

Building Blocks Learning Center November 2018 News

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Comfy Cozy Day...an opportunity to help others in need!

On Thursday and Friday, November 8 and 9, we will be celebrating "Comfy Cozy Day". How fun! We'll have some cozy pajama fun in the classrooms and enjoy a special sleepy-time snack! In addition, BBLC will participate in our 9th annual **BABY DRIVE!** The Maternity Care Coalition, right here in Doylestown, supports local young families in need. The agency lets us know what their specific needs are, which vary from year to 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! Blue info sheets came home in folders. The agency is specifically asking for gender-neutral items. **Here is a list of the specific items needed.** Please consider sending in any of the following new (not used) items on November 8 and 9:



- baby pajamas / clothes (**0-6 months ONLY; nothing larger; gender neutral, if possible**)
- baby wipes (no diapers)
- crib sheets (gender neutral, if possible)
- bibs (gender neutral, if possible)
- hooded bath towels (gender neutral, if possible)

Conference Days

Fall conferences are being held later in November. There will be half days for Kindergarten (with bus service) and no Lunch Bunch on November 29 and 30 to accommodate conferences. 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.** 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 by the end of the weekend. These conferences are not mandatory, but highly recommended. If we don't hear from you, we will deduce that you choose not to have a conference. Formal conferences will be held again in the spring.

Donation Item of the Month--Suspended

For the month of November, we will suspend our school donations in favor of our Baby 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--Delainey in Kindergarten!

November School Holiday

There will be no Preschool classes from November 21 (Wed) to November 23 (Fri) due to the Thanksgiving Break. Kindergarten will have a field trip on the 21st. School resumes on Monday, November 26. 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 at 9:00 am. **This is a Saturday.** Registration forms will be sent home with the children after the Thanksgiving Break. **For all currently-enrolled families, just the \$75 non-refundable registration fee is required with the completed registration form. The May 2020 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 --first come, first served. Please heed this advice. 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. There will be a space provided.

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; there is no guarantee of a seat after December.**

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 oohhhh and ahhhh over the cute photos and share in the Holiday Spirit!



Thanksgiving at BBLC

Here at school, Thanksgiving will be celebrated on November 15th and 16th 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 15th, and no Lunch Bunch for any class on the 16th. 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. 16 as part of their Fun Family event.



Lastly...some important tidbits....

- With Halloween approaching, I think it's important to address candy in lunch boxes...a piece or two is, of course, up to you. However, **we cannot allow Ziplocs full of candy, or 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.
- 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 are not enough--time for the winter-like 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. Labeling is a **MUST**.
- Dismissal times for all of our programs (regular, and add-ons) are very clear. **Please be sure to mark your calendars for any special program dismissals.** Children can get anxious when parents are not on time for pick-up. This is also inconvenient for our staff, as we have other duties after dismissal. As our policy indicates, there is a \$5 fee for every 15 minutes of late pick-up. **Please be prepared to pay this fee when arriving 15 minutes (or more) late to pick up your child. This pertains to all programs and to lateness for any reason.**
- When using our driveway loop, please make sure your car **COMPLETELY** fits into the driveway and doesn't "hang out" into Church Street. This poses safety issues for our buses, as well as for regular traffic. Things here in the Boro can get snarled very quickly and we don't want to cause traffic problems for the community.
- Due to the large number of Fun Frolics participants, there will be **NO WALK-IN LUNCH BUNCH** on the following Wednesdays: 11/7, 11/14, 11/28 and 12/5



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Important Dates

November 5--Mindful Monday; pre-registration required; 1:30 dismissal

November 8/9 -- Baby Drive/Wear comfy, cozy pjs to school; check calendars for your day

November 7, 14, 28 and Dec 5 -- Fun Frolics--New Dance Workshop--No Reg Lunch Bunch

November 9-- Scholastic Orders Due

November 15--Thanksgiving Feast for Step 1 students in classrooms; No Step 1 Lunch Bunch

November 16--Thanksgiving Feast for other preschool students; No Lunch Bunch for anyone

November 16--Kindergarten Family Fun Day; **One adult per child invited.**

November 21 through 23--No Preschool classes; Thanksgiving Break

November 21--Kindergarten trip to Churchville Nature Center

November 26--Progress Reports for Pre-K and K go home

November 26-- School Resumes

December 1 -- In-house Registration for next school year begins; 9:00 am

December 18--Step 1 Holiday Hullabaloo-mark your calendars! **One adult per child invited.**

December 19--K, Pre-K, Step 2 classes Winter Show--mark your calendars! All invited.

