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### The Monthly Newsletter of Bethlehem Preschool January 2021

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Happy New Year from the children and staff at BPS.

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#### Taxpayer Identification Number

Our Taxpayer Identification Number is **14-1569614**. If you need an **end-of-the year payment summary**, please leave a note with your payment, or email us at [info@bethlehempreschool.com](mailto:info@bethlehempreschool.com).

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#### BPS Closed

BPS will be closed on **Monday, January 18** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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#### Outside Play

It is the policy of Bethlehem Preschool for children to go outside twice a day. We believe outdoor play is a very important experience for children throughout the year. We do not go outside when the weather is too wet or, rarely, if we determine the temperature is dangerously hot or cold. On very cold days, teachers limit the amount of time spent outside to what is appropriate for the class and the weather.

It is important that your child is prepared to play outside each day. When the snow flies, please send in **a hat, a pair of mittens (waterproof mittens are better than knit), a pair of boots, snow pants, and a warm winter jacket every day**. Always send in a coat, hat and mittens on cold days! Thank you for your cooperation. **PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!**

All children are expected to participate in outdoor play. If you feel your child is too ill to participate in outdoor play, please keep your child at home.

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#### Holiday Caring and Sharing Programs

We want to extend our thanks for your outpouring of generosity to the holiday caring & sharing programs. We were able to donate grocery store gift certificates and 3 boxes of food items. We are most fortunate to have such a supportive group of families at BPS. We wish to extend to each of you our wishes for a Happy New Year.

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#### Bethlehem Central School District Census

Do you live in the Bethlehem Central School District? Have you completed the BCSD **Preschool Student Information Form**? It is very important for the school district to be aware of any resident preschoolers in order to plan for future enrollment. Please go to [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?usp=drive\\_web&formkey=dHJGNFh4UGxycTJrNjICSHPDdUo3T0E6MQ#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?usp=drive_web&formkey=dHJGNFh4UGxycTJrNjICSHPDdUo3T0E6MQ#gid=0) on the Bethlehem Central Schools website (<http://www.bethlehemschools.org>) to complete the census form.

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#### Info on Bethlehem Central Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child who will turn five years old on or before December 1, 2021, you will want to take note of Bethlehem's kindergarten registration. The district has informed us that they will be doing an online registration this year. The registrar's office indicated that they will be sending out information in the next week or so. If you do not receive kindergarten registration information by the end of the month, please fill

out a Preschool Student Information Form for your child.

Questions? Contact District Registrar Melissa Haas at (518) 439-2442 or by email at mhaas@bcasd.neric.org.

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## Book Orders

We will place our January order for Scholastic Books **on January 19**. Please look on-line ([www.scholasticbooks.com](http://www.scholasticbooks.com)) for all the available catalogs and use our school code (**GDT CJ**) to place your order.

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## Classroom Notes

**Infants:** Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a nice holiday.

Winter is here, so please be sure to check your child's supplies and clothing boxes to make sure they have appropriate extra clothes. Please also check the supply of wipes and diaper cream.

Please help us prevent the spread of germs by always washing your hands and your child's hands upon arrival in the morning.

Now that all of our friends are getting so big we will begin exploring more art and sensory items in the New Year.

To help keep our carpet dry, please remove your shoes or feel free to hand your baby to us at the gate.

Please do not hesitate to speak to either of us about any questions or concerns you may have.

Happy 1<sup>st</sup> birthday to **M** and **R**  
**- Michele & Brianna**

**Toddlers:** Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a great holiday!

This month we will talk about "**Winter Animals**," and "**Winter Fun**." We will do many art projects with various winter animals and make an "ice skating rink" for some winter fun.

Be sure to check your child's extra clothing box for warm and size-appropriate clothes, **especially socks**. We try to go outside every day, so please continue to bring in winter snow gear. Label everything!

Happy Birthday to **M** and **A**.  
**- Alicia, Latizza & Jenny**

**Twos:** Happy New Year! This year is getting off to a great start.

The Twos are ready to settle into January by exploring "**Nursery Rhymes**." We will talk about nursery rhymes, read nursery rhyme books, and incorporate flannel board stories into our day. We will also be exploring "**letters**" in the 2's room. Our friends have been very interested in the letters of their names.

**PLEASE LABEL** all snow pants, jackets, boots, hats and mittens. We have a lot of items that look alike. Also, check your child's extra clothing box, especially socks, and restock if needed.

Happy Birthday to **A** and **S**.  
**- Kristen, Tara & Ricleicia**

**Threes:** Happy New Year! We hope you had a great holiday season. Over the past several months, we have seen our kids grow so much and so fast. More and more we hear them talking about the calendar, letters in their names, counting to (almost!) twenty, and applying old knowledge to new activities. Encourage learning at home and have them count how many plates are set at the table or which letters on food labels they recognize.

We are excited to begin our January studies, which include "**Winter**," "**Hibernation**," and "**Roads**." We will be exploring each of these through different activities such as finger plays, board games, art and the audio center.

Please remember to keep sending warm layers for both inside the classroom and outside, as it is very cold. We want the kids to be as comfortable as possible, so they can have the most fun! It is also important to label everything that comes to school. In the event something gets misplaced, it's often easier to get it back if a name or initials are written on it.

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

Happy birthday to **K**.  
**- Jared, Ashley, Kristine & Nicky**

**Pre-K Three/Fours:** Hello and Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed your holidays. We are so eager to get started learning, growing, and blossoming in 2021! We are very proud of our three/fours growth and accomplishments.

We look forward to learning about winter sports such as skiing, ice skating, ice fishing,

and hockey. We will also do a study unit on what animals and plants do during the winter, as well as a study on winter fun.

Please continue to send in hats, gloves, coats, and scarves. **LABEL EVERYTHING!**

We look forward to another month of fun and learning!

- **Tera, Stephanie & Saaleha**

**Pre-K Fours:** Happy New Year! We are all looking forward to 2021! With winter and a new year upon us, we are excited to embark on some exciting new studies. This month we will be exploring the many changes we see during the season of winter! We will try to do so using all five senses. We will also study

Martin Luther King and his impact on our world today.

The children have enjoyed decorating and playing inside our gingerbread house. We are sure you have heard all about it! Keep your eyes peeled for the next exciting structure in the classroom.

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

- **Maura, Sherry & Cassidy**

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### **Important Dates**

**Jan. 18** – BPS is closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**Jan. 19** – Scholastic Book Orders Due