



## Building Blocks Learning Center 2019

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Happy New Year to all of our Building Blocks Families! We hope your holidays were filled with lots of fun and family time! We are grateful to you for all of the thoughtful and generous gestures and comments that you extended to us this holiday season. We also appreciate all of the delicious goodies that were donated for our holiday programs.



With the hectic days of the holiday behind us, we look forward to getting the children back into their school routine. January provides us with many interesting topics to explore! We'll kick off the New Year with the wonders of winter - weather exploration, frozen fun and arctic animals. We will also take a look at animals that live in zoo habitats. Naturally, that leads to a study of hibernation and of those animals that sleep away their winter days. Wow! That's just in time to meet Punxatawney Phil on Groundhog Day at the beginning of February!



*Registration* for the 2019-20 school year is under way.

Thank you to those who have already sent in their forms. Any checks for fees or tuition deposits sent in December will be deposited this month. If you haven't sent in your registration form and plan to join us next year, please let me know as soon as possible. ***This month our available seats for next year open up to the public.*** If you know of anyone who might be interested in BBLC, please have them give us a call to schedule a visit. We'd love to introduce our school to them!



## Illness and School Attendance

Sadly, the little bugs that usually strike during the winter months made an early arrival in November and December of our school year. Many of our children were "down for the count" with the various viruses that make the rounds. We assure you that we are being vigilant with the washing and disinfecting of toys and surfaces that the children come in contact with on a daily basis. That said, most germs spread rapidly from child to child contact. We reiterate, that if your child is not himself/herself due to runny nose and or coughing, etc, chances are, they are contagious. This is especially true at the beginning of an illness. Please help us be proactive in fighting these illnesses and keep your child home until they are feeling better. It takes a village - especially during the winter months!



## Tax I.D.

Tax season is not far away. If you need it, please note that our Tax I.D. number is located on the bottom right of your tuition envelope.



## Vision Screening

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of this month we will be visited by a representative from the Bucks Co. Association of the Blind for our annual vision screening. Each year this valuable screening identifies a few children that need further eye examinations. While participation is optional we always encourage parents to take advantage of this tool. Children take part in an activity that they think of as a game, but alerts the screener to possible vision issues. A form will be sent home shortly for your permission to include your child.



**No School.** . .School will be closed on Monday, January 21st to observe the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Enjoy a nice long winter weekend!



**SNOW.** . .It's that time of year! It's probably a given that we'll experience some snowy days in the coming months. Just a reminder, if Pennridge School district is closed, we are also closed. If there is a one hour delay, BBLC will

be delayed one hour. If there is a two hour delay, BBLC morning class will be delayed **only one hour**, opening at **10:00 a.m.** (with morning extended to 12:00) and afternoon Pre K will begin on time. If we come to school and the weather turns stormy, consult the computer/radio/TV for early dismissal announcements. In this case we will also try to contact you.



**Dressing for Weather.** . . While we are on the subject, now is the time to dig into those backpacks and put a "winter" change of clothing into the bags we use for emergencies. Also, if the weather is sunny and not "too wet" out, we try to get the children outside for fresh air. Please send your child to school with hats, mittens and warm jackets, even if you keep an extra set stashed in the backpack - just in case. Labeled with names is helpful since everyone claims the Frozen or Paw Patrol hats as their own. (Even if they don't own one!!)



## **DONATION OF THE MONTH**

Due to the continual generosity of our families, we are in good shape this month with regard to donations. Many thanks!

Just for your information, St. Peter's has a large donation box at the main entrance for any **coats, hats, gloves, boots** that families have outgrown. So if you are looking to make space in closets and have usable articles like these, your donations would be appreciated. These items are sent to a local shelter for those in need.

### **DECEMBER DONATION WINNERS:**

**Step 1** - Aubrey Kovacs    **Step 2** - Grace Clayton    **Pre K** - Dylan Knox

### *Dates to Remember:*

Jan. 7 - 8    Scholastic Book orders due

21    Martin Luther King school holiday

23-24    Vision Screening by Bucks Co. Assoc. for the Blind

