



December 2020 News

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Let's continue to be smart and safe...

December is quickly approaching and we again clearly ask our school population for extreme caution and consideration when sending your children to school. We will welcome students back on Wednesday, 12/2. For the benefit of all, please adhere to all requirements regarding health, travel, and general COVID precautions. Now is not the time to take chances.....please keep your children home a few extra days if you have taken any Thanksgiving celebratory risks including gathering with folks outside of your household...if you have traveled outside of PA, a negative test result or 14-day quarantine is required before returning to school...sick children should be kept home. Thank you for your cooperation and transparency. We are all relying on each other to make smart and safe decisions.

Thank You...

A sincere thank you for your overwhelming response to our Baby Drive. Many little ones will be cozy and warm this winter, thanks to all of you!

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. 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 will do my best to communicate our status via email and REMIND, but just in case power is out, be aware of these alternate methods of communication.) Please remember that it is not the normal policy of BBLC to make up any missed school time due to inclement weather.

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 morning class preschool session from **11:00 to 12:30**, with no snack. The afternoon Pre-K class will be held from **1:30 to 3:00**, with no snack. 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 3:05. Lunches are needed.

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!



Registration for the 2021-2022 school year...



An optional Drive-Thru Registration, for full day Kindergarten ONLY, will be held from 8am to 9am on Tuesday, December 1 (no classes for students this day). All other registration forms can be sent in folders, starting on Wednesday, 12/2. Info sheets, along with registration forms, came home previously for your review. Please let me know if you are in need of any additional forms and remember that only the \$80 Registration Fee (cash or check) is due at time of registration for returning families. The May 2022 tuition deposit can be deferred to March 1. (If you elect to defer the May deposit, I have decided to bill that fee electronically--saves me trips to the bank.) You are guaranteed a preschool seat for your child, as long as registration forms are submitted in December.

Toys For Tots...

Please consider participating in BBLC's Annual Toys For Tots holiday collection. December 7 through December 11, 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. Info sheets came home in folders last week. Our Donation Item of the Month will again be suspended in December, in favor of our Toys for Tots Drive.



Holiday Celebrations...



In class, we will be learning about various Winter Holidays, and although we cannot hold our traditional holiday shows and family activities, there's still plenty of holiday fun to be had! We've even decided to bring some of the holiday magic OUTSIDE! Be on the lookout for some special winter surprises in our driveway--as the December days go by, children will be contributing to an Outdoor Winter Wonderland which will be sure to bring twinkles to their eyes and smiles to their faces!

Saturday With Santa...

At this time, we are planning to move ahead with this event on Saturday, December 19! Holiday magic is not canceled, and this event is designed with all possible safety measures in place--Santa will visit with individual families (no lines--by appointment only) outdoors with plenty of social distance. Santa sits on one bench; your family sits on the other, more than six feet away. Everyone, including Santa, wears masks. We'll have a cozy holiday area prepared in the front courtyard where families can meet with the jolly fellow. If interested, look for a SignUp Genius to arrive in the next day or two. Once our appointments are full, we cannot accommodate any more visits. Santa needs to get back to the North Pole...



Returning from the Winter Break...Mark your calendars

In the spirit of safety, I am changing our "return to school" date from Monday, January 4 (as stated on the school calendar) to **Thursday, January 7**. Please mark your calendars. This gives us more days away from school after any New Year's get-togethers. Those three extra days will be made up in June. Our amended Winter Break will take place from December 23 to January 6. School resumes 1/7.

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. MITTENS are our friends...
- All outerwear including hats, coats, and mittens need **NAME LABELS**.
- Please remember to wash your child's mask after each school day and his/her backpack and coat regularly.
- Our classroom windows remain open--please be sure your child has an extra zip-up sweatshirt in the backpack each and every school day.
- With the new PA Travel advisory affecting ALL TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF PA, I have added a third question to arrival safety screening. The questions are now: Any symptoms? Any exposure? **Any travel?** Bus riders are asked to self-monitor for these same questions before leaving for the bus stop.



Thanks so much for your attention and courteous support! Together, we can continue humming along, happily and safely. A merry, healthy, and joyous holiday season to all!
Michele

Important Dates...

November 30--No classes; day to be made up in June

December 1--No classes; day to be made up in June; December tuition invoices sent; Drive Thru Reg for Kindergarten only, 8am to 9am

December 8--December tuition Due

December 7 thru 11--Toys for Tots Collection

December 19--Saturday with Santa (Look for SignUp Genius)

December 21/22--Special Holiday Crafts and Snacks

December 23 to January 6-- School Closed -- Winter Break

January 7--School Resumes

