

March 2020 News

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Spring is Coming!!

Signs of the new season should hopefully be popping up soon! Look for peeking daffodils and tender buds. Listen for robins singing in the trees. Feel for the warm sunlight coming through your windows. Celebrate the start of Spring! (Did we even have a real winter??)

Thank You

Thank you to all who contributed to the classroom Valentine Parties. The children enjoyed the treats and were super-excited to hand out their valentines!

Breakfast With Buddies

Step 2 and Pre-K classes, and their special adults, are invited to participate in our exciting program, "Breakfast With Buddies". Salmon-colored information forms have already gone out--please return to teachers promptly. Children and adults will enjoy some treats and reading time; a short but sweet classroom presentation will follow. Adults should park in the lot, walk up the driveway, and escort children in through the arrival door. Try to arrive as close to 9:00 as possible, as this is a shorter event. We look forward to a great morning together! Adults--feel free to bring your lidded warm beverage! We'll have plenty of donuts and finger foods. Please note that this program can only accommodate one adult per child; this is not a whole family event. Siblings cannot be accommodated. (Mother's Day, just for moms, is around the corner, so you may want to use this program as an opportunity for another adult to attend.) See dates for specific classes below. Those adult guests who are not familiar to me will be asked for photo ID.

Stranger Danger

Learning about "Stranger Danger" and personal safety will be covered in all classrooms during the month of March. Short videos, coloring pages, stories, and age-appropriate class discussions will be utilized by our teachers to cover this topic. The date for these lessons will be noted on each teacher's classroom calendar so that you can follow up at home with your child.



The Wearing of the Green

Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day! Please dress your children in their lucky green for some Leprechaun Fun! Check classroom calendars for your class's date to celebrate.

Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences...

The majority of Spring Conferences will be held Thursday, April 9. (Mrs. Szabo's conferences will be held on alternate dates.) There is no school this day to allow for this special informative time with our parents. **All parents will be receiving an email with a link to SignUp Genius. Please sign up online for a conference time.** Once you sign up, be sure to mark your personal calendars with your conference time. Be on the lookout for the emailed invitation; I will be sending them out within in the next few days. PreK and Kindergarten will offer regular (face-to-face) conference slots, while Steps One and Two will offer both regular and phone conferences. We highly recommend scheduling a conference.

May 2021 Tuition Deposits

... are respectfully due by **March 1st**. Reminders have been sent home previously, noting amounts due. Failure to submit this deposit on time may result in the forfeiture of your child's seat. Please make me aware of any special circumstances.

Safe Stuff Collection

Our final community outreach event of the school year is our "SAFE STUFF" collection which will take place March 2 through March 13. We are collecting much-needed items for A Woman's Place, a local agency which supports victims of domestic violence and their children. This is NOT a typical food drive; their needs are very specific:

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| -peanut butter | -jelly | -boxed cereal |
| -tomato products | -canned fruit | -boxed mac and cheese |
| -baby wipes | -disinfectant wipes | -paper towels |
| -toilet paper | -canned corn/carrots | -rice |

Please consider donating an item or two from the list, and refer to the bright purple info sheets which came home in folders. Kindly remember to check expiration dates. What an excellent opportunity to teach our children about kindness, giving back, and support for others!



Donation Item of the Month--Suspended

Congratulations to James N., the lucky winner of our February drawing! There is no Item of the Month in March; we kindly ask for help with our "Safe Stuff" collection instead. Please see above.



Calling all Campers!...Summer Fun Camp is Coming!

We start enrollment in our very popular Summer Fun Camp program in late March. We will offer two weeks of camp, **June 2-3-4 and June 9-10-11**. The time would be from 9 am to 12 pm, with an optional "happy magic" add-on program scheduled for the last day. Children can register for one or both weeks. Our fun-filled themes this year are "Pirates and Mermaids" where we'll take on some silly yo-ho-ho sea adventures, and "Healthy and Happy Camp" where we'll take a goofy look at taking care of ourselves. Look for bright orange brochures to come home in folders. Seats are limited and are filled on a first-come basis. (All independently potty-trained students are eligible to attend camp.) Camp is always a ton of wacky fun and spots usually fill quickly!



Vision Screening

Our annual Vision Screening is scheduled for mid April. An info sheet will go home shortly stating the actual date your child's class will be screened. This is a service provided by the Bucks County Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Using this service for your child is voluntary, but highly recommended. Every year, irregularities are detected when none were suspected. Parents are required to sign the consent form before the screening can take place. The cost of this worthwhile service is simply a donation. Again, this service is purely optional.



TAX INFORMATION

Again, our tax id number is **23-2435162**. If you need 2019 tuition information, please consult your tuition envelope from last school year. It notes your check numbers and amounts paid from January through May 2019 (the envelope was marked with an orange or red label saying "KEEP THIS ENVELOPE"); this year's envelope lists information for September through December 2019. **Please use those resources to calculate tuition totals.** If you are still stuck, here's a shortcut--take last school year's monthly tuition amount and multiply by 5 (Jan-May). Then, take this year's monthly tuition amount and multiply by 4 (Sept-Dec). Add the two amounts together to find the total tuition paid for 2019.

Reminders:

- As we are still in the midst of "winter sickness" season, please remember that children need to be fever/vomit/diarrhea-free for **24 hours** before returning to school. And, your child needs to be energized and ready for a busy day, as well. Administering Tylenol/Motrin before school in order to keep a fever/aches at bay is simply not in the best interest of your child or anyone else at school. Please remember that for everyone's protection, I will be sending home children who are showing uncomfortable symptoms of illness.
- At Lunch Bunch, we encourage your child to eat all the food that has been packed. We start with the main food, then go on to side dishes like yogurts, fruits/veggies, and then on to chips/desserts. Children generally have about 30/40 minutes to eat, followed by activity.



Important Dates

March 2 through 13--Safe Stuff Collection

March 2 -- Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

March 4, 18, 25--Fun Frolics--Dance (no class 3/11 and no walk-in PreK LB)

March 6--Groovy Guests--Dr. Zing Zong (no walk-in LB)

March 10/12/17/19/24/26/31--PLUS class till 2:30

March 11, 12, or 13 -- Breakfast with Buddies (check classroom calendars)

March 2 or 27 or 30--Step 2 classes to ACME (check classroom calendar for your date)

March 13 -- Scholastic orders due

March 16/17-- St. Patrick's Day Fun (check classroom calendars--wear your green!)

March 17--Kindergarten Family Fun Day

March 23--Mindful Monday, no walk-in LB

