



BCP News & Notes

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A NOTE FROM MRS. ROMA

Happy Spring! The students have noticed the daffodils, hyacinths and tulips beginning to grow near the preschool entrance. They have also enjoyed being able to go outside during the mild winter. It is wonderful to see the beautiful changes each season brings from a child's perspective.

February was a busy month for our class. We learned about the groundhog and his shadow, mailed letters and exchanged valentines. Dental assistant, Jill Haldeman, stopped in for a visit and everyone enjoyed wearing their pajamas to school for Pajama Day.

I appreciate your help with shape show and tell. We had quite a variety of items each week and the children did a great job sharing in front of the class. I hope you enjoyed the shape books they made. We are now engaged in a variety of activities to encourage recognition of numbers 1-10.

Many fun things are being planned from now until the end of the school year. A teddy bear picnic is scheduled to celebrate the first day of spring. We will also be hatching chicks and raising butterflies in our classroom.

Information about our field trip to Longacre's Dairy will be coming home soon. Our themes throughout March, April and May include St. Patrick's Day, spring, birds, seeds, taking care of the Earth, insects, farm animals, butterflies and frogs. Surprise Readers, gardening and an end of the year picnic at Washington Township Park will all happen in May as well.

Mrs. Noska and I have enjoyed working with your children. Thank you for your enthusiasm and support during the school year.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registrations are now being accepted for the 2020-2021 school year. There are three programs available: a three-day program for four-year-olds which meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, a two-day program for three-year-olds which meets on Tuesday and Thursday and Play & Learn class for two-year-olds which meets once a week for eight weeks in the fall and again in the winter. Tell your friends!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ~March 12 & 13 – Play & Learn Classes End
- ~Week of March 23 – Spring Conferences will be rescheduled
- ~April 8 – 13 – Easter Vacation
- ~Wednesday, April 22 – Container Gardening, More information coming soon!
- ~ Thursday, April 23 – Chick Open House 6:00 – 7:00 PM
- ~Thursday, April 30 – 3s Trip to Longacre's Dairy
- ~Friday, May 1 – Scrip Orders Due (Stock up, last order until fall)
- ~Sunday, May 3 – Spring Program, 6:30 PM
- ~Friday, May 8 – 4s Trip to Oley Dairy, Combined AM & PM Classes
- ~Thursday, May 14 – 3s End-of-Year Picnic
- ~Friday, May 15 – 4s End-of-Year Picnic, AM & PM Combined Classes
- ~Thursday, May 21 – 3s Last Day of Preschool
- ~Friday, May 22 – 4s Last Day of Preschool
- ~Sunday, August 30 - Parent Meeting and Family Picnic for students enrolled for 2020 - 2021



14th ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Thank you to everyone who helped in big and small ways with our Spaghetti Dinner at the end of February. We served 370 people and raised over \$5000 for the operating costs of BCP.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD CLASS – Mrs. Carol Gehman

Can you believe it? We are in the home stretch for Preschool. It has been exciting to see how the children have been able to grow in their friendships and learn new things.

February came and went so quickly! We had several visitors for which we are grateful. A BIG thank you to Mr. Crilley from Green Lane Park, Miss Shamaila who is the Postmaster at the Barto Post Office, Pastor Mark for sharing his dinosaur collection and Upper Perk Dental for allowing us to borrow the big teeth and toothbrush.

We made lambs and lions at the beginning of March, talked about letter W and the weather. We also made watermelon slices and had Wacky Wednesday. For letter K we will make kangaroos. Letter H will bring Hat Day and a hippo project. We will also make Irish soda bread for St. Patrick's Day. Next we will make rabbits for letter R and have fun with Rainbow Show and Tell. We will finish off March and begin April with the letter J, talk about Jesus and make jaguars.

In April and May we will finish the alphabet by making elephants, xylophones, umbrellas and zebras as well as a classroom zoo. We will learn about Easter, Earth Day and watch chicks and butterflies hatch.

To finish off the school year in May we will talk about gardens and insects, visit the Oley Turnpike Dairy and have an end of the year picnic.

Surprise Readers and pets will visit the classroom in the months of April and May. It is always fun to guess who will be visiting the classroom and get to know those fuzzy friends.

Thank you to Miss Kathryn and Miss Sharona for helping me out in the classroom during the weeks I was evaluating the children in preparation for conferences!!

Mrs. Noska, Miss Janiuk and I are blessed to have such wonderful children to not only teach, but also learn to know and enjoy! Thank you, Mrs. Gehman ☺

MUSIC

Your children really enjoyed learning about musical instruments, especially the percussion family. Currently in Music class we are playing rhythm sticks and shakers, learning movement songs, singing songs accompanied by the keyboard and listening to music by famous composers. We'll be singing spring-themed songs about wind, kites, butterflies, frogs, ducks and insects. Preparation for the Spring Program will begin in the month of April. Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 3 at 6:30 PM.

SPANISH

In Spanish class we have been exploring La Cara (face), El Cuerpo (body) and La Ropa (clothes) since the beginning of January. For the upcoming months we will be exploring numeros (numbers), primavera (spring) and La Granja (farm). The children have been quick to pick up the Spanish words and always enjoy when we play games. We look forward to sharing some of the Spanish songs we have learned at the Spring Program.



PLAY & LEARN CLASS – Mrs. Cindy Roma

The Winter Play & Learn class enjoyed learning about winter, mittens, penguins, bears, weather, teeth, rabbits and spring during the last eight weeks. The class quickly settled into the routine and enjoyed playing inside and outside together, reading stories, making art projects and learning new songs. Your children were kind toward one another, did a nice job sharing and had fun exploring together. Miss Longacre and I enjoyed getting to know this great group of children. Thank you for sharing your little ones with us.

PLAY & LEARN CLASS – Mrs. Carol Gehman

We had a wonderful time in the Thursday Play & Learn class this winter. We read stories, sang songs and practiced using good manners. The children quickly adjusted to the preschool routine and enjoyed playing outside when we were able to get out and riding trikes or cars inside. They had fun with art activities using finger paint, water colors, crayons, scissors, glue and stickers. Themes for this session included winter/snow, penguins, mittens, love of Jesus and our families, healthy teeth, bears, weather, and spring. Miss Longacre and I had fun getting to know the children better!

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