

BCP News & Notes



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A Note From Mrs. Roma

We're halfway through the school year and what a busy place our classroom has been. Thank you to all the grandparents who visited on December 1st. It was wonderful to meet everyone and spend the morning together. We had fun preparing for Christmas during the month of December. We learned many new songs that we enjoyed singing for our families at the Christmas Program. What a fantastic way to ring in the holiday season!

January's cold temperatures sometimes make it too cold to go outside, but they are perfect for finding out about winter. In the coming weeks we'll be talking about snow, dressing for winter weather, penguins, and bears. We'll read some great stories by children's authors Jan Brett and Karma Wilson.

I am so proud of how friendly and kind each of your children have been toward each other since the beginning of the year. Our class recently welcomed a new student and the children have been eager to share toys and talk with their new classmate.

For the next two months we will learn a new shape each week. The students are looking forward to our Shape Show & Tell each Thursday and making a special book that includes all the shapes and a special surprise at the end.

In February we'll learn about the groundhog, mailing letters, and taking care of our teeth. Information about exchanging valentines and a few other fun events will be coming home soon.

Thank you for all your cooperation and support. Don't forget about our spring conferences in March. Mrs. Noska and I are looking forward to the second half of the school year.



Welcome!

The BCP Board of Directors welcomes Mrs. Kathy Bauman for a three year term effective January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2014.

Dates to Remember

- ~ **Wednesday, February 1**
Mom's Morning Out ~ 9:15-10:15 AM
- ~ **Thursday, February 9 - Play & Learn Class**
Spring Session for 2-year-olds begins
- ~ **Sunday, February 12 - Open House**
From 2-4 PM ~ Please spread the word!
- ~ **Monday, February 20 ~ No School**
President's Day
- ~ **Saturday, February 25 ~ 4:30-7:00 PM**
6th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
More information on the following page.
- ~ **Wednesday, March 7**
Mom's Morning Out ~ 9:15-10:15 AM
- ~ **Week of March 12 ~ Spring Conferences**
- ~ **Wednesday, March 21 - Visit the Chicks**
Chick Hatching Project ~ 6:00 - 7:00 PM
- ~ **Tuesday, April 2 ~ 2012-2013 Registration is open to the community**
- ~ **April 4-9 ~ No School**
Easter Holiday
- ~ **Wednesday, April 11**
Mom's Morning Out ~ 9:15-10:15 AM



6th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser ~ Saturday, February 25th from 4:30 - 7 PM




These dinners are a lot of fun and have been a very successful way to support our school. The evening will include a delicious meal (take-out will be available), homemade desserts, a photo-gallery slide show of our preschool, and tour of the classrooms. Please plan to attend and invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us. The event is organized by the BCP Board of Directors and Glenn and Sharon Bechtel, but we are counting on the help of school parents and church attenders. We will need greeters, help with setting up, serving, clean-up, baking, etc. This is a great way to support the preschool, meet other parents, and interact with families in the community. There will be sheets in the classroom giving you an opportunity to sign-up to help. Please check it out! We really appreciate your assistance and look forward to working with you.

Four-Year-Old Class

~ Mrs. Carol Gehman

Before the holiday break, the four-year-old class was busy preparing for Thanksgiving and learning letters N, T, and S. Projects included Native American headbands, noodle necklaces, trees with fall leaves, turkeys, Thanksgiving placemats, spiders and snakes. We had a great time making Pilgrim hats and enjoyed a Friendship Feast with ingredients each person brought in to share. Pumpkin pie capped off a very fun and extended school day.



In December, we made chocolate covered pretzel rods for our Grandparents' Day snack as well as Christmas countdown chains for letter of

the week C. On Grandparents' Day we made candy canes and showed the grandparents which activities we like to play with. Letter of the week G included making gifts for our parents and gingerbread men. Then we got busy making angels, Christmas stockings, luminaries, Christmas trees with geometric shapes, and poinsettias. We learned a lot about Jesus who is the real meaning behind Christmas.

The children had to learn a new year, 2012, when we returned to school in January. It's winter time so our projects for the letters B, Q, Y, and I will include hibernating bears, quilts for queens, yellow ducks, and igloos. We will also talk about Martin Luther King Jr.

February will be a busy month learning letters D, V, L, and O. We start the month with dinosaurs, which is always a favorite. We'll talk about dental hygiene, mailing Valentines, love, and owls. Two people from the community will visit.

March will include letters K, W, E, H, and J. We will also celebrate St. Patrick's Day and get ready for spring. During E week we will watch eggs hatch into chicks. The



following week we will have a chick open house. This is always a fun time for everyone. We will make kites and talk about windy weather as well as have Hat Day. During J week we will talk about Jesus and jellybeans since it is close to Easter.

We have been very proud of your children as they came back from Christmas break. They have been getting busy and playing nicely with each other. We have been talking a lot about cooperating and what that looks like in the classroom. Your children are catching on quickly!

Thanks again for sharing your precious gifts with Mrs. Noska, Mrs. Moyer, and me. We enjoy their personalities and watching them learn.

Play & Learn Class

~ Mrs. Ann Longacre

I hope everyone had a relaxing and meaningful Christmas! The mild winter weather we are having makes it easier to believe that spring will be upon us very soon! I am very much looking forward to the spring session of Play & Learn which begins in a few short weeks, and to meeting some new children and



welcoming back some familiar faces. We will be busy with singing, playing, getting to know each other and looking at some spring time

themes such as clouds and wind, farm animals, butterflies and growing a garden. If the weather cooperates, we will spend time outside as well. I am excited to have Mrs. Carol Gehman join me as an aide in the classroom as we work together to get to know your little ones and see what God has in store for us this spring.



Music & Spanish Classes

~ Mrs. Heather Martin

We will be very busy in the Music and Spanish room in the next few months!



The month of January will be devoted to learning about the four "families" of musical instruments in our music times together. We will explore percussion, string, wind, and keyboard instruments together. After that, we will have fun with musical opposites - loud/soft, fast/ slow, high/ low.

In Spanish class, we will be looking at the names of common objects in our homes, followed by numbers and colors. There will be lots of stories, games and songs, and fun crafts heading home from each unit.

As always, my main goal is to have a wonderful, fun time with your children, singing, playing, and exploring, and doing some learning along the way.

Thank you for sharing your children with me! ¡Hasta luego!

Fundraiser Information

Our fall Vendor Fair resulted in \$693! The Giant A+ Rewards Program has generated \$57 so far this year. We were also able to get a balance beam and two Co-Op-A-Walks from Labels for Education. We continue to accept Redner's receipts. BCP's soup collection for Boyertown Multi-Service ends on January 20.

Winter Weather

BCP will be closed if the Boyertown School District is closed. If BASD has a weather-related two-hour delay, Bally Community Preschool will have classes from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM.

Please be sure your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves. We try to take the children out for a short time each day. Also make sure your child's change of clothing in their backpack is appropriate for the season.