and invitations for specific days and times. **Please find childcare for siblings; we would love for you to devote your attention to the special items and activities your preschooler has prepared for you. This event is for moms only. Please adhere to the "MOMS ONLY" guest list, even with twins and siblings. If mom is unavailable, another adult may certainly attend in her place, but please let us know this in advance.**



Children come to school at the usual time of 9:00 and moms are invited to join at 11:00 on the appropriate day. Please park in the lot and walk down the driveway. **I will open the regular arrival door promptly at 10:55.** Children will go home with you after the celebrations.

End of Year Activities

Picnics and park outings are planned for all preschool classes. Please see class calendars and special notices for particulars on these picnics. **Pay special attention to inclement weather plans.** Step 1 classes will have fun at Bush Park. Step 2 classes will gather at Burpee Park. Pre-K classes will have a great time at Warwick Community Park. If you have volunteered to bring a food item to this event, your reminder will arrive shortly. Certificates of Preschool Attendance are awarded at these picnics. This is a very enjoyable ending to our school year. It gives us a chance to share some time with our wonderful families. Parents, siblings, and caregivers are all welcome!



Donation Item of the Month

You have been so very generous throughout the school year! Thank you, thank you! We have put your donations to good use and please know that we fully appreciate each and every item! Congratulations to Ben S. in Step Two, the winner of our April Drawing-- a spring bouquet of Scholastic Books is coming your way!

Payment Envelopes

Payment envelopes have been returned to families who are paid in full for this year. Please safely store these envelopes as you may need to refer to them at tax time. The school tax ID number is noted on the envelope as well as tuition amounts paid. If there is still payment due, the envelope will be sent home for the last payment in May, and then returned to you for your files.

Sandals/Sneakers



Each year as the weather gets warmer, children will want to wear their new summer sandals and crocs to school. We are asking that these fun summer shoes not be worn at school. Sneakers are the safest and most comfortable footwear for our busy activities. Keep in mind that we walk steps in our facility and also play out on the mulch playground. Socks are also strongly recommended for preventing injury and keeping those cute toes safe. Please follow this request. Sandals/flip flops/crocs are simply not safe for school.

Summer Fun

If you have registered for our Summer Fun Camp program, group assignments will be sent home in folders toward the end of May. Children have been grouped with other friends from their classes; these groups may not be headed by the children's usual classroom teachers. Please be assured that every effort will be made to place your child with a teacher he/she knows either from past years, or from add-ons such as Lunch Bunch or Fun Frolics. The driveway loop will be open for Summer Fun, with drop off being at the gym door from 9:00 to 9:10. Please be extra prompt, as we will begin our fun days on time and we wouldn't want your camper to miss any of the opening activities. The Summer Fun days are June 5-6-7/12-13-14.

Kindergarten Program

The spectacular End-of-Year Kindergarten Program is scheduled for Thursday, May 31 at 10:30. The Church Street door will open at 10:15 for guests. This is the last day of Kindergarten. Children come to school at 9:00 as usual, and kindergarten families may join us for this special occasion at 10:30. This is a half day with no lunch and no noon bus service--children will go home with families after the program. Please mark this day and time on your calendars as you don't want to miss this fantastic event!



Last Day and Lunch Bunch

The last day for T/Th Step 1 classes is Thursday, May 24. The last day for other preschool classes is Friday, May 25. The last day for preschool Lunch Bunch is Friday, May 18. Unused punches on punch cards do carry over to next school year and are transferrable to siblings!

Next School Year

If your child is registered for school next year, you will be receiving a message the first week of August, outlining particulars for class assignment and orientation. If you need to reach the school over the summer, please call the school phone number, or e-mail office@bblcinc.com. Messages are checked often. Mail is also gathered on a regular basis, so you can communicate with school via mail, phone, and email. If you would like to speak with me in person, I will be in the office from time to time, but please arrange an appointment with me.

Please be reminded that if your child is enrolled in Step 2 for the Fall, he/she must be INDEPENDENTLY potty trained.

Next school year, if your child has a food allergy/sensitivity of any kind, you will be asked to supply snack daily for your child. Packaging terms such as "made in the same facility", "shared equipment", and "may contain traces" are getting more and more common and may/may not be safe for individual children. This makes the school shopping simply too complex. We want to ensure that allergic children are eating snacks that are safe and if they are supplied by you, this adds yet another level of protection.

We are always striving to ensure the best school experience for our students. Some news about Add-ons for the 2018-2019 school year (Step 2 and PreK):

- "Mindful Mondays" --Yoga and Mindfulness one Monday a month--replacing Charming Champions
- "Fun Frolics" will remain on Wednesdays (4 weeks per session). We'll offer two dance cycles, two kid fitness cycles, an Edible Art cycle, and of course, ZUMBA!
- New "Groovy Guests" program where we invite guests to entertain, educate, and wow our students a few Fridays throughout the year (replacing Tales n' Treasures)

Interested in Vacation Bible School at DPC?

Doylestown Presbyterian Church, the home building of BBLC, will hold VBS for children aged 4 through 6th grade June 25-29. Please see flyer below, if interested! Always lots of fun!



Dates to Remember

April 30 -- No School; Parent conferences. Enter through left-most front door on Mechanics Street (adjacent to the driveway exit)

May 2--Make Up Class for Fun Frolics Cooking--please mark your calendars!

May 3/10--Make Up classes for Mrs. Kreisher's PLUS

May 4-9-10-11-- Mother's Day Programs (consult class calendars)

May 14--Charming Champions; pre-reg required

May 17-- Step One Picnic at Bush Park 9:30 to 11:30

May 18--Last Preschool Lunch Bunch

May 21-- Step 2 classes to Burpee Park 9:30 to 11:30

May 23-- Pre-K Picnic at Warwick Community Park 9:30 to 11:30

May 24 -- Last day for T/Th Classes and K Enrich

May 25 -- Last day for Step 2 and Pre-K classes

May 28 -- Memorial Day; no school for Kindergarten

May 29 and 30--Kindergarten full days as usual

May 31--K End-of-Year Program at 10:30

June 5-6-7/12-13-14--Summer Fun Camp

It has been a true pleasure to work with your children and you this school year! Please enjoy a safe, fun, and relaxing summer. We get to do it all again in a few months!

--Michele Burchell

