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The Monthly Newsletter of Bethlehem Preschool
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Happy Spring!!!

Taxpayer Identification Number

Our taxpayer identification number is
14 -1569614.

Book Orders

The **Scholastic Book** order forms are in your child's mailbox. All orders are due on **Friday, April 14.** Checks are payable to: **Scholastic Reading Club.**

FREE BOOK coupons are available at the front desk – Spend \$5 and get a free book up to a \$5 value. Please take one and use it this month!

Summer and Fall Placement

Our summer and fall placement sheets for our current families have been sent out. Please return the completed form as soon as possible; we would like them returned no later than **April 7.** Please take a few minutes to think about vacations or any other scheduling changes. Thank you.

Junior Eagles Adventure Camp

We have distributed our brochure for our **Jr. Eagles Adventure Camp** to our families with children eligible for kindergarten in the fall. If space is available, we will open enrollment up to families with **kindergartners** interested in

the camp. Please speak to a director if you have any questions about our Jr. Eagles Adventure Camp.

Fund Raisers

Box Top Labels

Please continue to collect “Box Top for Education” labels from General Mills products, including cereals, frostings and baking goods as well as many other items. This year we collected over \$100.00 worth of labels and will be purchasing educational toys at the end of the school year. **Collection of labels continues throughout the year** and the labels are redeemed each March, so keep them coming in!!

PriceChopper Tools for Schools

Thank you for your support of the **PriceChopper Tools for Schools program.** **This year we collected over 48,000 points!** If have not yet enrolled your PriceChopper AdvantEdge card on our account, please do so at <https://www2.pricechopper.com/toolsforschools/single.shtml>. Our school code is **18650.**

BCSD Kindergarten Seminar

Parents of children **starting kindergarten in the fall** in the Bethlehem Central School District are invited to a special

evening event on April 5 designed to help them prepare new students for school in September. Faculty and staff will be on hand to answer questions and provide a glimpse of today's kindergarten classroom and many of the student services offered by the district, including transportation, food services, and more. **This event is for PARENTS ONLY.** Orientation events for kindergarten students will take place close to the start of the school year.

Kindergarten 101 Parent Information Night

When: Wednesday, April 5, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Where: Eagle Elementary School
Gymnasium, 27 Van Dyke Road, Delmar, NY
12054**

The Kindergarten 101 event will not include formal presentations but will instead feature stations where parents can learn fun ways to help their children with:

- Reading and writing
- Basic math skills
- Motor skills
- Language skills
- Other skills important to kindergarten success

Kindergarten 101 is open to parents of children who are registered to begin kindergarten in September 2017 at one of the district's five elementary schools: Eagle, Elsmere, Glenmont, Hamagrael, or Slingerlands. **No RSVP is necessary.**

BPS Parent Workshop- April 10 The Preschool Experience: Working Toward Kindergarten Readiness

Please join us on Monday, April 10 at 6:00pm for our spring workshop for parents of children who will be in our Pre-K 3/4s and Pre-K 4s classes in the fall. We will discuss our

developmentally appropriate curriculum, our classroom schedules, and our assessment system. Parents will have the opportunity to understand the BPS learning philosophy and ask questions of our teaching staff.

Babysitting will be available. Please sign-up on the sheet at the front desk.

Classroom Notes

Infants: Spring has sprung! And that brings a lot of mud. We will be going outside more often to enjoy the nice weather, so bring in jackets that will keep us warm.

We would like to welcome M to our room. He is settling in nicely. He enjoys playing on the floor and gives us lots of smiles. C loves the new babies. She helps pat backs, and gets them what they need. C is doing a lot of talking, too!

M and C are beginning to take independent steps with a little encouragement. J is getting so big. He enjoys playing on the floor and bats at the toys on the play gym. J is starting to use more words.

We enjoy our fun-filled days with hugs and kisses and a lot of playing. Feel free to come to us with any questions or concerns.

Happy Spring!

~ Michele, Kristen & Tracy

Toddlers: Spring....Hopefully it will arrive soon! We want to play outside without our snow gear on so our kids can run and ride bikes!

Our theme for April is "**Spring.**" We will spend time learning about and planting flowers and beans, and we will talk about spring animals. If there is a special "Spring" project that you would like to do with the class let us know and we will arrange it. Or send in a book on spring animals, and we will share it at circle time.

Continue to bring in winter boots. The playground is muddy! Please check your child's extra clothes box for season appropriate clothing.

Happy birthday to **F & E.**

~ Alicia, Clorissa & Kristen

Twos: Spring is finally here! The kids really had a lot of fun with our “**Transportation**” theme. They had fun in our garage area in dress-up “fixing” the car. We learned all about the different kinds of transportation and whether they are by land, water, or air. We have been working on fine-motor skills, matching, and counting.

For the month of April, our theme is “**Spring.**” We will be talking about the different signs of spring – flowers, tree buds, rain – and learning about spring gardening.

With the season changing, please be sure to check your child’s box for appropriate clothes for the weather.

~ **Bonita, Lauren & Lanita**

Threes: Happy Spring! We look forward to the warmer weather so we can get outdoors much more! We had an exciting month of March celebrating Dr. Seuss’ birthday, learning about folk tales and fairy tales, exploring different kinds of weather, and ending our month with a costume ball celebration.

In April our new themes we will be “**Signs of Spring,**” “**Bunnies, Chicks, and Baby Animals,**” and “**Hospital/Doctors/Nurses.**” A great activity to do at home with your child is to hide letters in plastic eggs, and have your child identify the letters they find in the eggs. It is a great way for them to move and exercise while learning their letters.

We would love to have you come in and help with a center-time activity or read to the class this month. If you are interested in doing so, please let us know.

Here’s to another exciting month of investigation, exploration and imagination.

~ **Jared, Maura & Ashley**

Pre-k 3/4s: Hip, Hip Hooray for Spring! Please continue to bring in snow gear since the weather is still unpredictable. Also, please check your child’s clothes box for appropriate clothing for the weather.

For the month of April we will be working on spring based themes: Trees, Birds, Bugs and then we will work our way into learning about our world.

Our next field trip is on Tuesday, April 11 to Five Rivers. **We need drivers!** If you are able to drive, please sign up on the sheet outside the classroom door.

Happy birthday to **O, Cand T.**
~ **Brittany, Tera & Stephanie**

Pre-k 4s: We have been busy workers in the 4s. We continue to work on letters, both learning the sounds they make and writing them. Please continue to practice at home, too! We have also been working on numbers, sequencing stories and practicing patterns.

Our April Themes are:

- Earth Day
- Recycling

We are trying to arrange a field trip to a recycling center, but have not scheduled the date yet. We will let you know the date as soon as possible.

HELP! Our mailboxes in the classroom are very full! Please remove the papers from the boxes **EVERY DAY**, and keep at home any home toys and winter items that may have accumulated in your child’s mailbox. Thanks for your help!

Happy birthday to **H, M, I, R, O, Ja & G**
~**Tara, Sherry & Angie**

Important Dates:

April 7 - Deadline for returning **Summer/Fall Planning Sheets**

April 10 – BPS Workshop - The Preschool Experience: Working Toward Kindergarten Readiness - 6 pm

April 11 – Pre-k ¾’s class field trip to Five Rivers

April 14 - Scholastic book orders due