

# BASCP NEWSLETTER

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## Director's Notes

### Winter Clothing

It's that time of year again! Please remember to send your child with a warm jacket, hat, and mittens as the temperature begins to drop. On snowy days please also send along boots and snow pants. We do make an attempt to get outside for some fresh air each day. Thank you!

### Winter Pick Ups

Picking up your child by 5:55pm in bad weather can be tricky at times. Try to head off the stress for both you and your child by having a back-up plan. Is there a neighbor, classmate, or friend that you could send to pick up your child when you are stuck in traffic? That way you avoid the stress and late fees and your child is able to go home after a long day.

### Important Dates:

#### Thursday, December 7 Early Release

Group A K's are welcome to stay until 3pm.

Please let Christie know if your child will be staying. Thank you.

**BASCP will be closed December 25-January 1.** We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2.

### Reminder: School Closing Policy

With winter rapidly approaching, we wanted to remind you about our "snow day" policy: the City of Newton determines when after school programs need to close during inclement weather. Families will be notified by *SchoolMessenger*. You can also find out about school closings on the Newton Public Schools website <http://www.newton.k12.ma.us> or you may call (617) 559-9699 for a pre-recorded message.

School closings will also be communicated by media.

**WBZ Channel 4 and 1030 AM (radio)**

**WCVB Channel 5**

**WHDH Channel 7 and WRKO 680 AM (radio)**

**Fox25 Channel 25**

### Kindness Club

This year's Kindness Club has decided to raise funds for All Sato Rescue. All Sato participated in helping transport animals that were left homeless due to the devastation of Hurricane Maria. Approximately 200 of those animals ended up here in Massachusetts. To learn more about the non-profit organization, check out their website [www.allsatorecue.org](http://www.allsatorecue.org). The Kindness Club will be sponsoring different fundraising efforts throughout the year so be sure to keep your eye out for them. Currently, they have set up donation containers at a variety of businesses in Newton Centre.

In addition, the Kindness Club will be encouraging others to do Random Acts of Kindness each month. November's Random Act of Kindness was to hand stamp and write thank you cards to people you appreciate. In December we will be reaching out to Bowen Classroom teachers to see who could use some assistance organizing bookshelves, sharpening pencils, etc...

## K Extended Day

Extended Day kindergarteners can look forward to exploring the mayhem and mischief of our Mystery Month this December! From I Spy to a diamond hunt, Brandon and Bryan will be leading students on a series of adventures that require them to use their burgeoning skills of scientific inquiry, as well as their imaginations! On December 7th, there is an early dismissal for all students and Group A kindergarteners are welcome to join us until 3 pm. If your child normally attends Extended Day (but not afterschool) on Thursdays, look out for an e-mail inquiring about attendance that day.

## K-1 Stars

Get out your spy glasses and put your thinking caps on--this December will be full of Mystery! Students will be creating their very own detective props with Fran to help them solve mysteries, like Brandon's "Case of the Missing Diamond." Robin will be exploring some scientific mysteries and exploring a bit of chemistry with her "Body Scrub" activity. Bryan will be teaching students about fingerprints and they'll be able to test out their own detective skills as they learn how to "dust" for fingerprints. In addition, BASCP students of all ages will be working on solving one big mystery that will answer a question most BASCPers ask at some point in their time with us: "What's behind the green door [in the Ozone]?"

## 2-3 Comets

This December, the students will be grabbing their detective badges and notebooks to help crack the cases that will make them scratch their heads and say, "Hmm?" The students will have an opportunity to learn skills of a real detective such as decoding secret messages, learning to be stealthy by maneuvering around a makeshift "LASER" course, going on scavenger hunt via clues, and other activities that test their 5 senses. We will ultimately work together as a whole program to discover the mystery of "What is behind the Green Door?"

Feel free to take a look at our bulletin board in Mod D for it will have different mysteries for the students to solve as well as track the progression of the story of the program mystery. As always, check the red binder for upcoming trips and enrichment opportunities!

## 4-5 Ozone

Someone call Scooby and Sherlock because there will be a mystery in the Ozone this December. Students will put on their detective caps and use their deductive reasoning skills and all of their senses to find out what's in the box, what's behind the green door, and to solve one special mystery during meetings, free play, and activity time. We also want students to keep creating so we'll have them replace their detective caps with creative caps as they use creative apps to develop their own mysteries. Along with our mysteries, we will continue our travelling basketball league and start up CS First (a popular coding class with Scratch) and Knitting with Mary Ann.

Please visit our blog, see our activity calendar, and visit the Ozone so you can join us in solving the mysteries of BASCP.



# Enrichment & Billing

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## Enrichment:

Please check the enrichment binder located at your programs sign out station for all the scheduled enrichment opportunities that you are welcome to sign up your student to attend for the month of December.

K-1

| What                     | When:            | Time:       | Where           |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Inventioneers            | Friday, 12/1     | 4:00-5:00PM | Mad Maker's Lab |
| Inventioneers            | Monday, 12/4     | 4:00-5:00PM | Mad Maker's Lab |
| Popsicle Stick Catapults | Tuesday, 12/5    | 4:00-5:00PM | Mad Maker's Lab |
| Inventioneers            | Friday, 12/15    | 4:00-5:00PM | Mad Maker's Lab |
| Popsicle Stick Catapults | Wednesday, 12/20 | 4:00-5:00PM | Mad Maker's Lab |
| Inventioneers            | Thursday, 12/21  | 4:00-5:00PM | Mad Maker's Lab |

Comets

| What                       | When:           | Time:       | Where           |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Animation Desk             | Wednesday, 12/6 | 4:30-5:30PM | Mad Maker's Lab |
| Hydroponics Lab            | Monday, 12/12   | 4:30-5:30PM | Mad Maker's Lab |
| Basketball @ Lincoln Eliot | Thursday, 12/14 | 3:30-5:30PM | Lincoln Eliot   |
| Field Trip                 | Tuesday, 12/19  | 1:00-3:00pm | Peet's Coffee   |

Ozone

| What                       | When:           | Time:       | Where           |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Animation Desk             | Wednesday, 12/6 | 4:30-5:30PM | Mad Maker's Lab |
| Field Trip                 | Thursday, 12/7  | 1:00-3:00PM | Escape the Room |
| Hydroponics Lab            | Monday, 12/12   | 4:30-5:30PM | Mad Maker's Lab |
| Basketball @ Lincoln Eliot | Thursday, 12/14 | 4:30-5:30PM | Lincoln Eliot   |

**2017 Receipts:** All 2017 receipts are available upon a request once submitted to [willchamberland@bascp.org](mailto:willchamberland@bascp.org). Please allow 48 hours for me to respond to your email with an attached receipt. If you require any specific documentation signed for a flexible spending account or otherwise, please schedule a time to visit with Ellen or me in the office so that we can ensure that we will be in the office and accommodate your request.

Thank You as always,  
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