

December 2019 News

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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 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 17 (for Step One classes; one adult per child is invited; no siblings), and Wednesday, December 18 (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.** Programs will last approximately 45 minutes. All children, including Kindergartners, will be ready to go home with you directly after the festivities. Rumor has it that the joyful Santa will be appearing at the 12/18 program, so be sure to bring your cameras!

Toys For Tots...

Please consider participating in BBLC's Annual Toys For Tots holiday collection. December 9 through December 13, we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys. This is another wonderful opportunity for our students to learn about the importance of helping others who may not be as fortunate as themselves. Green info sheets came home in folders last week.



Registration...

Registration begins for the 2020-2021 school year for our in-house families on December 2. Bright purple info sheets, along with registration forms, came home previously for your review. Additional copies are available on our website BuildingBlocksPA.com under "Parent Resources". Any questions, be sure to ask!!



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

In the event of an inclement weather day, please do not call the school to inquire about our status. I may 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. We respect your decision.

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 9 through 13.

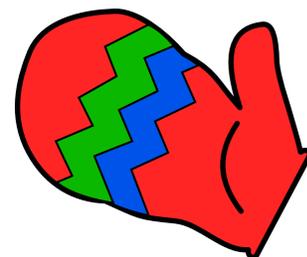
May We Have Your Card?

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:

- If your child is unable to put on gloves independently, then **we absolutely prefer that you send in MITTENS**, as gloves have 10 fingers. 10 fingers times lots of little people equals a whole lot of extra time spent bundling up. The dollar stores sell GREAT little mittens--so much easier to put on than the big ski gloves!!
- All outerwear including hats, coats, and mittens need NAME LABELS.
- 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 2 -- 2020-2021 In-House Registration Begins. Purple sheet has all info.
December 4 -- Last FF New Dance Workshop class; 1:45 pick-up
December 6--Groovy Guests--Barn Nature Center (donations accepted this day); 1:30 pick up;
NO walk in LB.
December 9 through 13 -- Toys for Tots Collection
December 17 --Step One Holiday Hullabaloo 10:40 a.m.; one adult guest per child invited
December 18-- Holiday Shows for Step 2, PreK, K. See invitations for timing. Children go home directly after shows. No PM bus service fro Kndg.
December 20-- Half Day for Kindergarten with two-way bus service and 12:00 Dismissal; No Lunch; No Lunch Bunch for Preschool
December 23 to January 1-- School Closed -- Winter Break
January 2-- School resumes--Happy New Year!

