

February 2019 Newsletter

Building Blocks Learning Center

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Spreading the Word...

A sincere thank you to our families for recommending our wonderful school to others. We are so appreciative of your gracious comments and look forward to meeting new prospective families! Please have your friends, neighbors, and acquaintances call the office to schedule visits. A handful of seats remain open in Step One for the 2019-2020 school year.

Donation Item of the Month...

Thanks for all the rolls of paper towels! During the month of February, we will be collecting aerosol cans of disinfectant. Lysol or store brands are great! (Store brand can be half the price of Lysol--I love a good bargain!) We so appreciate all donations and will enter all donators in a Free Lunch Bunch/Book Drawing at the end of the month! Congratulations to Margaux in PreK, winner of the January drawing!



Valentine's Day...

Classroom parties are scheduled for Tuesday, February 12 for Step 1 classes, and Wednesday, February 13 for all other classes. **This particular party is for the children only.** If you signed up to help with party treats, classroom teachers will be sending home pink reminder slips.

Children are encouraged to bring cards for classmates, but please consult class calendars and teacher blurbs for any specific details concerning card preparation. Since we like to allow the children to hand out their own cards (one for you, and one for you, and...), we usually recommend that the outside envelopes or "To:" section not be addressed (leave them blank) for those children who cannot read classmates' names.



Don't forget to wear your Valentine RED AND PINK!!

Reminder about Held Seats...

If your child's seat for next school year is being held with a \$75 registration fee, the May 2020 tuition deposit is due by **March 1**. Reminders indicating amount due will be sent home shortly. **Please be cognizant of this due date to avoid disappointment, and certainly let me know if there are any special circumstances.** If you've had a change in plans, and your child will not be returning next school year, please let me know ASAP.

Music News...

In true rockstar fashion, Mr. Mitchell's band has gained increasing popularity, and sadly, he can no longer commit to BBLC on a consistent weekly basis. Mr. Anthony filled in as our guest Music Teacher a week or two ago, and we were thrilled to have him! I have contracted Dayle Magida, of Dayle Music, to provide our students with some fun and educational music classes, beginning in February. We welcome Miss Dayle to BBLC! Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Anthony may still make appearances, depending on availability.



Breakfast With Buddies...

Step 2 and Pre-K classes (and a loved adult) will be participating in our exciting program, "Breakfast with Buddies". This special time of sharing is a morning event, during school time (9:00 to 9:30 am), taking place in March. Please consult the Important Dates section below and mark the appropriate date on your calendars. We understand that arrangements may need to be made for an adult to attend, and want to give you plenty of planning time. RSVP sheets will come home shortly. Please note that BBLC will have Mother's Day programs (just for Moms) scheduled for May. Perhaps you can use this "Breakfast with Buddies" program as an excellent opportunity for another adult (dad, grandparent, etc.) to come in and share a special school moment. Only one adult guest per child is invited; siblings cannot be accommodated.



General Notes:

- Our EIN # is 23-2435162, for those who need it for tax purposes.
- We keep a "just in case" stash of extra clothes at school for emergencies. We are currently in need of clothing in larger sizes, specifically sweatpants/long sleeved shirts in size 5/6. We also could use some larger shoes--size 12 or bigger. If your children have outgrown any items, and you would like to donate them to BBLC, simply send 'em in! Thanks!
- When dropping off, please, please keep your child buckled into his/her car seat until your car comes to a stop in our driveway. I am seeing many little ones standing up/sitting in front seats as cars are coming in. We are all aware of the dangers of this.
- Last call for this pretty ceramic dish--is it yours?



Important Dates...

- February 1 -- Progress Reports for Kindergarten
- February 2 --Groundhog Day
- February 6, 13, 20, 27 Fun Frolics--Kid Fitness; Pre-Reg required; No walk-in Lunch Bunch
- February 11--Mindful Monday; Pre-Reg. required
- February 11--Scholastic orders due
- February 12/13-- Valentine Parties
- February 14 through 18 -- **School Closed**--Presidents' Day Break
- February 19-- PLUS class begins for 5-Day PreK
- March 1--May 2020 Deposits Due for next year's enrollment
- March 4--Breakfast with Buddies for Mrs. Szabo's Step Two
- March 5--Breakfast with Buddies for Mrs. Villalba's and Mrs. Kreisher's PreKs
- March 6--Breakfast with Buddies for Mrs. Wegeler's Step Two and Mrs. Dougherty's PreK

