

BCP News & Notes

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"A quality Christian preschool education for the Bally Community and beyond"

Dates to Remember

~ **Saturday, October 25**

Fall Frolic – 3:30-5:00 PM

A family hayride and costume party at the Landis farm. (Please wear a costume showing something that God created!)

~ **Wednesday, November 5**

Mom's Morning Out

9:15-10:15 AM – additional information inside

~ **Monday, Nov. 24**

Thanksgiving Feast for Pre-K

The children are invited to stay for a Thanksgiving lunch, which they will help to prepare. Pick-up will be at 12 noon.

~ **Monday, Dec. 8 & Tuesday, Dec. 9**

Grandparent Day

Life Lesson: Hospitality

Grandparents are invited for circle and snack time.

~ **Wednesday, December 10**

Mom's Morning Out – 9:15-10:15 AM

~ **Sunday, December 14**

Christmas Program

6:30 PM



From Mrs. Bowman



Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful beginning to our school year. The children are happy and becoming very comfortable in our classroom. It is a joy to see them becoming friends. We are learning how to work and play in the room, to clean up after ourselves, and to sit nicely during our circle time. There is so much to learn and do; our time goes by very quickly. What pleasant and cooperative children you have!

Thank you for the lovely snacks. The children are encouraged to use their senses to explore new foods at snack time. We look, touch, smell, and taste (just a lick will do!). Some children have even changed their minds about what they will eat!

Our first "Life Lesson" was about Creativity. We learned that God created our world and that God gave us good minds so that we can be creative too. Since then we learned that God loves us and has made us each different and special.

Thank you for sharing your beautiful children with us! Mrs. Noska and I are having as much fun as the children. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Blessings to all,
Ellen Bowman

Thank You!

👉 This fall all the classes visited the Longacre's Orchard, and the Pre-K class visited Bauman's Apple Butter Factory to see how cider and apple butter are made. A big thank you to all the parents who helped to make our trips special!

👉 We also want to thank Mrs. Velda Beidler and Mrs. Fran Russell for volunteering in our Pre-K classroom. We are so grateful for all you do in the classroom and for your love and care.



Upcoming Activities

Color of the Week

This month we have begun our "Color of the Week" for the 3- year-old class. The colors are listed on the snack calendar. Please dress your child in that color and, if possible, bring in a snack of that color as well. We will include a variety of stories, songs, and activities to reinforce the color each school day.



Show and Tell and Letter of the Week

The Pre-K class has begun having "Show and Tell" on Friday's with the girls and boys alternating. The Letter of the Week is included on the snack calendar. Please send in only one item. Your child will be given an opportunity to stand before the class to show and tell us something about what they brought.

The 3-year-old class will begin their "Show and Tell" in January.

Fundraising Information

- ✓ Our **Dutch Mill Bulbs** sale was a great success! We cleared a profit of over \$800.00! The money will be used to benefit our program and your children. Thank you so much for your hard work and support.
- ✓ **BCP T-Shirts** are being sold to help promote our preschool within the community. They also make great holiday gifts! Orders and payment are due Friday, October 31st to ensure a Thanksgiving delivery. If you need an order form, please see a staff member.
- ✓ Save those **Campbell's Labels** for Education! We continue to earn points to put towards items for our classroom and playground. We have collected over 1, 025 points to date. Labels may be placed in the marked container above the children's coat rack.
- ✓ We continue to collect **Redner's Receipts** and **Redner's Quick Shop gas receipts** to participate in the Save-A-Tape program. We will earn 1% on your purchases to help our preschool. Receipts may be placed in the marked container above the children's coat rack.

Afternoon Three-Year-Old Class ~ Mrs. Carol Gehman

Time just seems to be flying in the afternoon preschool class. We are having a lot of fun learning how to play together and listening during Circle Time. The children have been very quick to learn each student's name as well as learn the routine of the classroom. They are enjoying the new activities they don't have at home. They also each like to be the Helper of the day.

In September we covered the themes of transportation, friends, seeds, and apples. In the beginning of October we went to Longacre's Orchard in which every preschool class participated on three different days. We learned a lot about the farm and the orchard. My favorite fact was that one tree actually produced three different kinds of apples. We had snack there and played on the playground. Fun was had by all. Thank you to the Longacre family for allowing us to come and visit!

October started color of the week. Each week until Christmas break, the children will be learning a new color. We have learned red, blue, and yellow. The children had fun making apple trees, blueberries, bluebirds, sun, moon, stars, and leaves. Next we will learn orange, black, green, brown, and purple.

One of my favorite things about this age is their ability to take in so much and have fun while doing it. One day while we were out on the playground the children found some ladybugs on a tree. It was fun for them to watch the many ladybugs walking around. Some even wanted to hold them. Of course we were careful not to hold any too tight. ;)



Mrs. Noska and I would like to thank you again for allowing us the privilege of watching your student learn and explore.

From the Music and Spanish Room ~ Mrs. Heather Martin



We've had quite a fun start to our school year, making music and learning Spanish. In our music time, we've done a lot more than just singing. We have been introduced to shakers and rhythm sticks, and have had a wonderful time exploring the different ways we can play them. We have also explored with colorful scarves as we sing and move to songs all about Autumn. Music games are always a lot of fun, as well, such as "Punchinello" and "Passing Around the Bells."

Our Spanish class has also gotten off to a great start. The Threes have learned to count up to five in Spanish, and the Pre-K class has learned all the way up to ten! Wow! This month we'll start learning about **la casa** (the house), and the names of things we see every day. Look for a word list to come home with your child, so you can keep up with what we are learning.

It is truly a joy working with your children, and I look forward to getting to know each of them in the months ahead.

Play & Learn Class ~ Mrs. Ann Longacre

The fall Play & Learn classes have started! Play & Learn meets Monday and Friday mornings for an hour and a half in the church nursery. There are five children in the Monday class and four in Friday's group. Parents take turns being a helper in the class each week. We are very busy from beginning to end with playtime, reading stories, singing songs, snack time, crafts, making new friends and learning about how God loves us. Fall is a wonderful time for learning about the changing seasons, leaves, apples and pumpkins just to name a few things. I am enjoying getting to know this wonderful group of children and their parents.



If you are interested in joining this special group of two-year-olds for the spring classes, please let us know! We are now accepting registrations and reserving spots in both the Monday and Friday classes. Spring classes start the week of March 2nd.

New Students

We are happy to receive calls inquiring about our preschool. New students are welcome at any time. Please invite your friends and neighbors to come in and visit. Our goal is to provide "a quality Christian preschool education for the Bally community and beyond". Please help spread the word!



Mom's Morning Out

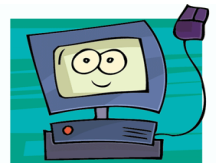
All Moms (and Dads!) are invited to join us on the first Wednesday of the month from 9:15–10:15 AM for coffee & refreshments, conversation, and prayer. The group meets in the upper level of the church in Room 1 next to the Nursery. Child care is provided at no cost to you. For our next meeting on *November 5*, feel free to bring your sewing machine to tackle a project or for a little help. Of course, if you just want to come and have conversation, that's fine too. We hope you can join us!

Winter Clothing

Everyone looks forward to our outside playtime. We will enjoy this beautiful weather while we can. Our playground can be a little cool in the morning. You may want to begin sending in hats and gloves. Please check your child's bag to see that their change of clothing is weather appropriate. We have occasionally needed to use them.

Email Address

Need to get in touch with us?



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Email may not be checked before school begins in the morning. If your child is sick, please call and leave a message on the phone answering machine.