



# BCP News & Notes

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## A NOTE FROM MRS. ROMA

Happy New Year! The new Tuesday/Thursday class is off to a wonderful start. Your children are a joy to work with. They have all adjusted well to the school routine. I am so happy to see them sharing and using good manners on a regular basis. They are interacting well with each other and making new friends.

January's colder temperatures are perfect for learning about winter. This month we'll be talking about snow, ice, soup, winter animals and hibernation. Each week our class is learning a new shape. The students really enjoy Shape Show & Tell each Thursday. Thank you for your help with this project – some shapes can be a challenge to find. We are also working on a shape book.

During the month of February, we will be learning about groundhogs, shadows, mailing letters and healthy teeth. We'll also be having Pajama Day this month. Information about exchanging valentines will be coming home soon.

In March we will learn about bears, shamrocks, Easter and celebrate the first day of spring with a teddy bear picnic. Pastor Tim will be visiting our classroom each month. The children always look forward to listening to Bible stories and balloon animals.

Thank you for all of your cooperation and support. Mark your calendars for our spring conferences in March. Mrs. Alderfer and I are looking forward to working with your children!



## OPEN HOUSE & 2021-22 REGISTRATION

Open House for new students will be held by appointment the week of January 25. Please call 610-845-1600 to schedule a time to visit. We will begin accepting registrations for the 2021-2022 school year on February 1. A spot will be held for current students and their siblings until March 1. Applications are available on the preschool website. We appreciate getting your registrations early. Spread the word!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- ~Week of January 25 - Open House by Appt.
- ~Monday, February 1 - Registration Begins
- ~Wednesday, February 3 - Lunch Bunch
- ~Friday, February 5 - Scrip Orders Due
- ~Monday, February 15 - No School
- ~Wednesday, February 17 - Lunch Bunch
- ~Saturday, February 27 - Spaghetti Dinner has been **Cancelled**
- ~Monday, March 1 - Open Registration for the community begins
- ~Wednesday, March 3 - Lunch Bunch
- ~Wednesday, March 5 - Scrip Orders Due
- ~Week of March 15 – Spring Conferences
- ~Wednesday, March 17 - Lunch Bunch



## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, February 27 - Cancelled

The Annual Spaghetti Dinners have been a fun and delicious way to support Bally Community Preschool. Due to ongoing pandemic concerns, the decision was made to cancel this year's fundraising event. Although the dinner will not be happening, donations to the preschool are always welcome and appreciated. Mark your calendar for next year's dinner on Saturday, February 26, 2022. We hope to see you there. The preschool board is also planning something special for our current preschool families at the end of February in lieu of the traditional dinner. Thank you to everyone for their ongoing support!

## FOUR-YEAR-OLD CLASS – Mrs. Gehman

The four-year-old class returned from Thanksgiving vacation excited for Christmas. We made a Christmas countdown chain so we could keep track of how many days until Christmas. We talked about gingerbread men and grandparents for letter G and then learned about the holidays for letter H. We made a God's Greatest Gift project and talked about Hannukah. The last projects for December were a Christmas Counting Book and 10 items of Christmas Show and Tell.

The New Year began with the letter Y, New Year's headbands and yak pictures made with yarn. The next letter of the week was I. We made a snowflake puppet to go along with an Itsy Bitsy Snowflake song and a fun ice cream project with real sprinkles. The highlight of the week was being able to squirt water onto ice to try to free up the animals frozen in the ice. We also talked about Martin Luther King Jr. and how we should all live in peace.

We'll finish January by making quilt squares for Q week and discussing birds and bears for B week. We will also make buttermilk biscuits. That same week we will paint soup bowls and collect cans of soup for those less fortunate than us.

We will begin February with letter L and talk about love. Next will be letter V when we learn about valentines and the mail. Letter X is next and we will finish off the month with letter D and dinosaur activities and projects. That is always a fun time!

Your children continue to enjoy each other's company as well as the many activities that are offered in the classroom. The highlight of the day is always going outside. We are very thankful for the extra sidewalk space that was made this year. A BIG thank you to the Bally Mennonite Church facility and grounds committee!

## MUSIC CLASS - Mrs. Roma

During the month of December we had fun singing Christmas songs in music class. Our favorites were Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Jingle Bells. Currently we're singing songs about winter, snow and soup. We'll also be exploring different instrument families including percussion, strings, woodwinds, brass and keyboards over the next two months. It will be fun to see, hear and try out some instruments.



## SPANISH CLASS - Mrs. Gehman

In Spanish class we finished a unit on formas (shapes) and made a Christmas project using those formas. We ended December by learning a Mexican legend about the poinsettia and making a project to go with it. We began the new year learning about colores (colors). Make sure you ask your children each week about the new colores. The Tuesday/Thursday class will begin by learning some maneras palabras (manners words). After that they will join the four-year-old class learning about colores. The next unit will be La Cara (the face). What a privilege it is to teach your children Spanish! Thank you!



### WINTER WEATHER

If BASD has a weather-related two-hour delay, Bally Community Preschool will have classes from 10:00 AM – 12:00 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.

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