

April 2020 News
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A BOUQUET OF THANKS:

1. A monumental THANK YOU to our BBLC staff for all their dedication and resourcefulness in delivering lesson plans, craft ideas, and online resources and support to our families during the first two weeks of school closure. Thank you for being the super ladies that you are! It wouldn't be Building Blocks if it weren't for our talented team!
2. A huge THANK YOU to our families for doing such a wonderful job with "homeschooling". The pictures you've shared (and hopefully will continue to share with each other) are fabulous--smiling, happy children being proud of their efforts. Great work, moms and dads--you are rockin' it!
3. THANK YOU to everyone who donated to our Safe Stuff Collection a few weeks ago. The response was so very generous and amazing! The abundant donations from our families will benefit so many people in need--especially now that the pandemic has affected supply levels of several items. Please know that your efforts are deeply appreciated!

NO NEWS YET ABOUT A REOPEN DATE...

Governor Wolf's most updated announcement from 3/30 indicated that schools in PA will be closed indefinitely, with no reopen date given. BBLC will follow the directives given by the governor and the PA Department of Education. We certainly HOPE that schools can safely reopen at some point. To say that we are missing our students is an absolute understatement. We can't wait to get back to our happy place. Keep your eyes/ears open for any future press releases or announcements. If/when a firm reopen date is given, I'll get an action plan out as soon as possible!

REMINDERS:

- Teachers are currently unable to monitor their email accounts. Please direct all correspondence to me. I am happy to hear from you! However, please continue to post pictures and messages to class threads, so that children are able to see each other and share their accomplishments and activities.
- Please check your JUNK folders regularly. I want to ensure you are receiving all school communications. Depending on your settings, some important messages may be going into your SPAM.

- If any of our beloved families are in need of anything, please reach out to me. I may be able to help. I can shop, deliver, etc. My email addresses are wide open!
- We love our students, our families, and our school. Our world will get through this. Be safe.

AND NOW, HERE'S THE **HUGE** ANNOUNCEMENT:

We have arranged for a super-spectacular **BUILDING BLOCKS PARADE!!**

Please, please mark your calendars! On Thursday morning, April 9th, we will be hosting a parade so that your children can see their teachers again! (insert all BBLC staff doing the happy dance here!) We are asking parents to decorate your cars...tissue paper flowers, window markers, streamers, signs, whatever you've got! Your cars and your children will be "on parade" while our staff will be standing along the parade route, smiling and cheering. We all could use a little pick-me-up and this is designed to be a safe, uplifting event to bring the students, families, and staff a little connected joy. Getting ready for the parade will be half the fun! I'll post a video or two about it so that we, together, can build a sense of excited anticipation for the children--what a great thing to look forward to--for everyone!



Of course, I will be sending out an email (or two) with the procedures of how this will work--it has to be safe, organized, and in accordance with the social distancing guidelines and the agreement made with the location. No families or children will exit the cars; no cars will park; no exchanges of any materials. Teachers will stay more than 6 feet away from the cars and we'll all just enjoy being out and seeing familiar, loving faces! This event is not designed to be a "social gathering"; it's more of a drive-thru mental health and welfare check provided by BBLC.

After many attempts to find a location that would accept us, the Middle Bucks Institute of Technology at 2740 York Road in Jamison has so graciously allowed us to use their parking lot and their campus on 4/9. The parade route, staggered arrival times, and rules will be sent in an email shortly. Please look for it and **PLEASE** plan to attend. The parade will only take a few minutes, but the smiles will be priceless! Our staff is beyond excited to make this happen!

