

Bethesda Child Development Center

January 2017

SPECIAL EVENTS IN JANUARY:

- 1/2- Closed for New Years
- 1/3- All Programs reopen
- 1/5 & 1/6 Spirit Days: Super Hero
- 1/12- Special Lunch * Full Day Kids*
- 1/16 - Closed MLK Day
- 1/20 - Holiday Camp for school age Preschool in session
- 1/30 - Super bowl with Dad's
3's 9:15
4's 11:00

SPECIAL LUNCH FULL DAY KIDS

This month we will be having Macaroni and cheese 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

CURRICULUM CORNER

In January, the 3 Year Old Classrooms begin Creative Curriculum's Clothes Study. The first week explores the topic, then move to "features of clothes", "How do we take care of our clothes?", "How do people make clothes? How is cloth made?" and "Where do we get our clothes?" The 4 Year Old Classrooms begin Creative Curriculum's Music Making Study. They explore the topic the first week back. Other topics include "What instruments can we play by hitting, tapping, or shaking them?", "What other musical instruments are there? How do people play them?", "How can we make music with our voices?", and "What different styles of music are there? How do they make us feel?" Our food activities for January include making cookies with the Fundraiser cookie dough, a Snowman with Bananas, and Smoothies using frozen fruit, yogurt, and milk.

SPIRIT DAYS-

This month the theme is Super Hero/Heroine day! The children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favorite Super Hero/Heroine. We will be having baby carrots, ranch dressing, pretzel sticks and cheese cubes for morning snack for your child's spirit day. No need to pack AM snack. Check with your child's teacher to find out which day your child will be participating.

A quick look at February Spirit Christian Education Days

For the month of February the spirit days will be dress like your child's favorite Disney Character. We will also be collecting toiletries for the Warrior house on Broad Street.

Super Bowl With Dads

Did someone say football? Join us for our Super Bowl party on Friday, January 30th. That's right, it's party time!

We invite you to wear your favorite team jersey, hat, or any team item you may have. The children are excited to spend this time with their dad, grandpa, or favorite male figure in their life!! So come enjoy some Super Bowl finger foods, sports talk with the guys, and a great time with your child! Go Team!

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.

(2/3 yr. olds at 9:15am, 4 yr. olds at 11:00am)

Is My Child Too Sick for School Today?

Here are some guidelines to help you make this determination:

1. Check your child's temperature. If it is 101 degrees digitally or higher, your child needs to stay home, and should remain home until the temperature is below 101 degrees (without the use of anti-fever medication) for at least 24 hours.
2. Is there nausea or vomiting? Your child should remain home for 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting.
3. Has your child had recurrent diarrhea (more than one loose runny stool)? Please keep your child home for 24 hours after the last episode.
4. Does your child have a sore throat? If there is no redness, white drainage, or exudates on the tonsils and no fever, your child is okay for school. If you notice these symptoms, please contact a doctor.
5. Does your child have cold symptoms? As long as your child is well rested, can control coughing, and does not have a fever, then your child is okay for school.
6. Did your child wake up with "pink eyes"? If there is goopy drainage or crusting of the eyelids, please keep your child home and contact the doctor.
7. Whatever the symptoms, you should always ask yourself "Can my child participate in all school activities?" If the child is really tired, lethargic, or very uncomfortable, they won't be able to keep up or enjoy the activities offered and should stay home to rest.

Please keep in mind that BCDC does not stock cold and allergy preparations or treatments for diarrhea. BCDC follows Delaware Administration of Medication rules set forth by Delaware Office of Childcare Licensing. No medication will be administered to a child without proper documentation and permission this includes over the counter medication. Please keep the office updated to new telephone numbers, both cell and work. As stated in the parent handbook, children are to be picked up within one hour of being alerted of sickness.

Kindles are at Bethesda!

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

If you have any questions please see the office.

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