

March 2017 News

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Spring is Coming!!

Signs of the new season should hopefully be popping up soon! Look for peeking daffodils and tender buds. Listen for robins singing in the trees. Feel for the warm sunlight coming through your windows. Celebrate the start of Spring!

Thank You

Thank you to all who contributed to the classroom Valentine Parties. The children enjoyed the treats and were super-excited to hand out their valentines!

Breakfast With Buddies (formerly "Donuts with Dad")

Step 2 and Pre-K classes, and their special adults are invited to participate in our exciting program, "Breakfast With Buddies". Information forms have already gone out--please return to teachers if you have not done so already. Children and adults will enjoy some treats and reading time; a short but sweet classroom presentation will follow. Adults should park in the lot, walk up the driveway, and escort children in through the arrival door. Try to arrive as close to 9:00 as possible, as this is a shorter event. We look forward to a great morning together!



Adults--feel free to bring your lidded warm beverage! We'll have plenty of donuts and finger foods. Please note that this program can only accommodate one adult per child. (Mother's Day, just for moms, is around the corner, so you may want to use this program as an opportunity for another adult to attend.)

Stranger Danger

Learning about "Stranger Danger" and personal safety will be covered in all classrooms during the month of March. Videos, coloring pages, stories, and age-appropriate class discussions will be utilized by our teachers to cover this topic. The date for this lesson will be noted on each teacher's classroom calendar so that you can follow up at home with your child.



Special Guests for Step 2 and PreK...

BBLC welcomes the SPCA on Friday, March 9 as our Tales and Treasures guest! A furry, four-legged friend will be here to help us learn about Pet Safety Awareness. **Donations of cat food, rabbit food, and cleaning supplies can be sent in with participating children at any time, up until the day of the program.**

BBLC also welcomes David Hutchman from the Please Touch Museum and his "Digger and David" puppet show! The friendly duo will be at school on Friday, April 13 for a 40-minute special performance of "The Big Sleepover". We anticipate LOTS of interest in this silly and age-appropriate program--be sure to look for registration sheets coming home shortly!



The Wearing of the Green

Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day! Please dress your children in their lucky green on March 14 or 15 or 16 for some Leprechaun Fun!

Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences...

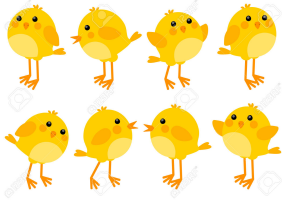
...will be held on Monday, April 30. There is no school this day to allow for this special informative time with our parents.

All parents will be receiving an email with a link to SignUp Genius. Please sign up online for a conference time. Once you sign up, please mark your personal calendars with your conference time. Be sure to be on the lookout for the emailed invitation!

May 2017 Tuition Deposits

... are respectfully due by **March 1st**. Ensure your child's seat in our program for next school year. No seat is confirmed until this fee is submitted. This applies to your family if just the \$75 registration fee was submitted earlier. Reminders have been sent home previously, noting amounts due. We have several families on wait lists, so please let me know of any special circumstances.

Attention--Live Chicks Available and Looking for a Home



Every year, BBLC hatches chicks from eggs in the spring. This year, the chicks should be ready to leave us by April 27. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in taking all twelve of them, please contact me. It is imperative that I find a home for the little guys...They really are very cute! And not much trouble...

Service Project (No Donation Item of the Month for March)

Congratulations to Lincoln, in Kindergarten, the lucky winner of February's Drawing! In place of a school donation item this month, Building Blocks will participate in our last community outreach service project for the year. **"Operation Helping Hand"** is a collection of specific non-perishable food to help families in Bucks County in emergency need. Specific needed foods are listed on the information sheets...watch your child's folder for this info. This is another opportunity to make children sensitive to the needs of others in our community. The agencies and pantries who receive the supplies are all local, such as A Woman's Place, Bucks County Housing Group, and The Lord's Pantry.

The collection will take place March 12 through March 14. Please help your child understand that some families can't buy the items we are collecting and would have to go without if we didn't help. If you wish to participate, send items in with the children or bring to the collection boxes that will be placed in the ground floor hallway. Thanks in advance for your help and generosity.

See flier below:



All non-perishable foods are accepted, but our local pantry really needs:

- Fruit juice (100%)
- Applesauce (no sugar added)
- Canned salmon
- Breakfast cereal
- Canned fruit (no sugar added)
- Canned pasta
- Peanut butter
- Canned vegetables (low sodium)
- Oatmeal
- Canned chicken
- Canned tuna
- Rice
- Soup
- Beans (dried or canned)
- Pasta

No time to shop? No problem! Financial contributions are welcome. Just \$10 can feed a family of four.

Checks should be made payable to United Way of Bucks County, memo line: Operation Helping Hand/Organization Name.

If you or someone in your family needs help, call United Way of Bucks County's First Call for Help at 215.948.1880 ext. 7 or visit www.uwbucks.org



Summer Fun Camp is Coming...

We start enrollment in our very popular Summer Fun Camp program in late March/early April. We will offer two weeks of camp, June 5-6-7 and June 12-13-14. The time would be from 9 am to 12 pm, with an optional and delicious add-on scheduled for the last day. Children can register for one or both weeks. Our fun-filled theme this year is "Holiday Hodgepodge". Each camp day, we'll re-celebrate another festive holiday! Look for brightly colored brochures to come home in folders. Seats are filled on a first-come basis. (Only independently potty-trained students can attend camp.)

Reminders:

- Coins cannot be accepted as payment at BBLC.
- Birthday treats decorated with colored (pastel or vibrant) frosting cannot be served. See image. (Chocolate and vanilla icing are fine.)
- All items (including beverages) must fit into lunch boxes. We SO appreciate when napkins, utensils, and leak-proof containers are included. When the juicy dill pickle container leaks on to the cheese and crackers, things can go sour... (pun intended!)
- The driveway is a No Phone Zone.



Important Dates

March 2 -- Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

March 7 -- Fun Frolics--Fun Flavors for those pre-registered

March 7 or 9 -- Breakfast with Buddies (check classroom calendars)

March 9 -- Scholastic orders due

March 9 -- Tales n' Treasures SPCA; No Regular Lunch Bunch; pre-registration required

March 12-14 -- Operation Helping Hand

March 14-21-28 -- Fun Frolics Yoga for those pre-registered

March 14-15-16-- St. Patrick's Day Fun (check classroom calendars)

March 20--Spring Begins!

March 26-- Charming Champions for those pre-registered

March 29 through April 2 -- No School; Spring Recess