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The Monthly Newsletter of Bethlehem Preschool June 2019

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Don't Forget the BPS Picnic
Friday, June 28- 12:00 - 1:00

Annual BPS Picnic

All moms, dads, BPS children, brothers, sisters, grandmas and grandpas are cordially invited to join us for lunch at the Annual Bethlehem Preschool Family Picnic on **Fri., June 28 from 12:00pm - 1:00pm.**

Please bring:

A salad or main dish to serve at least 8 people. (Jell-O does not do well in the sun.)

Or

Hot dogs and rolls for 8 people. (Hot dogs should be delivered early in the day or the day before.)

Or

Watermelon or cookies.

And also bring:

- Lawn chairs and/or blankets.

Sign-up sheets for salads, watermelons, hot dogs, and cookies will be located at the front desk. See you on the 28th. "Think Sun!"

Reminder

BPS will be closed on **Thursday, July 4** in observance of Independence Day.

Vision Screening

We would like to invite your child to participate in the **KidSight Vision Screening Program**, which will be conducted at

Bethlehem Preschool by the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany. The program is a free service that screens about 2000 children every year.

The process is quick and noninvasive. It uses a SPOT Vision Screener, a digital camera that takes photographs of the child's eyes and immediately detects the indication of many different vision problems. The results will be given the same day as the screening.

The KidSight screening will take place on **Tuesday, June 18**. The screening is open to children who are over 18 months old. A brochure describing the program and a KidSight consent form will be handed out the week of June 10.

Parent Questionnaire

Please take a few minutes to complete the family questionnaire that we will be distributing in a few weeks. We value your feedback and suggestions, and we hope to hear from every family.

Tee-Shirt Sale

We have a limited number of **Bethlehem Preschool tee-shirts** in children and adult sizes. The tee-shirts **cost \$10**. Choose a tee-shirt from the display by the front desk and **complete the sales form**. You can pay in cash or check, or we will bill your account. Please leave the completed sales form at the front desk, or hand it to a staff member.

Summer Staffing

You will see a few new faces over the summer and a few familiar faces of college

students returning to cover staff vacations. We will send out information on our staffing schedules and summer fun for each room as we approach the summer.

Outside Summer Fun

Our summer program begins Monday, July 1. At that time, the children will begin using sprinklers and water tables outside on the playground.

1's/T's - Please send in a bathing suit and closed-toe water shoes (**NO SANDALS or Crocs PLEASE.**) Make sure there is an adequate supply of sunscreen for your child.

2s/3s/3/4s/Jr Eagles - Please send in a swimsuit, a towel and closed-toe water shoes (**NO SANDALS or Crocs PLEASE.**) Make sure there is an adequate supply of sunscreen for your child.

As always, **please make sure each item is labeled.** Thank you for your cooperation.

Classroom Notes

Infant Room: The wonderful weather is now upon us so please dress your child accordingly. Also, please be sure to check your child's clothes basket and switch out anything that needs to be updated. Please bring in sunscreen, too.

As a reminder, **our summer program starts on Monday, July 1.** Please bring in swim shoes (**closed toe, NO CROCS**), and bathing suit or other clothes to get wet in. We have water play fun planned for the hot days!

We hope to see everyone at our family picnic on Friday, June 28. We hope everyone can join us. Think sun!

As always, don't hesitate to speak to us about questions or concerns.

Happy birthday to Michele!
~ **Michele and Brianna**

Toddler Room: We can't believe that the school year is almost over. This year has flown by.

During June, we will be talking about

"Nursery Rhymes." We will incorporate them into our theme by reading books, singing songs and doing special art projects. If you have a favorite nursery rhyme, please bring it in to share.

If you would like your child to wear a hat for outside play, please bring one in, and please label it with your child's name.

Happy Father's Day to all. Look for a special something for Father's Day.

Some of our friends will be moving to the 2s room for the summer. We will miss them but we'll see them outside!

Happy birthday to **Eden.**
~**Alicia, Tara and Jenny**

Twos Room: We can't believe the school year is almost over. This month we will be talking about **"SummerTime Fun"** and **"Going on Vacation."**

June 12th is our popsicle/fruit bash at 3:45. We hope everyone will be able to join us for some delicious food and drink.

Also mark your calendar for the BPS family picnic on Friday, June 28.

Happy Father's Day to all the daddies. Look out for a special something for Father's Day.

We work hard everyday to get ready for the 3's room. Our friends will be pouring their own milk and beginning to serve themselves at lunch time. We will miss those friends who move to the 3s room at the end of June!

It has been a super year and we would like to thank you for sharing your children with us!

Happy birthday to **Dean, Amelia, Rocco & Cassidy**
~ **Kristen, Tera and Cassidy**

Threes Room: The Three Year Olds Room celebrated a fantastic school year. Ashley, Vanessa and I are extremely proud of the children's growth and accomplishments. They have formed close friendships, expanded their knowledge of the world around them, explored new topics, flexed their creative muscles, discovered new interests, and laid a solid foundation for future learning. All of that, and the kids managed to do it with smiles, laughter and love. They have inspired us with their

resilience, innocence, and perseverance. The teachers and students could not have wished for a happier, more fun year!

Of course, you are a huge part of our success. Ashley, Vanessa and I are truly grateful for your support, encouragement, and help. The conversations and shared thoughts were invaluable to the day to day achievements of our little scholars. The classroom spirit soared every time family and friends volunteered time and lent gifts and talents to weekly activities and special events. Your generosity was humbling, and your enthusiasm was inspiring. Working together to shape the children's hearts and minds was a privilege. We are grateful to have shared this time with you and your little one.

As we begin a new and final month together, we are excited to welcome Saaleha into our classroom community. The children have already embraced her positive energy, bubbly personality and creative touch. Saaleha is eager to know all of you and join in the children's journey through their preschool education.

Happy birthday to **Adelyn and Liam**.

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

~ **Jared, Ashley, Vanessa and Saaleha**.

Pre-K 3/4s Room: How could it be that it is already the last month of the school year? We spent the month of May learning about insects and life cycles. We look forward to observing our own caterpillars going through metamorphosis. We have also been working hard at practicing some of our favorite nursery rhymes to perform at our Nursery Rhyme Story Time on Monday, June 10th at 3:15. Parents please feel free to join us.

During June we will participate in a study of sports. We will explore a variety of sports, and even take a turn participating in some new physical activities. It will be a great

way to encourage children to take turns and show good sportsmanship in a group setting.

We will also start a study on camping and enjoying the great outdoors. This study will continue during our summer fun. We will even bring the outdoors inside by transforming our dressup area into a campsite.

Thank you for an amazing school year. We look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic.

~ **Maura, Brenda and Stephanie**

Pre-K 4s Room: Welcome June! This year has flown by! We would like to thank you for all your support and help throughout the year, especially for driving on our many field trips! We couldn't have done it without you!

Please join us Thursday, June 13 at 3:15 for the Annual Ice Cream Social to celebrate the end of the school year. All parents, grandparents and siblings are invited, even our children who do not attend on Thursdays. We have a sign-up in the classroom for a few items we will need. If you would like to help, please sign up. We hope you will be able to join us.

Mark your calendar for the June 28 BPS Family Picnic. We hope you can join us!

Happy Father's Day to all our dads. Watch your child's mailbox for a special gift.

Happy birthday to **Liam**.

~**Tara, Sherry and Angie**

Important Dates

June 28 – Family Picnic Noon – 1PM

July 1– First day of Summer Program

July 4 – BPS closed

August 30 – Last day of Summer Program

September 2 – BPS Closed

September 3 – First day of Fall Program

Have a great summer.