



# BCP News & Notes

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

## A Note from Mrs. Roma

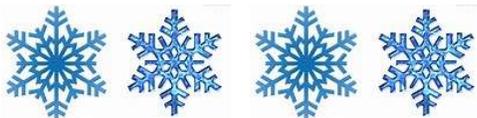
Happy New Year! It's hard to believe we are almost half way through the school year. January's colder temperatures are perfect for learning about winter. This month we'll be talking about snow, ice, soup, winter animals and hibernation. Our Author of the Month is Karma Wilson who writes an adorable series of books about Bear and his friends. Kevin Crilley from Montgomery County Park will visit at the end of the month to teach us 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 exchange valentines and wear our pajamas to school for Pajama Day. Information about exchanging valentines will be coming home soon.

In March we will learn about bears, windy weather, St. Patrick's Day and celebrate the first day of spring with a teddy bear picnic.

Thank you to Pastor Karen for visiting our class on the first Thursday of the month. We also appreciate all of your cooperation and support. Mark your calendars for our spring conferences in March. Mrs. LaSalle and I love working with your children!



## Lunch Bunch

Four-year-old students are invited to join us any Wednesday for lunch. Upcoming dates are:

January 7, 14, 21 & 28

February 4, 11, 18 & 25

March 4, 11, 18 & 25



## Dates to Remember

- ~January 8 & 9 Winter Play & Learn Classes Begin
- ~Monday, January 19 - Preschool Closed
- ~Wednesday, January 28 - Open House
- ~January 29 & 30 - Winter Animal Program
- ~Sunday, February 1 - Preschool Registration Begins
- ~Sunday, February 1 - Cookie Decorating 4:00 - 5:30
- ~Monday, February 16 - Preschool Closed
- ~February 26 & 27 - Winter Play & Learn Classes End
- ~Saturday, February 28 - 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser **More Information Below**
- ~Sunday, March 1 - Open Registration for the community begins
- ~Week of March 9 - Spring Conferences
- ~March 12 & 13 - Spring Play & Learn Classes Begin
- ~March 27 - Craft Night 5:30 - 7:30



## Open House & 2026-27 Registration

Open House for new students will be held on Wednesday, January 28 from 9:00 – 11:30 AM. We will begin accepting registrations for the 2026-2027 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!

## Four-Year-Old Class - Mrs. Gehman

The four-year-old class returned from Thanksgiving vacation excited for Christmas. We made a gingerbread man and Christmas stocking. Other December projects were a Christmas Counting Book, candy cane and luminary. We also made snowflakes and a snow picture to welcome us back to school in January. We concluded our last day of school before Christmas vacation with balloons and singing 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, made New Year's headbands, sewed a yellow Y with yarn and made a yak. We also enjoyed a visit from Pastor Karen who taught us about Yahweh, the Hebrew form of God meaning I am who I am. Next, we will make ice cream cones and igloos for letter I week, talk about snowflakes being ice crystals and learn about children from around the world. We will also make soup bowls and collect cans of soup for those less fortunate than us.

We will celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with a story, a song and talk about being kind to others. We'll

learn about quails for Q week. Next we will make buttermilk biscuits and bears for letter B week. Kevin Crilley will visit and share his expertise about nature with us!

During the first full week of February, we will learn about the mail and make valentines for letter V. Then we will talk about love and make an I Love You project for letter L. We will make xylophones for letter X week as well as do an experiment with pennies while talking about the presidents for Presidents' Day. We will complete a very busy February by learning letter D and discuss dinosaurs. There are two visitors coming to our classroom this month: Mark Hager, who will share his awesome dinosaur collection and Jill Haldeman who will teach us how to keep our teeth healthy for Dental Health Month.

The children are very happy to be in school with their friends, making projects, doing activities to enrich their learning, singing and playing outside. Mrs. LaSalle and I look forward to watching them continue to grow.

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## Music Class - Mrs. Roma

During the month of December we had fun singing Christmas songs and ringing jingle bells. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Christmas Program. We look forward to sharing songs with you again at our Spring Program in early May.

Currently we are learning some new 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.



## Play & Learn Class - Mrs. Hendricks

Happy New Year Play & Learn families! I hope everyone had a wonderful time celebrating with their families and friends. The new year has ushered in some chilly temperatures, but that won't deter the playing, learning and fun in our classroom.

Please dress your children appropriately and send gloves and hats if you are able. We may go outside, but only if it is not too windy. We have a great indoor area to do relay races, obstacle courses, ride scooters and indoor toys and practice tossing and catching a ball.

This session we will be talking about some fun winter topics including bears, snowflakes, snowmen, mittens and more! I'm looking forward to seeing you all very soon.

## Winter Weather

Please note BCP follows Boyertown Area School District in the event of inclement weather. If BASD is closed, preschool will be closed. If BASD has a weather-related two-hour delay, morning classes will be held from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM and afternoon classes will be held from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Lunch Bunch will be held from 12:00 PM- 1:00 PM 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, a gentle reminder to be sure your child has a change of clothing (shirt, pants, underwear & socks) in their backpack that is seasonally appropriate.



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

Saturday, February 28, 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!

## Spanish Class - Mrs. Gehman

In December we completed a unit on formas (shapes). We played a shape finding game to reinforce the shapes we learned. The four-year-old class made a Christmas project using formas. We sang songs about Christmas - Niño Lindo, Árbol de la Navidad and Feliz Navidad. We also read The Legend of the Poinsettia (from Mexico). Some children in the four-year-old class made a poinsettia project. The three-year-old class heard the nativity story in Spanish.

The new year begins with a unit on numeros. The children will learn numeros 1-10. We will sing songs, play games and listen to stories to strengthen our counting skills. 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!

## Fundraising Updates

### Pancake Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who helped with this event back in October. We raised \$3001 for the preschool!

### Redner's Receipts

Submit your receipts at any time. The preschool receives 1% of the total.

### Staples Recycling

We collect pens, markers, ink cartridges, glue sticks, household batteries and small electronics. Items are redeemed at Staples and points are used to get educational materials and office supplies.

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