

# April 2022 News

## Building Blocks Learning Center

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## Spring... A Time For New Beginnings

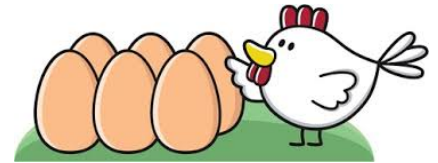
Every year, it is our BBLC tradition to bring a chick hatching project to school. Our eggs (all named with "B" names like Bruno, Buzz, and Big Bird) arrived on 3/28 and will stay in an incubator under our care, and are expected to hatch next week. We will then care for the baby chicks for a few days here at school.

In anticipation of this project, your child has brought home a paper chick to decorate with your family. Instructions for this chick decorating project were included. Paper chicks should be returned to school by April 1st, so that we can display them before our brood hatches.



eggs/chicks often.

From the first day the eggs arrived, there was a buzz of excitement and enthusiasm. Caring for the eggs throughout the embryonic development process provides excellent learning experiences and also an upfront and personal opportunity with nature. We will not only learn to care for the eggs and chicks, but also gain vocabulary like incubator, hatch, and brood. We read books about chicks and chickens, and visit the



Seeing new life firsthand, and all the awe and wonder it brings proves this project to be another excellent extension of our curriculum. Look for the birth announcement at the drop-off door when the eggs hatch, and be sure to check our Facebook page for updates!



## Summer Camp... "Party in the USA"!

Registration for BBLC's Summer Fun program is well under way--only a few seats remain open. June 6-9, campers will be involved in crafts, games, and activities revolving around our "Party in the USA" theme. Each day, we'll visit a different state and take part in some wonky fun from the north, south, east, and west!

## Thank You

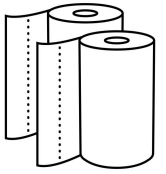
Thank you for your kind and thoughtful donations to our Safe Stuff Collection. Many will benefit from your generosity! Thanks for the wonderful response!

## Tuition

April will be the last month to pay tuition, as May was collected at time of registration. Payment envelopes will be returned and should be saved carefully for tax time.

## Donation Items of the Month--Paper Towels/Napkins/Tissues

Thanks so much for your consideration in donating a roll or two of paper towels, a box or two of tissues, or a package of plain white napkins. Children who donate will be entered in the Donation-Item-of-the-Month Book Drawing. Thanks in advance for your generosity!



## Memory Books

We have noticed that over the recent years, some families are starting "school memory books" for teachers to sign at the end of each school year. We are more than happy to do this, but please start sending in those books NOW. As you can imagine, our school days are very busy. It may take teachers several days to return your books with handwritten messages; we want to avoid the last-minute rush! Books, if desired, should be sent in by **May 6th** and will be returned before our regular school year concludes.



## Parent Conferences

Our in-person Parent Conferences will be held on Wednesday/Thursday, April 13&14. (Miss Diane's Step One class will have phone conferences.) Sign Up Genius will be sending you a reminder a few days beforehand. Please be extra prompt for your appointment, as teachers are on a tight schedule. **Kindly park in the lot and walk around to the front of the building. Enter from the Mechanics Street door near the outdoor classroom--do not use the Church Street door nor the door under the bridge. I will have the correct door CLEARLY MARKED.**



## Vision Screening

The Bucks County Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired will be at school in late April for voluntary vision screening. Donations are encouraged. Look for info/consent forms to come home in folders. No child can be screened without a signed consent. With their new tool, the screening takes approximately 30 seconds per child and is a very valuable opportunity.



## From our Health and Safety Plan

Just a reminder that children who are experiencing any Covid-like symptoms cannot attend school unless cleared by a physician/negative Covid test, or 5 days have passed since symptom onset. Individuals who are cleared for school but still experiencing cold symptoms must be able to efficiently cover coughs/sneezes with the insides of their elbows, and manage noses independently. If this respiratory etiquette is not secure, a mask is required and will be provided, if needed.



## Important Dates

- April 1--Decorated Paper Chicks Due
- April 4--Chicks hatch?
- April 8--April Tuition due
- April 13--No Lunch Bunch; Half day for Kindergarten w /bus; K Parent conferences
- April 14--No School--Parent Conferences
- April 15 & 18--School Closed--Spring Break
- April 21/22--Crazy Hair Days (check class calendars)
- April 28/29--Field trips for Kindg/PreK classes (check folders soon for permission slips)

### LOOKING AHEAD:

- May 24--Park Day (Bush Park) for Step One classes
- May 27--Park Day (Warwick Community Park) for all other classes; Kindg will NOT have PM session
- May 31--Last official day of Step One; Kindergarten Moving On Ceremony 1:45
- June 1--Last official day of all other classes; Half day for Kindergarten w /bus
- June 6-9--optional Summer Fun Camp days

