



BETHESDA CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

February 2017

Save the Date!!!

BCDC will be holding our Winter Social on February 10th from 6:30-8:00pm. Come and enjoy a fun family bingo night. There will be prizes, snacks, and excitement galore! This is a great fellowship night to come and enjoy a relaxing evening with friends and staff.

Curriculum Corner

In February, the 3 Year Old Classrooms wrap up Creative Curriculum's Clothes Study with "Where do we get our clothes?" and "What special clothes do people wear?" In the middle of February, the 3 year olds begin Creative Curriculum's "Exploring the topic of Buildings" and then "What do the buildings in our neighborhood look like?" The 4 Year Old Classrooms wrap up Creative Curriculum's Music Study with "What different styles of music are there? How do they make us feel?" and "Who works with music for a job? What tools do they use?" In the middle of February, the 4 year olds begin Creative Curriculum's "Exploring the topic of Roads" and then "Characteristics of roads". Our food activities include building a pizza using an English muffin, pizza sauce, and shredded mozzarella cheese, a construction truck using graham crackers, Oreos, and icing, and a cereal mix with cheerios and chex.

Spirit Days:

This month the theme is Disney Characters. The children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favorite Disney character. We will be having animal crackers, strawberries, and blueberries for morning snack. No need to pack a morning snack! We will also be collecting toiletries, socks, and games for the Warrior House on Broad Street. Please check with your child's teacher to find out what day your child will be

The Warrior House

The Warrior house is apart of Warriors Helping Warriors Inc. The house is scheduled to open in May. "The mission of Warriors Helping Warriors Inc. is to enable veterans and their families to "Win the War at Home" so they can transition back to functioning families and back to productive members of society. In order to achieve these goals, we provide emotional support counseling, family support network, home repairs, veteran's benefit and healthcare assistance, and veteran/family bonding events." You can find more information and ways to help on their website <http://www.whwonline.org> or contact Kevin Conley at 302-562-9033.

Christian Education

Christian Education will continue with Ms. Mika visiting the classes during the week. The topics the children will be discussing this month are "God Made Me Somebody Special", "The Lost Sheep", Patience & "The Ugly Duckling", and "Moses and The 10 Commandments".

Happy Valentine's Day!

Friendship is in the air! Every class will be having their Valentine's Day Party. We invite each child to bring in Valentine cards to exchange with their classmates. Then teachers will send home a class list and also post a sign up list for goodies need for the party.

Special Lunch

*Full Day Kids *

This month we will be having pizza and two kinds of fruit. If you do not think that your child would enjoy this lunch please feel free to pack your child's lunch. Please let your child's teacher know if your child can not participate due to allergy sensitivities.

Special Events In February:

- 2/2 & 2/3 Spirit Days : Disney Characters
- 2/9 Special Lunch *Full Day Kids*
- 2/10 Winter Social 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- 2/17 Holiday Camp *Preschool in session*
- 2/20 Closed for President's Day

Special Events In March :

- 3/1 Picture Days:
Blue and Purple
- 3/2 Picture Days:
Red 's, Green, Orange*, and Yellow 3's*
** Your child will get pictures on their first regularly scheduled day of the week**
- 3/3 Picture Days:
Red 4's, Yellow 4's, Orange, and Green*.*
** Your child will get pictures on their first regularly scheduled day of the week**
- 3/6- 3/24 Open enrollment
- 3/8- 3/10 Holiday Camp
- 3/9 & 3/10 Spirit Days: Crazy Socks
- 3/9 & 3/10 Family Conference Forms Distributed
- 3/16 Art Show/ Open House
6:30-8:00
- 3/17 Special Lunch
Full Day Kids

Bethesda Child Development Center

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8:00- 4:30
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Bethesdapreschooldelaware.com

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<https://www.facebook.com/Bethesda-Child-Development-Center-352430561583226/>

Technology Corner:

We have exciting news! Bethesda has a class set of Kindle Fires. The teachers will be able to use them in their classrooms. The apps on the kindles are all educational that relate to the curriculum. Some examples of apps your child maybe working with are:

- Phonics Island
- Writing Wizard
- Phonic Munch
- Kids ABC Letter Phonics
- Monkey Preschool Fix-It
- Starfall
- 123 Kids Fun Music Game

Each month we will spot light one of the apps that we utilize on the Kindles. This month we are spotlighting Phonics Island by 22learn. This app is created using the Montessori method. The recommended ages are 2-6 years old. It teaches beginning letter sounds. The students match the letter sounds to the corresponding letter. Feel free to check out their website <http://www.22learn.com/app/6/phonics-island.html>.

If you have any questions please see the office

Appoquinimink School District Kindergarten Registration

For children who are 5 years old by August 31st, 2017, it is time to register for kindergarten. Registration will be held March 8-9, 2017 at Marion E. Proffitt Training Center, 118 S. Sixth St., Odessa, DE 19730. The daytime hours are 9:00- 1:00 and the evening hours are 4:00- 8:00. When registering please be sure to bring your child, his/her birth certificate and current medical forms (including physician's immunization record, physical exam, lead and tuberculosis test results). You will also need proof of residence (rent receipt, lease, deed, gas or electric bill). Testing will occur so please allow at least 30-45 minutes for your visit. If it is possible please arrange babysitting for younger siblings. Parents can save time by completing the registration packet in advance. You can find the forms on the Appoquinimink's website, www.apposchooldistrict.com under the registration tab. Bethesda also has a few packets in the office.

Cold Weather Alert

The children will be going outside every day, sometimes multiple times a day. Our weather policy states, "Children will play outside every day unless there is active precipitation/public announcements that advise people to remain indoors." Please pack appropriate clothing for the weather. Label mittens, coats, scarves, and any articles of clothing that will be removed and put in the child's cubby for safe return.

Inclement Weather Policy

Our programs follow the Appoquinimick School District when it comes to late opening, closing, or early dismissal due to inclement weather. A message will be sent through the All Call system as well as posted on our website: www.bethesdapreschooldelaware.com and our Facebook page. Please review to the scenario's in the Parent Handbook on page 12. If you have any questions please see the office.

Facebook

You can keep up with the exciting events and news at Bethesda Child Development Center on our Facebook! The purpose of the Bethesda Facebook page is to help strengthen the connections and communication between home and school. We will be posting inclement weather information, upcoming events, and so much more. If you have any questions please see the office.