



# BCP News & Notes

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*“A quality Christian preschool education for the Bally Community and beyond.”*

## A NOTE FROM MRS. ROMA

Happy New Year! January's colder temperatures are perfect for learning about winter. This month we'll be talking about snow, ice, soup, winter animals and hibernation. Kevin Crilley from Montgomery County Park will visit at the end of the month to teach us about how animals adapt in winter.

Each week our class is learning a new shape. The students are excited about 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, St. Patrick's Day and celebrate the first day of spring with a teddy bear picnic.

Pastor Tim continues to visit our classroom each month. The children always look forward to balloon animals and listening to Bible stories.

Thank you for all of your cooperation and support. Mark your calendars for our spring conferences in March. Miss Hendricks and I love working with your children!



## OPEN HOUSE & 2022-23 REGISTRATION

Open House for new students will be held by appointment on Wednesday, January 26. Please call 610-845-1600 to schedule a time to visit. We will begin accepting registrations for the 2022-2023 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

- ~Monday, January 17 - No School
- ~January 27 & 28 - Kevin Crilley from Montgomery Park visits
- ~Friday, January 28 - Play & Learn Class Begins
- ~Wednesday, January 26 - Open House by Appointment
- ~Tuesday, February 1 - Preschool Registration Begins
- ~Friday, February 4 - Scrip Orders Due
- ~Saturday, February 19 - Spaghetti Dinner has been **Cancelled**
- ~Monday, February 21 - No School
- ~Tuesday, March 1 - Open Registration for the community begins
- ~Week of March 14 - Spring Conferences
- ~Friday, March 18 - Play & Learn Class Ends
- ~April 14 - 18, Easter Vacation



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

Saturday, February 19, 4:30 – 7:00 PM

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. We hope to see you at next February's dinner event. 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 also decorated a fireplace bulletin board by making Christmas stockings. Other projects we were able to make included a candy cane, a gingerbread man, a luminary and a God's greatest gift-Jesus. We concluded our last day of school before Christmas vacation with streamers, balloons and singing Happy Birthday to Jesus. A highlight of the month was the 10 items of Christmas and Christmas Show and Tell.

In January we began with the letter Y, New Year's headbands and yaks. Next week we'll make icicles for letter I week, talk about international children and take a trip to an Italian restaurant. Thank you to Aurora's family for opening up their restaurant to us!

We will celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day by reading a story, singing songs and making a project about peace.

We'll learn about quails for Q week and grandparents, grapes and guitars for letter G week. That same week we will paint soup bowls and collect cans of soup for those less fortunate than us. We will end the month with a visit from Kevin Crilley who will share his expertise about nature with us!

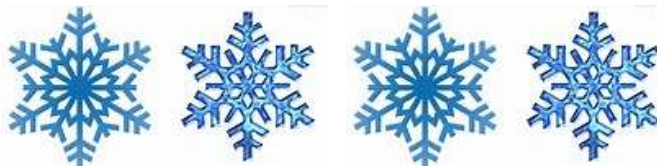
February will begin with lions, lambs and love for letter L. Then we will learn about the mail and make valentines for letter V. Pastor Mark Hager will visit for letter D week and share his awesome dinosaur fossil collection. That is always a fun time. We will make x-ray pictures for letter X week. February is also dental health month so we will be talking about keeping our teeth healthy.

The children are very happy to be in school with their friends, making projects, doing activities to enrich their learning, singing songs and learning more about music as well as learning to speak Spanish. Mrs. LaSalle and I are enjoying their enthusiasm for learning.

## MUSIC CLASS - Mrs. Roma

During the month of December we had fun singing Christmas songs and ringing jingle bells. Currently we're singing songs about winter, snow and soup. The children love to clap, stomp, jump and dance along with some of our favorite movement songs.

Over the next two months we will be exploring different instrument families including percussion, strings, woodwinds, brass and keyboards. It will be fun to see, hear and try out some instruments.



## SPANISH CLASS - Mrs. Gehman

In Spanish class we completed a unit on formas (shapes). We made a Christmas project using formas, played a game finding different formas hanging around the room and also played shape bingo. We sang songs about Christmas- Niño Lindo, Árbol de la Navidad and Feliz Navidad. We began the new year talking about colores (colors). I am sure the children will practice the color words in the regular classroom too. We are learning winter songs such as Muñeca de Nieve (snowman) and Cuando Tengas Mucho Frío (When You Are Very Cold). The next unit will be La Cara (the face). What a privilege it is to teach the children Spanish!



## WINTER WEATHER

If BASD has a weather-related two-hour delay, Bally Community Preschool will have classes from

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Lunch Bunch will be held from 12:00 - 1:00 if there is a two-hour delay on a Wednesday. 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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