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The Monthly Newsletter of Bethlehem Preschool April 2018

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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 13.** Checks are payable to: **Scholastic Reading Club.** Our book club school code is **GDT CJ.**

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 6.** 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 \$50.00 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 37,000 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 26 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: Thursday, April 26, 6:30 pm to 8 pm

**Where: Slingerlands Elementary School
25 Union Ave, Delmar, NY 12054**

The Kindergarten 101 fair will be set up with stations where BCSD faculty and staff will show parents what's new in today's kindergarten classroom and will help you prepare your child with fun ways to build:

- Reading and writing skills
- 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 2018 at one of the district's five elementary schools: Eagle, Elsmere, Glenmont, Hamagrael, or Slingerlands. **No RSVP is necessary.**

BPS Parent Workshop - April 23 The Preschool Experience: Working Toward Kindergarten Readiness

Please join us on Monday, April 23 at 6:00 pm 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 is here! Now for the nice weather!

We will begin to go out more and more as the days get nicer, so please make sure there are plenty of extra clothes in your child's bin. For our walkers, please make sure the shoes your child wears can get dirty if the playground is a little muddy.

All our friends are very busy in the room. We are exploring all our toys, climbing on the soft cushions and practicing climbing on the little set of stairs we bring into the classroom.

Happy Spring!

~ **Michele, & Kristen**

Toddlers: Happy spring! We cannot believe April is here already. Hopefully it brings us nice weather and some sunshine.

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 **E.**

~ **Alicia, Tara & Cassidy**

Twos: Hip-Hip Hooray for spring! Please check clothing boxes for appropriate clothing. Also, please continue to bring in snow gear. Mornings are still cold.

We had a great time with our "**Transportation**" theme. We learned all about the different kinds of transportation and whether they are by land, water, or air. We enjoyed our "imagination station," and have

worked on fine-motor skills, matching, and counting while learning about buses, planes and trains.

For the month of April, we will use our imaginations and explore “**Super Heroes,**” “**Folklore,**” and “**Fairy Tales**” in our land of make believe. Dress up will turn into the command center, and a castle. If you have any folklore or fairy tale books you’d like to share, please let us know.

Happy birthday **T, W & F.**

~ **Bonita, Tera & 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 and learning about folk tales and fairy tales. We will be ending our folk/fairy tale study with a costume ball celebration.

In April we will begin our study of “**Weather,**” learning about all the changes occurring in spring. We will also explore what goes on in a bakery shop and learn more about where some of our favorite foods come from.

We are working hard growing bigger and smarter, and having fun with each other in the Three’s room. Here’s to another exciting month of investigation, exploration and imagination.

Happy birthday to **S & J.**

~ **Jared, Maura & Ashley**

Pre-k 3/4s: March was a busy month, full of field trips, tree investigations and some wacky weather! With spring fully in swing we look forward to studying plants and how they grow, and all of the wonderful things that spring brings! We also plan to begin preparations for our school garden, keeping in mind that "nature is unpredictable." We will also look at rainbows, the water cycle and flowers, oh my!

On **Monday, April 16** we have a field trip to the Egg Performing Arts Center to watch a play based on Mother Goose Tales. As always, please volunteer to drive if you can. The children love this special time spent with you and so much can be learned about your children during these car rides!

Happy birthday to **S.**

~ **Brittany, Stephanie & Becca**

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 Studies are:

- Earth Day
- Recycling

HELP! Our mailboxes in the classroom are very full! Please remove the papers from the boxes **EVERY DAY.** We are hoping we are done with snow pants, so you can take them home! Keep the boots here, as it can be muddy on the playground.

Join us for our next field trip on **Monday, April 16th** to The Egg in Albany for **Mother Goose! Ballet.** We will leave at 9:30 and return by noon. We still need drivers. Please sign up outside the classroom.

Happy birthday to **O & C.**

~**Tara, Sherry & Angie**

Important Dates:

April 6 - Deadline for returning **Summer/Fall Planning Sheets**

April 13- Scholastic book orders due

April 16 – Pre-k $\frac{3}{4}$'s & 4's - field trip to The Egg

April 23 – **BPS Workshop** - The Preschool Experience: Working Toward Kindergarten Readiness - 6 pm