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## The Monthly Newsletter of Bethlehem Preschool March 2018

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Happy Spring, we hope soon!

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### Taxpayer Identification Number

Our Taxpayer Identification Number is **14 -1569614**. 2017 year-end statements are available upon request.

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### Parent/Teacher Conferences

We are again offering an opportunity for parents to discuss your child's development and progress with classroom teachers. If you haven't already, you will receive a "Family Conference Form" in early March. The form will report on your child's strengths in a wide range of developmental touchpoints.

We use the "Creative Curriculum Gold" assessment system which provides observations and assessments in up to 38 Objectives for Development and Learning. The system uses daily observations, developmental checklists and portfolios to follow children's progress and achievements.

The system also relies on input from parents to develop social, educational, physical and literacy goals for your child. We will continue to ask for your input throughout the school year.

Once you have received the "Family Conference Form," please speak to your child's teacher to arrange a meeting time that is convenient for you. We look forward to our discussions.

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### Summer Plans

Please begin to think about your summer child care needs. We will ask you to

complete a summer planning sheet late in March, but we would like you to be aware that families **who wish to withdraw their child for the summer will not be guaranteed a fall placement**. Please speak to a director if you have questions regarding this long-standing policy.

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### Morning Snack Reminder

We **STRONGLY DISCOURAGE** you from providing any breakfast foods for your child at morning drop off. Morning snack is available when we open at 7 AM, with cereal or breads, milk and fruit served.

If you find it necessary to provide a breakfast item from home, we ask that you **avoid nuts, sweet breads (donuts, granola bars, pastries, cookies, cakes) and sweet cereals**. Please do not bring food in to share with other children.

Also, you should be aware that **we have a child with a tree nut allergy in the building**. Please do not bring any foods into the building that have any type of nut in it, including peanuts.

Thanks for your help.

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### Scholastic Book Orders

This month's Scholastic Book Orders are due on **Monday, March 12**. Please make checks payable to **Scholastic Reading Club**, or order on-line at [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com) using our code school code **GTCDJ**.

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### Classroom Notes

**Infants:** March is here! Please bring us nice

weather. Continue to bring in snow gear. It can get messy outside.

Our friends are growing and changing every day. Cs vocabulary is growing and expanding quickly. J M loves to build with our big cardboard blocks. You should see how tall he can make a tower. M is a big climber and likes to climb on our chairs. B is now an official walker, and believe it or not, our little Eis also taking a few steps. E loves to interact with her friends. She reaches for toys and is working hard on rolling over. J L quickly moved from sitting, to crawling, to pulling himself up, to cruising and trying to stand on his own. WOW!

We enjoy talking to each of you in the mornings or evenings, so feel free to bring up any issues to us at that time.

Happy birthday to **B**.

~ **Michele & Kristen**

**Toddlers:** Can you believe March is already here? Hopefully March will bring nice warm weather and NO MORE SNOW!

During March, we will be talking about **"The Circus."** We will have various animal costumes out for the children to try on. We will walk on a tight rope, and do other circus show acts, all under a big top tent!

Please check your child's extra clothes box for weather appropriate clothing, especially socks.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all and a very happy birthday to **M, T and O**.

~ **Alicia, Tara & Cassidy**

**Twos:** We had so much fun with our "Olympics" theme! But we are looking forward to the spring and warmer weather.

Our new theme for March is **"Transportation."** We will explore trains, planes and boats. Our dramatic play area will be changed into a transportation station and we will use our imagination as to whether it is a train, plane or bus station. We will have a ticket counter and food stands. We will be talking about all different kinds of transportation by air, land and water. We will also continue to practice our scissor skills.

With the weather changing, please check your child's box for appropriate clothing

Happy birthday to **P and H**.

~ **Bonita, Lanita & Tera**

**Threes:** February has flown by! We ended our month of February and began March with a weeklong celebration of Dr. Seuss. Thank you to all the students and families for participating in our wacky celebration.

This month we will dive into two new studies: **"Nursery Rhymes,"** and **"Fairy Tales."**

Also, a special welcome to our new friend, Oliver. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in not bringing in any outside food to the classroom, as our new friend has a nut allergy.

Happy birthday to **A**.

We are looking forward to an exciting month ahead!

~ **Jared, Maura & Ashley**

**Pre-K 3/4s:** We can't believe February has passed, but we are super excited to usher in March and spring!

March is full of interesting and educational events to experience. Our theme for the month is **"Trees."** We will learn about construction, the parts of trees, wood products, and Dr. Seuss' The Lorax.

We will also learn about maple trees and how to make maple syrup. On **Thursday, March 15** please join us for our field trip to Five Rivers Environmental Center for their **Marvelous Maples** program. We will leave at 9:30. We still need drivers! This is an amazing hands-on experience for the children, teachers, and chaperones. Thanks to those who have already volunteered to drive. We really appreciate your participation!

Happy birthday to **K, O, A, G, B and B**.

~ **Brittany, Stephanie and Becca**

**Pre-K 4s:** We had a great Dr. Seuss week! The children were excited to wear hats and crazy socks to school.

Thank you to R's parents for the wonderful Chinese New Year celebration! We had a great time parading around the school.

We are kicking off March with **"Fairy Tale Week."** On **Tuesday, March 6** wear your favorite costume. More information will follow.

Other studies for the month include **"Spring"** and **"Weather."** We will continue to work on letters **"K," "A,"** and **"M,"** and

reviewing numbers **1 – 10**. The children are hard at work learning to write numbers 1 – 10. Practice at home!

Our next trip is on **Thursday, March 15**. Please join us for our trip to Five Rivers Environmental Center for their **Marvelous Maples** program. We will leave at 9:30. We still need drivers!

Happy birthday to **E, K, L, T**  
~Tara, Sherry & Angie

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### **Important Dates**

**Mar. 8 – BPS Closes at 1PM**

**Mar. 12 - Scholastic Book Orders Due**

**Mar. 15– 9:30 - Pre-K 3/4s & Pre-K 4s**  
**Field trip to Five Rivers**

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