

# BASCP NEWSLETTER

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## Director's Notes

### 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

### Mark Your Calendars:

**Mon, Jan 1: No School**

**Mon, Jan 15: No School**

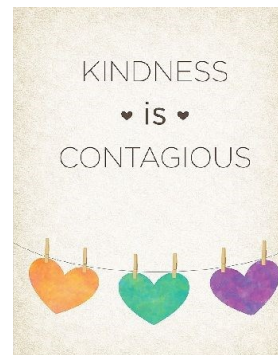
**Wed, Feb 7:** Early Release Day - All children dismissed at 12:30. Group B K's enrolled in Extended Day can stay until 3pm (no bus). If your child is enrolled in After School we are open until 5:55pm.

### Appropriate Dress

It is finally beginning to get chilly out there and we do go outdoors every day. Please be sure to send the appropriate outdoor clothing with your child each day.

### BASCP's Kindness Clubs Random Acts of Kindness

BASCP believes strongly in helping our children to become helpful, kind members of our community. In the month of December we had 9 children volunteer to assist 4 Bowen School Classroom teachers. Children helped teachers organize bookshelves, sharpen pencils, straighten up their classrooms, etc... A little kindness goes a long way!



## K Extended Day

Kindergarten Extended Day will be learning about "Heroes" for the month of January. From recreating comic books with Brandon to designing a superhero city with Bryan, kindergarteners will have plenty of opportunity to explore what it means to be a hero!

Please remember that we take students out in all kinds of weather (unless it is too cold/slipper/rainy) and students should bring hats, gloves/mittens, snow boots and snow pants (when necessary), and coats! Please feel free to e-mail me ([christieb@bascp.org](mailto:christieb@bascp.org)) or call 617-969-3130 with any questions!

## K-1 Stars

January is "Heroes" month at BASCP. The K-1 Stars will have a variety of activities highlighting community heroes, historical heroes, and superheroes! Robin will be teaching students the basics of sewing in her "Superhero Finger puppets" activity. Fran has curated a series of "Hero Games" to challenge students in a variety of areas. Bryan will be decking students out in superhero apparel with a number of activities such as making superhero capes and superhero cuffs. Brandon will be creating a superhero backdrop for kids to use their imagination and pretend to be a superhero! Please remember that we take students out in all kinds of weather (unless it is too cold/slipper/rainy) and students should bring hats, gloves/mittens, snow boots and snow pants (when necessary), and coats! Please feel free to e-mail me ([christieb@bascp.org](mailto:christieb@bascp.org)) or call 617-969-3130 with any questions!

## 2-3 Comets

As we head into the new year, we will be celebrating the many heroes that surround us! We will be learning about historical heroes, community heroes, as well as superheroes. Through our activities, we will find out your children's heroes and learn what it means to be a hero. They will have a chance to learn about heroes and heroines of the past and present from all parts of the world and see how they too can become a hero for someone else.

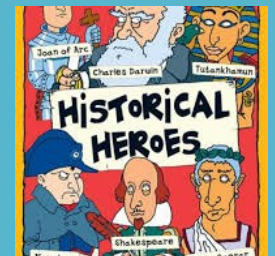
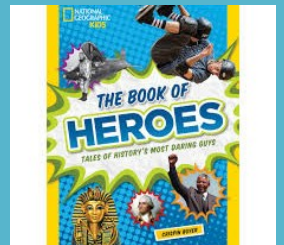
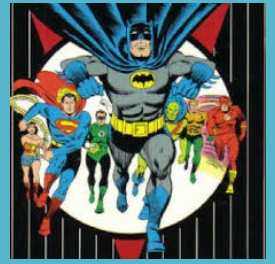
Come check out our interactive bulletin board in Mod D as it will have Hero Spotlights, Hero Trivia Questions, and many more fun activities! Be on the lookout for Makerspace signups in the red binder and be sure to bring appropriate clothing for outdoor play as it will inevitably be snowy and cold in January.

## 4-5 Ozone

The Ozone needs a hero. We'll be holding out for a hero 'til the end of the month. She's gotta be strong, he's gotta be fast, and she's gotta be larger than life. Yes, January in the Ozone will be a celebration of heroes – fictional, historical, and ones we see today.

Superheroes will be celebrated as we create superhero theme songs, costumes, stories, and comic book collages. We're also planning a new hero holiday – students will discuss historical figures and choose one that deserves a holiday. We'll then plan and celebrate a party for that person at the end of the month. Who could it be? Believe it or not, it's not me.

Along with hero activities and too many of my hero references that no one born in this century will understand, we'll continue our travelling basketball league and CS First class while starting up Nashoba Ski School, Knitting with Mary Ann, and preparation for the February Kindness Club Craft Sale. Please check our blog and visit the Ozone. Here come some heroes; watch them as they go.



# Enrichment & Billing - January 2018



## Enrichment:

Due to our Nashoba Ski School and NASA Basketball league's travel schedule, field trips will be unavailable for the month of January and will resume in February. Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding this temporary change to our enrichment schedule. 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 January.

### K-1

What	When:	Time:	Where
Coding App Hopscotch	Tuesday, 1/2	4:00-5:00PM	Mad Maker's Lab
Farm 2 Market	Friday, 1/12	4:00-5:00PM	Mad Maker's Lab
Coding App Hopscotch	Wednesday, 1/17	4:00-5:00PM	Mad Maker's Lab
Coding App Hopscotch	Friday, 1/26	4:00-5:00PM	Mad Maker's Lab
Farm 2 Market	Monday, 1/29	4:00-5:00PM	Mad Maker's Lab

### Comets

What	When:	Time:	Where
Ultimaker Pioneers	Wednesday, 1/3	4:30-5:30PM	Mad Maker's Lab
Basketball Vs. Lincoln Eliot	Thursday, 1/4	4:00-5:00PM	BASCP Gym
Ultimaker Pioneers	Monday, 1/8	4:30-5:30PM	Mad Maker's Lab
Nashoba Ski School	Tuesdays, 1/9-1/30	1:00-5:30PM	Nashoba Valley
Animation Desk	Wednesday, 1/10	4:30-5:30PM	Mad Maker's Lab
Basketball Vs. Lincoln Eliot	Thursday, 1/11	4:00-5:00PM	BASCP Gym
Basketball @ Lincoln Eliot	Thursday, 1/18	3:30-5:30PM	Lincoln Eliot Elementary
Animation Desk	Friday, 1/19	4:30-5:30PM	Mad Maker's Lab
Ultimaker Pioneers	Monday, 1/22	4:30-5:30PM	Mad Maker's Lab
Basketball @ Franklin	Thursday, 1/25	3:30-5:30PM	Franklin Elementary
Hypothesis Now	Wednesday, 1/31	4:30-5:30PM	Mad Maker's Lab

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**2017 Receipts:** All 2017 receipts are available upon 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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