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The Monthly Newsletter of Bethlehem Preschool February 2019

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Happy Valentine's Day!

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Just a friendly reminder to let you know that the children will have the opportunity to make cards at school to share with friends and family. **Please do not bring in Valentine cards or candy from home.** Thank you for your cooperation. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like to participate in any Valentine's Day activities happening in the classroom.

Taxpayer Identification Number

Our Taxpayer Identification Number is **14 -1569614**. A year-end tax statement is available upon request.

BPS Closed - Presidents' Day

Bethlehem Preschool will be **closed** for Presidents' Day on **Monday, February 18**.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

We are again offering an opportunity for parents to discuss your child's development and progress with classroom teachers. You will receive a "Family Conference Form" at the end of February or early March. The form will report on your child's strengths in a wide range of developmental touchpoints.

We are using 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.

Bethlehem School District Kindergarten

Kindergarten registration for students who will be **5-years-old by Dec. 1, 2019** takes place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Registrar's Office, in the high school (700 Delaware Ave). A packet of registration materials, with detailed information about registering, was mailed in January to parents who have students in this age group and are in the district's database.

If you have a child who will be in kindergarten next year but has not been registered with the district's census, please contact District Registrar Melissa Haas at 439-2442. Once your child is registered for kindergarten, a screening will be scheduled for your child at your home elementary school.

Book Orders

The **February Scholastic** book orders are attached to the newsletter. All orders are due on **Wednesday, Feb.13**. Order online using our parent activation code **GTCDJ** or turn in paper orders by the 13th. Please make checks payable to **Scholastic Reading Club**.

Classroom Notes

Infants: Welcome to February! We are hoping for warmer weather around the corner.

The infants have been busy creating beautiful art work. We love to be creative! Look around the room to see your child's work.

We have also been exploring sand in the sensory table. Some of us really enjoy playing with the sand. Others....not so much! We will keep trying though.

Winter, and cold seasons are still upon us, so continue to wash your child's hands upon arrival. Thanks.

Check your child's clothing bin and resupply as needed, please.

Finally, please do not hesitate to share any questions or concerns you may have.

Happy Birthday to **A** and **M**.

~ **Michele & Brianna**

Toddlers: Happy Ground Hog's Day. We hope he doesn't see his shadow. We want spring to come!

During the month of February, we will be talking about "**Community Helpers**." We will do some baking, read stories and talk about people in our community.

Look for something special that your child will be working on for our moms and dads for Valentine's Day.

We love visitors. If you would like to come in to read a book or do a special project, please speak to one of the teachers.

Happy Birthday to **J**, **M** and **T**.

~ **Alicia, Tara & Jenny**

Twos: February is in the air. The weather has been cold...brrr.....but please continue to send in snow gear because we hope to get outside soon.

Everyone is having a great year. We are making great "friendships" and we are

learning a lot. Our friends love playing the Peppa Pig matching game and the "What's Missing" game as a group. You have no idea how many times a day we hear, "Can we play the Peppa Pig matching game?!" We also have great conversations. We often go around the circle and ask our friends what they had for dinner the night before. Some of the answers are awesome!

A big thank you to the families that have shared books with the class. Our friends love to read!! If you would like to join us to read a book, do yoga or an art project, or just come in to visit, please let us know.

In February we will create some art projects for Valentine's Day, talk about families and why we love them, and discuss who is very special to us. We will bring out some "new" toys and books, and turn our dress-up into a skating rink!

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Happy birthday to **C (and his Grandma E!)** and **K**.

~ **Kristen, Cassidy & Tera**

Threes: Happy February, friends and families! We begin the month finishing up our dinosaur study. The children are having a monstrous time learning about those prehistoric creatures. Triceratops and tyrannosaurus rex are the two most popular dinos in the Three-year-old room!

Other studies for the month include "**Love and Manners**," and "**The Hospital and Veterinarian's Office**." If you have any books, games or toys that have to do with friendship, family or manners, you are welcome to bring them into school for the "**Love and Manners**" study (which leads up to Valentines day.) Don't forget, wear red or pink on February 14th!

The three-year-olds are growing bigger, stronger, and smarter each month. They love earning more responsibilities and accomplishing new tasks. Allow them to be involved in self-directed or independent jobs at home. Setting the table for a snack or meal, dressing in clothes or outdoor gear, walking up and down the stairs without being carried, and washing their hands like they do at school (singing "ABC's song for 20 seconds!") are all

terrific ways to encourage their independence.

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

~ **Jared, Vanessa & Ashley**

Pre-K 3/4s: In January, we started our new year by studying health and wellness. We learned about the 5 food groups, making healthy choices and the importance of exercise, and we practiced lots of good hand washing. We also ended the month on a very musical note. We explored different styles of music, learned about instruments, made our own instruments, and even created our own music book.

Now February is here and we have more fun and exploration planned. This month we will learn about the post office and how we send and receive mail. We will also start a "**Building**" study. We will use a variety of materials to practice our own building and construction skills.

Everyday the 3/4s friends practice "signing in." We began the year by just identifying their names; now we have moved to tracing and writing their names on their own. This a great skill to practice at home. The more practice the better.

Happy Birthday to **N, A, R** !

~ **Maura, Stephanie & Brenda**

Pre-k 4s: Happy February!

This month we will be talking about "**Chinese New Year,**" "**Ground Hogs Day,**" "**Dental Health**" and "**President's Day.**"

Our mystery reader calendar is looking bare. If you haven't had a chance to be a Mystery Reader, please consider signing up!! The children really enjoy the surprise.

Please bring in extra clothing, especially socks and pants. We love to play in the snow, but we get wet. **PLEASE REMEMBER EXTRA PANTS AND SOCKS!!**

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

~**Tara, Sherry & Angie**

Calendar of Events:

Wed., Feb. 13 – Scholastic Book orders due

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