

BCP News & Notes

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



From Mrs. Bowman

The Bally Community Preschool staff and students are so eager to say goodbye to winter and enjoy warmer weather. We think it should be coming soon. It is always exciting to have a chance to run and play outside and to look for signs of spring. It continues to be a joy to share our mornings with these wonderful children.

Our days in February included giving valentines to all our school friends and sharing stories of God's great love for us. We sent valentines to our parents and had a visit from Miss Judy from the Bally Post Office. We also learned about the job of a president and had a lot of fun with our dinosaurs, always a favorite!

In March we looked for that little green leprechaun, learned about the wind and kites, and celebrated Easter. We are thankful that Jesus brings new life.

April will be an exciting month. We will talk about rain and rainbows and the first signs of spring. We will be learning about how plants grow and planting some seeds for a Mother's Day surprise. (Shhhh, don't tell!) April showers bring May flowers, we hope!

Also in April we will get eggs and an incubator from Quiver Farms in Pennsburg. On Tuesday evening, April 29, if all goes well, you are invited to come to the classroom to see our newly hatched chicks!

Our May activities will include watching caterpillars change to butterflies, and learning about pets and baby animals. Pets, real or stuffed animals, are invited to come for a visit during the first two weeks of May. Please let us know if you have a pet to bring and we will arrange a day and time. Plans are also being made for each class to take a trip to visit some farm animals.

Other highlights have included our times of working and playing in the room, our letter of the week for the Pre-K class, and the excitement of show and tell. The children have matured and grown so much in these months. They are each very special and I am proud of each one. We will miss our 5 year olds who are heading off to Kindergarten next year. Good Luck!

You won't want to miss our Spring Program on Sunday, May 18 at 6:30 PM in the Church sanctuary. And as an end of the year celebration each class will have a special picnic lunch and playtime.

This first year of our new preschool has been very rewarding for me, our staff and Board of Directors, and the Bally Mennonite Church. We thank you for entrusting your precious children to us, and for your enthusiasm and support. We look forward to another year of learning and growing together. We continue to be thankful for God's blessing. Please let us know if we can help you in any way.

With appreciation, Mrs. Ellen Bowman

Dates to Remember

- ~ **The Months of April and May**
Parents are invited to be the guest reader on the day that their child is the snack helper.
- ~ **Tuesday, April 29 from 6:30-7:30 PM**
Visit the chicks in the classroom
- ~ **Sunday, May 4 from 2-4 PM**
Open House – Please spread the word!
- ~ **Friday, May 9**
Pre-K trip to Spring House Farm near Yellow House
- ~ **Tuesday, May 6**
3-Year-Old Class visits Lily Smith's Farm
- ~ **Wednesday, May 7, 9:15-10:15 AM**
Final Mom's Morning Out time for the school year – Please join us!
- ~ **Sunday, May 18 at 6:30 PM**
Spring Program in the church sanctuary
- ~ **Friday, May 23**
Pre-K class playtime and picnic at the Bally Community Park
- ~ **Monday, May 26**
BCP is Closed for Memorial Day
- ~ **Tuesday, May 27 from 10-12 noon**
3-Year-Old Class playtime and picnic at the Bally Community Park
- ~ **May 30 –**
Last Day of School



Upcoming Activities

Egg Hatching Project

Spring is the time for new life. We are getting ready to hatch eggs in an incubator from Quiver Farms.

Families are invited to see our newly hatched chicks on Tuesday evening, April 29 from 6:30-7:30.



Spring Program

Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to come to our Spring Program on Sunday, May 18 at 6:30 PM. This is the time when the children get to perform the songs they have been learning in preschool and music class. Refreshments will follow the program. Hope to see you there!



Pet Visitation

The first two weeks in May will be Pet Visitation. Pets, real or stuffed animals, are welcome to come for a visit to the classroom. Please let Mrs. Bowman or Mrs. Noska know if you have a pet to bring so arrangements can be made for a day and time.

Thank you!

...for all the support you have shown BCP this past school year! We had a fantastic Spaghetti Dinner in February and raised over \$2700! Scholastic Book orders have helped us earn new books for our classroom. The Redner's Save-A-Tape Program and Campbell's Soup Labels collections have been filling the pails! Keep them coming and save them over the summer to bring back in the fall. We look forward to all that God has in store for us in the coming year!

Play & Learn Class

The Play & Learn class is off to a great start and it's hard to believe we are halfway through the session!

There are two different classes with six wonderful, active children in each class.



We have a different theme each week with a story and craft to go with each theme. The first week we talked about what it is like to go to school for the first time and how it might be as hard for our moms and dads as it is for the children. We have also covered Easter, clouds, and growing plants and flowers from seeds.

While these themes are important and fun, equally important is how much the children are learning about God's creation and the world around them, and about sharing, taking turns and making new friends. It has been a joy to get to know the children and their families.

Mrs. Ann Longacre

Music and Spanish Classes

What a fun and exciting year we've been having in Music and Spanish times. We've learned so many new things, and now we are turning our thoughts to Spring. Music class is filled with songs about flowers, birds, and rainy days. We also enjoy using our imaginations as we listen and move to Tchaikovsky's "Waltz of the Flowers" from the Nutcracker, and Vivaldi's "Spring" from The Four Seasons.

Our current unit in Spanish is all about the things we see outside in the Spring. So when you and your child go to *el parque* to play, listen for the song of *un pájaro* in *el árbol*, look for a colorful *mariposa* on *una flor*, or count the *ocho piernas* of *una araña*.



Feliz Primavera! Happy Spring,
from Mrs. Heather Martin



Fall Registrations Are Underway

Thank you for getting in your preschool registrations for the fall. We continue to get calls inquiring about our program. We appreciate all the good things you have said about BCP. Word of mouth is our best method of advertising, so keep it up! Applications are available on the Internet at www.ballycommunitypreschool.org or see a staff member for more information. If you have not registered yet, please do so soon!