



## 😊 Small Talk 😊

### The Monthly Newsletter of Bethlehem Preschool November 2020

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#### Welcome to November!

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##### **BPS Harvest Feast**

Our classes will celebrate the autumn harvest on **Tuesday, Nov. 24**. Our goal is to establish a feeling of community within the Preschool by allowing each class to contribute to the feast. Each room will be preparing a dish to be shared at our annual "Child-made Luncheon." Unfortunately, we won't be able to have guests this year, but we will enjoy the company of our friends and teachers.

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##### **Holiday Caring and Sharing Program**

Bethlehem Preschool is once again participating in the Bethlehem community **Holiday Caring and Sharing Program**. We will be collecting **grocery store gift cards** for the BCSD Holiday Caring and Sharing Program. Thank you for your generosity.

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##### **School Calendar for November 2020**

BPS will **CLOSE early** on **Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>** for a half day training session for the staff. **Please pick up your child by 1 PM.**

We will be **CLOSED** on Thursday, **Nov. 26 AND Friday, Nov 27** in observance of Thanksgiving.

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##### **COVID Travel Reminder**

We would like to take a moment to thank you for carefully observing our rules, for cleanliness, mask wearing, and keeping your child home when sick. We have been fortunate so far, with no cases of COVID affecting our staff or students. We would like to remind our families to keep up the good work and continue to follow all NYS and Federal guidelines. This, of course, may mean that your Thanksgiving and Winter celebrations will be different from past years. It is imperative for the safety of our entire BPS community that you follow the rules about testing and quarantine periods. A small mistake in judgement could put the health of our students in jeopardy as well as affect the employment of parents and staff. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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##### **Label, Label, Label!**

Please put your child's name on all the items you bring into Preschool! This includes coats, boots, snow pants, hats, mittens, blankets, and nap time sleep buddies.

Toys from home can easily get broken or lost, so please leave them at home.

Thanks for your cooperation.

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## Scholastic Books

This month's orders are due **November 13**. Consider placing your book order on-line. Create a username and password at [www.scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs). On the parent page, click the "**Don't have a user name and password?**" link, and register for your own username and password. When prompted, enter the one-time **Class Activation Code** for Bethlehem Preschool, **GTCDJ**. Follow the instructions for ordering the books. Make checks payable to **Scholastic Reading Club, or order on-line**.

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## Upcoming Parent / Teacher Conferences

Teachers in all of our classrooms use a curriculum and assessment system written by the company "Teaching Strategies." The system has 38 objectives for learning and development.

The children are observed on a daily basis; these observations are recorded monthly. The "Family Conference Form" is completed at the end of each 3 month period. Your child's Fall summary form will be available in early December. You will also receive your child's developmental information in March and June.

The Family Conference Form is a summary of development & learning. It is intended to give parents an idea of your child's strengths, and to incorporate an individual plan for your child's development and learning. The report is intended to include parental input establishing goals for each child. We welcome you to discuss your child's goals with classroom staff members.

This year we will be offering zoom conferences. Please look for sign-up sheets to schedule a zoom meeting to discuss the Family Conference Form.

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## Classroom Notes

**Infants:** November is here! So-long to summer. We go outside as often as possible, so please make sure your child has warm outside clothes, including hats and mittens.

The babies are very active and busy every day. We love to color with crayons, explore in our sensory table, and sing songs.

We will be sending home a special bag with a book to share with your child. We encourage you to take a photo and tell us about your time reading with your child.

Happy birthday to **EG**. Happy Thanksgiving to all!  
~ **Michele & Brianna**

**Toddlers:** November already?! Time is going by fast.

Please remember to bring in hats, mittens and heavy coats. We go outside every day we can. It is one of our favorite activities!

During November our theme is "**Caring and Sharing**." We will explore books on being a good friend and practice playing nicely with each other.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.  
~ **Alicia, Jenny & Latizza**

**Twos:** Hello November! We had so much fun in October! We made apple chips, carved a pumpkin, painted pumpkins and watched all the leaves fall.

This month we will be talking about turkeys, family, fun, and giving lots of thanks. We will be working on a special class "project" to share with all of our families towards the end of the month.

It feels like winter is around the corner. Please make sure your child has hats, gloves and a warm jacket. We love to go out to exercise and play. Also, check extra clothes boxes to make sure they are for colder weather.

We look forward to November fun. We will talk about "**Turkeys**" and "**Giving Thanks**." We will do all sorts of fun art projects and read lots of turkey stories!

Thank you to everyone who has brought in family pictures! If you haven't brought in your family picture please do so!! We are excited for all of the fun November has in store for us.

~ **Kristen, Tara, & Ricleicia**

**Threes:** Fall is in full swing and the Threes class has enjoyed many seasonal activities that come with the cool weather: leaf raking and jumping, reading books about apples and

gourds, and pumpkin carving. Autumn is awesome! With the weather starting to cool down please be sure to bring all coats and cold weather gear labeled with your child's name.

To begin the month, we will start our study of "**Shapes and Colors.**" We will be having a "rainbow week" where we will wear a different color of the rainbow each day. We will send out an announcement soon. We will end the month by learning about "**Giving Thanks / Family / Friendship.**"

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

Happy birthday to **E and W.**

~ **Jared, Ashley, Nicky, and Kristine**

**Pre-K 3/4s:** October was another interesting month full of new and fun ideas where we learned all about trees and leaves.

Now that fall is in full swing, please be sure to dress your child appropriately for the weather, as we try to go outside daily. Also, please be sure all of your child's outerwear is labeled and stored in their cubby in the hallway. We are encouraging all students to be responsible for their own belongings, and work to dress themselves in their coats, hats mittens, etc. At home, you can make it a challenge and time your child to see how fast they can dress themselves.

In November, we are excited to discuss and share what it means to "give thanks" and what it means to be thankful.

We are so proud and impressed with how hard the children in the Pre-k 3/4s have been working, and how much they have accomplished during the first 2 months of school. We look forward to another month of growth, exploration and fun!

Happy birthday to **M, J, J, and G.**

~ **Tera, Stephanie, and Saaleha**

**Pre-K 4s:** We wrapped up the month of October, filled with lots of learning about fire safety and pumpkins, with an awesome PJ party!

This month we look forward to studying corn and scarecrows, and food and sharing. Keep an eye out for a special take home project that you can do with your child. We can't wait to see the results!

Fall is here, so please bring in hats and gloves. We go outside every day!

This month we continue to work on sequences and patterns, as well as letter writing and learning the sounds of each letter.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Happy Birthday to **L.**

~ **Maura, Sherry, & Cassidy**

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### Important Dates

**Nov. 11** - BPS Closes at 1pm for staff training

**Nov. 13** - Scholastic Book Orders Due

**Nov. 24** – BPS Harvest Feast

**Nov. 26 & 27** - **BPS Closed** for Thanksgiving