

June 2021 Newsletter

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A Simple Message...

WE DID IT! To all the wonderful BBLC staff, families, and students--a huge bouquet of thumbs ups, pats on the back, high fives, and fist bumps. Together, despite COVID and all of its uncertainties, we made this school year a great one! Thanks for sticking with us and trusting us to always put health and safety first. For the last year, we've had to be flexible and patient, understanding and transparent, creative and diligent...I warmly and fiercely applaud ALL of our efforts...

Donation Item of the Month--Thank you!

You have been so very generous throughout the school year! A zillion thanks! We have put your donations to good use and please know that we fully appreciate each and every item!

Congratulations to the Allen family, the winner of our May Drawing-- a spring collection of Scholastic Books is headed your way!

I scream, you scream, we ALL scream for ICE CREAM!

Most classes will be having ice cream as a special end-of-year snack treat! Please let me know if you would prefer that your child not partake.



Summer Fun Mini-Camp...

If you have registered for our Summer Fun Mini-Camp program, brightly-colored class assignment sheets came home in folders this week. PLEASE KEEP THESE PAPERS for your reference. Camp is intentionally designed to be different from school--your children will be placed with both familiar faces and new friends and teachers. The driveway loop will be open for Oceans of Fun, beginning at 8:45 on Wednesday 6/9 and Thursday 6/10.

Farewell...

A loving farewell to all of our students and their families who are moving on...we have tremendously enjoyed having you, and wish you only good things in the years to come! Please keep in touch--send us holiday cards, drop us an email, stop by to say "hi"! We would love to hear all about your super accomplishments! Be safe and be well...

End-of-Year Housekeeping...

- When our school year is over, I will be deleting all REMIND users (this is the texting platform we've been using). For those who will be with us next school year--we'll definitely do that again! I think it worked well!
- I will not have daily office hours during the summer., but if you'd like to meet with me, I'm happy to arrange an appointment. You can always reach me by email or feel free to leave a voicemail on the school land line. I'll check messages frequently. I'll also gather school mail regularly, in case you'd like to send anything through the USPS.

Next School Year...

- If your child is registered for BBLC next year, you will be receiving a message the first week of August, outlining particulars for class assignment, playground day, and classroom orientation. Please be on the lookout. If you need to withdraw your child during the summer, I will be upholding our tuition policy. Withdrawals must be made in writing by June 30, 2021 to receive your May tuition deposit back. After that date, your deposit will be forfeited.
- Playground Days will be scheduled at the end of August and preschool classroom orientations will be held Thurs/Fri September 9/10. Kindergarten orientation will be held Tues, August 31.
- As much as I loved using electronic invoicing this year, we are not confident that we can continue. The fees have gone way up, and the school is simply not able to absorb the added increased costs. It looks like we'll be back to paper checks again.
- Please be reminded that if your child is enrolled in Step 2 (or older) for the Fall, he/she must be INDEPENDENTLY potty trained. This includes managing clothing and wiping. Take the summer to practice!
- Lastly, I am moving forward with my regular planning for next year. I've booked field trips, yoga/dance/music classes, child entertainers, etc. Even though we are not certain about what next year will look like at this point, I'm confident that we can safely integrate some of our pre-COVID programs into our year! I will continue to keep our families fully informed about any new procedures or guidelines, and how they relate to BBLC.

Dates to Remember

May 31--No School--Memorial Day

June 3--Kindergarten Celebration (see **ORANGE** info sheet for details); Last Day for Step One

June 4-- Kindg. Celebration Rain Date

June 7--Last day for all other classes

June 9&10--Summer Fun Mini-Camp

