



# THE BBLC SCOOP

BUILDING BLOCKS LEARNING CENTER- HILLTOWN  
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



The staff of Building Blocks Learning Center extend a warm welcome to our old friends and new families as we usher in the 2020-21 school year. Our year will look a bit different from past years, but rest assured, we will do our best to make each and every day a safe, happy, fun-filled experience for your child.

This monthly newsletter is intended to give an overview of the month and highlight important information you will need to know to navigate the school days ahead. In addition, classroom teachers will send home a calendar of specifics to your child's class each month.

This month the children will devote much time to learning about their classmates; what traits we have in common and what makes each of us unique. We'll share stories about our families and, of course, our beloved pets!

And so our journey together begins! As always, we are grateful for the opportunity you have given us to join in the experience of watching your children blossom and grow!

## On-line Tuition Payments

Beginning in September, tuition payments will be made online, eliminating the back and forth transfer of the Tuition Envelope. On the first of each month you will receive, via email, your invoice for that month. Please check your spam or junk mail boxes, in case it lands there! Tuition payments will be accepted no later than the 8th of the month, with a reminder sent to you on the 7th. This will help to avoid any late fees. Any questions regarding this new procedure, please contact Michele at [office@bblcinc.com](mailto:office@bblcinc.com)

# HELPFUL HINTS TO GET THE YEAR STARTED

Here are a few tips from the teachers that will make for an easier transition to school for your child:

Show your enthusiasm about the school experience. If you are excited and confident, your child will be, too.



Make your goodbyes simple, quick and cheerful. Hard for you when there are tears, but easier for your child in the long run.

Please remember to keep your cell phone on and with you while your child is at school. This is the fastest and easiest way for us to reach you!

Please empty your child's backpack and check folders after each class session. Take time to discuss the projects created by your child. In light of Covid 19 woes, frequently give the folder and backpacks a sanitary wipe down.



Keep school clothes as simple and manageable as possible. Easy, simple clothing makes potty visits much easier and encourages independence. Remember sneakers or rubber soled shoes are the safest choice for school activities. Always be sure to keep a complete, extra set of clothes in a bag in your child's backpack. Don't forget that spare mask!



Be patient in these first few weeks of school, as we all are learning new school routines. Most importantly, revel in the carefree innocence of your preschooler!

## "NO PHONE ZONE"

STAYING CONNECTED TO YOUR CELL PHONE IS IMPORTANT, BUT PLEASE REMEMBER THAT OUR CAR LOOP AND PICK-UP AREA ARE "NO PHONE ZONES". FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE, IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT YOU FOCUS ALL YOUR ATTENTION ON THE MOVING CARS AND PEDESTRIANS IN THE CAR LINE. AFTER TEMPERATURE TAKING, PARENTS WILL QUICKLY RETURN TO CARS TO KEEP THE LINE MOVING FORWARD. UPON PICK-UP, GREET YOUR CHILD WITH UNDIVIDED ATTENTION, AS YOU CROSS THE BUSY PARKING LOT, UNTIL THEY ARE SAFELY BUCKLED IN THEIR CAR SEATS. THE PARKING LOT CAN BE A VERY BUSY PLACE AND SAFETY IS OUR UTMOST CONCERN! THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION ON THIS MATTER.

## DONATION OF THE MONTH

Our generous families are always asking what we need to help us out! So again this year, when there is a need, we are going to suggest a specific, monthly donation item from each class. These items help to keep our students healthy, safe and comfortable at school. Our needs will be expressed in each month's newsletter. Of course, your donations are always voluntary, but ever appreciated!

**September need: napkins**

## GIANT A+ REWARDS



HUGS for all of our families and friends of BBLC Hilltown who registered their Giant bonus card for our school. In the past, Reward points earned helped us purchase a mountain climber for the playground, a brand new piece of equipment for our children to enjoy in the “Big Room”, a large whiteboard for use in the classroom, new flooring for a classroom area and enabled us to present the Barn Nature Center program last year!

This year the Rewards helped to defray the cost of the “sneeze guards” for each classroom.! The Giant A+ program, has been retired as of this school year. It is being reworked to aid community food needs, going forward. We are ever so grateful for your past participation!

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 9/9 **Step 2 Parent/Child Orientation 9:00 – 10:15 Group 1**  
**Step 2 Parent/Child Orientation 10:45 – 12:00 Group 2**
- 9/10 **Step 1 Parent/Child Orientation 9:00 -10:30 Group 1**  
**Step 1 Parent/Child Orientation 10:45 – 12:00 Group 2**
- 9/11 **Pre K Parent/Child Orientation 9:00 – 10:15 Group 1**  
**Pre K Parent/Child Orientation 10:45 – 12:00 Group 2**
- 9/14 **Step 2 Regular session 9:00 – 11:45**  
**Pre K Regular session 12:30 – 3:15**
- 9/15 **Step 1 graduated session 9:00 – 10:30**
- 9/22 **Step 1 graduated session 9:00 - 11:15**
- 9/29 **Step 1 regular session 9:00 - 11:45**

9/ 16-17 **Scholastic Book Orders due (flyer to school (check) or online)**