



BCP News & Notes

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

A Note From Mrs. Roma

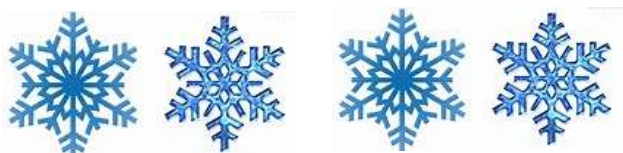
Happy New Year! It's hard to believe we are half way through the school year. January's colder temperatures are perfect for learning about winter. This month we'll be talking about snow, ice, soup, winter animals and hibernation. Kevin Crilley from Montgomery County Park will visit at the end of the 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. Thank you to Upper Perk Family Dental for the new toothbrushes. 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 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. LaSalle and I love working with your children!



Open House & 2023-24 Registration

Open House for new students will be held on Wednesday, January 25 from 9:00 – 11:30 AM. We will begin accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 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!

Redner's Receipts may be turned in at any time. The preschool receives 1% of the total.

Dates to Remember

~Monday, January 16 – Preschool Closed
~January 19 & 20 – Winter Animal Program
~Wednesday, January 25 - Open House
~January 26 & 27 Play & Learn Classes Begin
~Wednesday, February 1 - Preschool Registration Begins

~Friday, February 3 – RaiseRight Orders Due
~Sunday, February 5 – Cookie Decorating
~Saturday, February 18, 4:30 – 7:00 PM
15th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

More information below

~Monday, February 20 – Preschool Closed
~Wednesday, March 1 - Open Registration for the community begins
~Week of March 20 – Spring Conferences
***Please note this is a change from the original BCP calendar**
~Friday, March 31 – Craft Night, 5:30 – 7:30 PM



15th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, February 18, 4:30 – 7:00 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 (takeout is available), homemade desserts, a slide show of our preschool and time to visit 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. We are counting on the help of preschool parents and church members to set up, serve, clean up and bake. We look forward to working with you!

Four-Year-Old Class – Mrs. Gehman

The four-year-old class came back from Thanksgiving vacation excited for Christmas. In December we made a Christmas countdown chain so we could keep track of how many days until Christmas. We also decorated Christmas stockings and completed a Christmas Counting Book. Other projects we were able to make included a candy cane, luminary and angel. It was fun to make our parents a gift. We ended our last day of school before Christmas vacation with streamers, balloons and sang Happy Birthday to Jesus. A highlight of the month was the 10 items of Christmas Show and Tell.

In January we began with the letter Y, making New Year's headbands and yaks. We will talk about bears for B week, make bird feeders, soup bowls and collect soup cans for those less fortunate than us. We will celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a story and songs. Letter Q will be next and we will make quilts. For letter I we'll make icicles, talk about water and its three states of

matter and do some experiments. Going to Argento's Italian restaurant for a field trip will be so much fun. Thank you to the Reichert family for opening up their restaurant to us! We will also enjoy a visit from Kevin Crilley. Thank you, Mr. Crilley for being willing to share your expertise about nature with us!

In February we will learn the letters L, V, D and X. This month we'll talk about love, learn about the mail and make valentines for letter V. Jill Haldeman will visit for Dental Health Month and teach us all about keeping our teeth healthy. Mark Hager will visit during letter D week to share his dinosaur fossil collection. Thank you, Miss Jill and Pastor Mark for taking time out of your busy schedules to visit our classroom.

The children are very happy to be in school with their friends, making projects and doing activities to enrich their learning. Mrs. LaSalle and I are enjoying watching them learn and grow.

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 have completed a unit on formas (shapes) and made a Christmas tree using those formas. It was fun to play a game trying to find the different formas hanging up around the room. We also sang songs about Christmas- Niño Lindo, Árbol de la Navidad and Feliz Navidad.

We began the new year talking about numeros (numbers). I am sure the children will practice the number 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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