

BCP News & Notes

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



From Mrs. Bowman

Welcome spring! It has been a very long cold winter, with too many days of inside play. We are all celebrating the warm breezes and sunshine as we play on our playground and look for signs of spring. We are learning that April showers will bring May flowers.

The month of March we learned about the wind and made some beautiful kites. In like a lion, out like a lamb? We also had fun looking for the little Leprechaun who hid around the room and played tricks on us.

In April we decorated our school with daffodils and forsythia and learned about how plants grow. For Earth Day we will be planting some seeds for a Mother's Day surprise. (Shhhh, don't tell!) Also, on April 20 Quiver Farms in Pennsburg will deliver some eggs and an incubator. On Wednesday evening, April 29, if all goes well, you are invited to the classroom to visit the newly hatched chicks. We are thankful for Easter and that Jesus brings new life!

Our May activities will include watching caterpillars change into butterflies, and learning about pets and baby animals. Pets, real or stuffed animals, are invited to visit preschool the first two weeks of May. Please let us know if you have a pet to bring and we will arrange a day and a time. A field trip to explore other plants and animals is planned for each class.

Other highlights this spring have included our times of working and playing together in the classroom, and the "letter of the week" and show-and-tell for the Pre-K class. The children have matured and grown so much in the past few months. They are all very special and we are proud of each one. We will miss our 5 year olds who will be heading off to Kindergarten next fall. Good Luck!

You won't want to miss our spring program on Sunday, May 3 at 6:30 PM in the church sanctuary. Invite your friends and families. Parents and siblings are also invited to the picnic and playtime that each class will be having at the Washington Township Park by the Washington Elementary School to celebrate the end of a great school year.

This year of preschool has been very rewarding for our BCP Board of Directors, our staff, and for me. 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 with the children of our community. We continue to be thankful for God's blessings. Please let us know if we can help you in any way.

With appreciation, Mrs. Ellen Bowman

Dates to Remember

- ~ **April 1**
2009-2010 Registration is open to the community
- ~ **Monday, April 20**
Eggs and incubator delivered
- ~ **Wednesday, April 29**
6:30-7:30 PM ~ Chick Open House
Come and see what has hatched!
- ~ **Wednesday, May 6**
Mom's Morning Out ~ 9:15-10:15 AM
- ~ **Sunday, May 3**
Spring Program – 6:30 PM
- ~ **Sunday, May 17 – 2:00-4:00 PM**
Open House – Come and meet
Mrs. Roma, our new 3s teacher
- ~ **Monday, May 25**
No School ~ Memorial Day
- ~ **Thursday, May 28 & Friday, May 29**
Last Day of School for 3s and 4s
- ~ **Sunday, August 30 at 4:30 PM**
Family Picnic and Parent Meeting for
Students Enrolled for the 2009-2010
School Year



Spring Program ~ Sunday, May 3rd

Family and friends are invited to our annual Spring Program on Sunday, May 3 in the Sanctuary. This will be a time for the children to highlight special songs they have learned in their classrooms and during Music and Spanish times with Mrs. Martin. A time of refreshments will follow the program in the large fellowship hall.



Play & Learn Class

Sharing and caring seem to be the overarching themes of the 2009 Spring Play & Learn classes: learning how to share what we have and care for our friends. Each week also touches on a different springtime theme such as clouds and wind, kites, planting and growing, the wonder of spring and baby animals, just to name a few.



The children in each group all get along so well and love to play! We planted marigold seeds several weeks ago and have enjoyed watering the dirt and watching in amazement as they grow into small green seedlings. Each week at circle time the children love to anticipate what is going to be in “the box” which holds various treasures related to that week’s theme. We are looking forward to some nice, sunny days to play outside since we have been relegated indoors for the last several weeks.

It has been a joy to share this time with these beautiful children. ~ Mrs. Ann Longacre



Afternoon Three-Year-Old Class

Spring is definitely here! We are seeing the flowers opening up, the trees getting their leaves, and the birds singing their songs. We will also be having chicks and butterflies in the classroom. In March, we had fun on St. Patrick’s Day making green hats. Then we made windsocks to have fun with on those windy March days. We finished off the month making forsythias to celebrate the first day of spring and lambs since March went out like a lamb.

In April, we decorated bulletin boards with daffodils and ducks. We talked about Easter and made crosses with lilies to remind us of Jesus rising from the dead so that we might have eternal life. We made bunny ears, tadpoles, eggs, caterpillars, chicks, and rainbows to remind us of more signs of spring. We also talked about taking care of God’s creation, our earth. In May, we will enjoy Cinco de Mayo with fiesta shakers, visit the Moser farm and make cow puppets, make butterflies, insects, and more baby animals.

It’s hard to believe that the year is almost over. We have seen your children grow so much this year and look forward to seeing most of you next year. I would also like to thank everyone for allowing me to teach your children this year.

With a thankful heart, Mrs. Carol Gehman =)

New Faces at BCP

Thank you to Glenn Bechtel for serving on the Board of Directors for the past two years. We appreciate all you have done to help start BCP and the offer to continue to provide your insight and expertise. Welcome to Nina Landis who has taken Glenn’s spot on the Board of Directors for a three-year term.

Welcome to Mrs. Cindy Roma who will be our Three-Year-Old Teacher next year. We look forward to all you will bring to our preschool.

Music and Spanish Classes

It’s hard to believe that another year is just about finished. It has been such a privilege and a blessing to get to know each of the children in these classes.

Our music classes are focused on springtime themes right now. We are learning songs about spring cleaning, weather, planting and growing, and the bugs and animals that we are starting to see. There are endless things to celebrate in song!

Spanish classes recently finished our unit on the body – *Mi Cuerpo*. And, in celebration of spring, we will be starting a unit on the things we see outside, such as flowers, trees, and rainbows.

Thank you again for the joy of working with your precious children each week.

Happy Springtime! *Feliz Primavera!*

~ Mrs. Heather Martin

