

December 2018 News

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happy
holidays!

Thanksgiving has just passed, and we very quickly turn our attention toward the winter...we wish you a very merry holiday season! Enjoy the special time with your beloved families. And as always, thank you for sharing your little ones with us!

Thank You...

Thank you to all who provided food for the Thanksgiving Feasts and to all the parents who helped to heat and serve the food. The donations were very generous! The children enjoyed pretending they were Pilgrims and Native American Indians while they sat at long tables and ate their feasts. I hope you have had a chance to view the photos on Facebook! A sincere thank you, also, for your overwhelming response to our Baby and Pajama Drive. Many little ones will be cozy and warm this winter, thanks to all of you!



Holiday Programs...

Our BBLC Holiday Programs are simply spectacular! Tuesday, December 18 (for Step One classes; one adult per child is invited; no siblings), and Wednesday, December 19 (for Step 2, Pre-K, and K; families invited) are the dates for our programs. Details of each program time will be indicated on class calendars. Separate invitations will also be sent home. **Please pay special attention to this information, as there are different times for different class programs.** Rumor has it that the joyful Santa will be appearing at the 12/19 program, so be sure to bring your cameras!



Toys For Tots...

Please consider participating in BBLC's Annual Toys For Tots holiday collection. December 3 through December 7, we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys. Our collection bin will be in the downstairs hallway. This is another wonderful opportunity for our preschoolers to learn about the importance of helping others who may not be as fortunate as themselves. Red info sheets came home in folders last week.



Registration...

Registration begins for the 2019-2020 school year for our in-house families on December 1, at 9:00AM (please enter through the left-most front door on Mechanics Street this morning). Forms were distributed in folders earlier this week. Please remember that it is our policy to allow the month of December for our in-house families to register. Remaining seats will be made available to the public, beginning on January 1. Please see email entitled "How Does Registration Work?" for more details. Seats are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Once a class is full, a waitlist will be formed.

Snow, Ice, and Sleet...Oh, my!

I realize that we've already had some practice with this! In the event of an inclement weather day, please do not call the school to inquire about our status. I will not be at school to take your call. Instead, please listen to the TV or radio, or visit the Central Bucks website at www.cbsd.org to learn of school closings and delays due to inclement weather. Building Blocks does not announce by name, but follows the Central Bucks direction. If Central Bucks is **closed**, then BBLC is **closed**. (I do try my best to communicate our status via email, but just in case power is out, be aware of these alternate methods of communication.)



If Central Bucks is **delayed** two hours, our morning preschool session is **delayed** two hours as well. Arrival is 11:00 to 11:15. Please give your child a hearty snack at home before coming to school...We will hold an abbreviated class session from **11:00 to 12:30**, with no snack and no Lunch Bunch. However, if you feel the safety of the roads is compromised at any time, please feel free to keep your child at home.

In case of a delay, full day Kindergarten will have delayed morning bus service, and will begin at 11:00. Buses will arrive to stops 2 hours later than usual. Dismissal is the regular 3:00.

Donation Item of the Month...Suspended again...

Again, our BBLC Donation Item of the Month will be suspended...let's help others in need! Please consider donating a new, unwrapped toy to our Toys for Tots Drive, December 3 through 7.



May We Have Your Card?

If you can spare one, we would love to include your holiday picture card in our hallway display! It will be captioned "Our Cool Families Have Warm Hearts". Simply send one in your child's folder--we'd love to post it!

Reminders:

- We go outside. Even if it is cold. Of course, if the ground is covered in snow, or the wind chill is unsafe or too-too cold, we will stay indoors for recess. Please send in coats, hats, and MITTENS labeled with names. (Band-aids are great for labeling knitted items.) **We absolutely prefer MITTENS**, as gloves have 10 fingers, and 10 fingers times lots of little people equals a whole lot of extra time spent bundling up. If your child wears a light coat in the car, please hand me a heavier one for recess at the arrival door.
- Clementines and hard boiled eggs continue to be popular food items brought in lunchboxes. If your child is unable to peel them independently, please be sure to peel them at home. Especially as we enter cold/flu season, we are very mindful of touching the children's actual food items.
- Please remember that if your child is unable to manage a runny nose (especially if it is running green), or to catch coughs in his/her elbow, it's best to keep him/her home for some rest and cozy snuggles. Children must be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school. If prescribed an antibiotic, he/she must have had 24 hours of doses before returning to school. If a little one "goes downhill" while at school, I may be calling for an early pick-up. Everyone's safety and comfort are priorities. We do not administer medications while at school, except in cases of emergency. We do our best to keep students and staff healthy, and appreciate your help with this.

Thanks so much for your attention and support! A joyous holiday season to all!
Michele Burchell

Important Dates...

- December 1 -- 2019-2020 In-House Registration Begins; 9AM; enter through left-most front door on Mechanics
- December 3 -- Mindful Monday; Pre-Reg required; 1:30 pick-up
- December 5 -- Last FF New Dance Workshop class; 1:45 pick-up; no Reg Lunch Bunch
- December 7 -- Groovy Guests Barn Nature Center; 1:30 pick-up; No Reg Lunch Bunch
- December 3 through 7 -- Toys for Tots Collection
- December 18 --Step One Holiday Hullabaloo 10:40 a.m.; one adult guest per child invited
- December 19-- Holiday Shows for Step 2, PreK, K. See invitations for timing.
- December 21-- Half Day for Kindergarten with bus service and 12:00 Dismissal; No Lunch; No Lunch Bunch for Preschool
- December 24 to January 1-- School Closed -- Winter Break
- January 2-- School resumes--Happy New Year!

