

Bethesda Child Development Center



Bethesda is having a Ball!

You're invited to BCDC's annual Masquerade ball! It will be held on **October 26 at 6:30 pm**. We hope that you and your family can join us for a night of games, dancing, and snacks. Invites to follow. The cost is \$5 per child. If you have any questions, please see the office.

Curriculum Corner

In October, we begin Exploring Creative Curriculum's Tree Study Theme. The topics will include "What are the characteristics of trees in our community?", "Who lives in trees?", "What food comes from trees?", "Who takes care of trees?", "How do trees change?", and "What can we do with parts of trees?". Our Health, Nutrition, and food activities for October include making a Chicka Chicka Boom Boom tree, a Fire Truck Ladder, a Cucumber Tree, and a Candy Corn Colored Fruit Snack. We will be using graham crackers, green apples, alphabet cereal, pretzel sticks, cucumbers, cool whip, mandarin oranges, and pineapples for these activities.

Scholastic Book orders:

Scholastic book orders will be going out. The due date to place an order is October 11 at 9 am. No orders will be accepted after 9am. Please pay by checks made out to Scholastic, or by ordering online. No cash will be accepted. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Melanie in the office.

Before and After School Communication

If you need to get in touch with a staff member in the before and after program at Bethesda, please call the site phone: **302-287-7532**.

- From 6:30-8:00 ask for Linda B
- From 4:30-6:00 ask for Swetha

Yankee Candle Fundraiser:

This fall we are doing a Yankee Candle fundraiser. All the proceeds from the fundraiser will be donated to help support a family of BCDC graduates, who are going through the tragic loss of their husband and father. We hope that it will help brighten their holiday season.

Dates to Remember

10/11

Firehouse visits BCDC -Green, Yellow 3's, and Red 3's

10/12

Walking trip to Firehouse-

9:30 Orange, Yellow 4's, Red 4's

10:30 Blue, Purple

10/19

4's Trip to Coleman's

Special lunch

10/26

Masquerade Ball 6:30-8:00

10/29-11/13- Yankee Candle Fundraiser

A Glance at November

12- Veteran's Day- **school closed**

15-16- Charlie Brown Thanksgiving

15- Green T/Th, Red 3's, Yellow 3's, Blue

16- Red 4, Yellow 4's, Green MWF, Orange, Purple

16- Special lunch

19-21: Holiday camp for Preschool and School age programs/ Preschool Conferences/ report cards distributed

22 & 23 Thanksgiving break, **school closed**

Reminders

- Please do not let children push the buttons on the elevators, inside or outside of the elevators.
- Please do not hold the door for a child or adult entering or exiting the building. The office will take care of letting people in to the school. Your children and their safety is our highest concern.
- Label all personal items clearly such as, lunchboxes, water bottles, backpacks, clothes, etc. This will help all items get to the correct place.
- Our office hours are from **8 am – 4:30 pm**. If you contact the office outside of those hours, we will get back to you in a timely manner, but that may not be until the following school day.
- Please always keep an extra change of clothes in your child's cubby. Please bring in a new outfit if the extra outfit was used.
- Please make sure your child is washing their hands upon arrival and departure; this will help alleviate the spread of germs being brought to and from school.

Class Wide Positive Behavior Support:

These are some strategies that our teachers use in the classrooms:

- They post clearly stated (and visuals) of classroom expectations.
- They teach students how to exhibit positive behaviors.
- Make available and follow a consistent classroom schedule.
- Listen actively to students.
- They are prepared for their lessons so there is little down time.
- Provide a ratio of at least 5 positive interactions to 1 negative interaction.
- They create a student– friendly environment by posting work.

Fire Prevention Month Safety Tips

- Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of your home; inside every bedroom, and outside each sleeping area. Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working. If they are not working, make sure to change the batteries.
- Make sure your family has an emergency plan in place in case there ever is a fire. Practice the plan at least twice a year so everyone will know what to do.

Christian Education

We were excited to begin our year in Christian Ed with a Back to School Blessing in the church with Pastor John, and we even had our backpacks blessed! In October, we'll continue with our theme of "I am God's child", as we've started to talk about how God made everything- the fish that swim in the sea, animals on the land, and people to care for all of God's creations. This month we'll be talking about how God created us in love to be: kind, friendly, loving, obedient and patient. We're looking forward to an exciting month!



The Orange, Blue, and Green rooms are not free due to medical necessity.

Snacks containing peanuts, peanut butter, and/or any other type of nuts are not allowed in the classroom. We appreciate your cooperation with this policy. Here is a list of nut free snack choices:

- Fresh fruits: apples, oranges, banana, grapes, watermelon, etc.
- Fresh vegetables: carrots, celery, broccoli, etc
- Applesauce cup or pouch
- Canned fruits or vegetables (look for "in its own juice" or "in water"
- Raisins
- Popcorn
- Crackers (wheat thins, saltines, etc)
- Rice cakes
- Goldfish/ cheddar bunnies
- Sun chips
- Cheese (sticks, cubes, slices)
- Yogurt (cups, tube, pouch)
- Pudding cup