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## The Monthly Newsletter of Bethlehem Preschool May 2017

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Happy Mother's Day!!!

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### BPS Annual Picnic

Bethlehem Preschool's 42nd Annual Family Picnic is scheduled for **Fri., June 23** from **12:00-1:00 pm**. We hope all of our families can join us for the festivities. As always, we will be serving hot dogs, salads, watermelon, and desserts. Parents are asked to sign up to bring a covered dish. Details to follow. **See you on June 23.** Think Sun!!!

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### Memorial Day -- BPS Closed

BPS is **closed** on **Mon., May 29** in observance of **Memorial Day**.

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### Sunscreen!

The sun is shining! That means it is time to **take home the snow pants and boots, and get out the sunscreen**. We apply the sunscreen twice a day. Please check your child's supply of sunscreen in his or her classroom. **Remember to check expiration dates, and resupply as needed.** Thank you.

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### Book Orders

The Scholastic Book Orders are due on **Monday, May 15**. Please order online using our school code **GTCDJ**. If you are ordering with a paper order form, please make checks payable to: Scholastic Reading Club.

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### Breakfast at BPS

Our staff works hard to serve well balanced and appetizing food for our meals, beginning with our breakfast at 7am. We have

expanded our breakfast choices to offer a wider variety of cereals, breads, and proteins. The children have responded very positively to the changes.

We would like to remind you that no breakfast food needs to be brought in from home, especially sugary treats such as donuts. If food is brought in, we do request that any food from home be eaten immediately upon arrival, and is not shared with other children.

Please see a director if you have questions or concerns.

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### Shelter-in-Place Drill

We will hold our semi-annual "Shelter-in-place" drill on Wednesday, May 10 at 10 am. The purpose of this drill is to test our emergency procedures relating to conditions such as severe weather, public disturbance, or environmental dangers.

Please watch for an e-mail on May 9.

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### Price Chopper Tools for Schools – Thank You!!

We had a great year, collecting over 49,000 points! We have "spent" our 49,000 points on classroom toys and supplies. Thank you Price Chopper!

A big thank you to the families who have Bethlehem Preschool connected to their Price Chopper AdvanEdge card. We hope to have another successful year when collections begin again in August.

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### Class News

**Infants:** Warm weather is finally here! We will be spending a lot of time outside, so please make sure your child has plenty of weather appropriate clothes and shoes in with your

child, along with sunscreen and a hat. It is not uncommon to go through several outfits a day this time of year.

C is continuing to be our little helper with all the babies. JB is using more words. M and C are our new walkers. M is rolling all over the place and JM fills our day with lots of smiles and laughs.

We would like to wish all our moms a Happy Mother's Day. Happy birthday to **T**.  
~ **Michelle and Kristen**

**Toddlers:** Finally, the nice weather is here to stay, so we can go out and play.

During May we will be talking about the "**Five Senses**." Each week we will talk about a different sense. We will taste many different things, smell many new scents, feel various textures and listen to a wide variety of music. If you have anything special that might be interesting to any of our senses, please bring them in to share.

Please make sure you check your child's extra clothing box for seasonally appropriate clothing, and correct sizes.

Look for something special for the moms sometime soon. We love to celebrate Mother's Day!

Happy birthday to **M and K**.  
~ **Alicia, Clorissa and Kristen W**

**Twos:** Wow, this year has flown by! It's already May! We have had a great time with our spring theme. The kids were super excited with all the planting, both real and pretend.

This month our theme will be "**Fairy Tales**." If you would like to come read a fairy tale to us we would love it! We are also looking forward to lots of fun with opposites, along with a lot more counting and letter play.

Happy birthday to **C, J, M and B**.  
~ **Bonita, Lanita and Lauren**

**Threes:** Happy May! The Three year olds enjoyed a terrific start to spring. We began our study of seeds and plants in April, which we will continue into the new month. Our dramatic play area will be transformed into a flower shop.

If you and your child spend time in nature and collect any flowers, unusual rocks, or interesting pinecones, twigs, or other materials,

bring it to school to share them at show-n-tell.

New studies for the month of May include: "**Jungle Animals**," "**The Rainforest**," and "**Balls**." Letters of the month include "**Q**," "**R**" and "**S**." We look forward to completing our alphabet wall in the next several weeks. Identify letters with your child that you find around the house or in the community. Make a game of it; this will encourage letter recognition skills.

Please speak to a teacher if you are interested in joining us during the morning or afternoon to share an activity with the class. We would love for you to share a special hobby, read a theme-related story, help us with an art project, or anything that interests you.

Remember to keep your child's extra clothing box up to date and if you haven't already done so, please bring in an updated sunscreen.

Here's to another exciting month of investigation, imagination and exploration!

Happy birthday to **E, N, M and R**.  
~ **Jared, Maura and Ashley**

**Pre-K 3/4s:** This month we look forward to watching all of our plants grow and collecting scientific observations. We have planted strawberries, cucumbers and sun flowers! We also plan to create a pumpkin patch next to the garage! Throughout the month of May we will be talking about "Our World," including oceans and continents, and continue our nature studies.

We will be visiting the Palace Theater again this month to see *The Teacher From The Black Lagoon* on Tuesday, May 16th. Please sign up if you are willing and available to chaperone. Thank you again to all those who have volunteered to chaperone in the past. We couldn't do it without you!

Our now four-year olds have grown and evolved into wonderful people! We have enjoyed every moment with them!

Happy Mother's Day!  
~ **Brittany, Tera and Stephanie**

**Pre-K 4s:** We can't believe it is May already. It's been beautiful outside the past few days! Let's hope for more beautiful days.

This month we will talk about "**Plants and Planting**," "**Life Cycles**," and "**Five**

**Senses.**” We will work on the letters “**U,**” “**V,**” “**R,**” and “**S,**” as well as patterns and story sequences.

We have another field trip this year! We will be going to the Palace Theater to see *The Teacher from the Black Lagoon* on **Tuesday, May 16.** Please sign up to drive.

Happy birthday to **S.** Happy Mother’s Day – keep an eye out for a special gift from your soon-to-be kindergartner.  
~ **Tara, Sherry and Angie**

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### **Important Dates**

**May 10** – Shelter in Place Drill

**May 15** - Scholastic Book orders due

**May 16** - Pre-K 3/4s & Pre-K 4s - Field trip to Palace Theater to see *The Teacher from the Black Lagoon*

**May 29** - **Closed for Memorial Day**

**June 23** - BPS Family Picnic: Noon – 1PM