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Director's Notes

Lights On After School Family Fun Night

This year we had a record breaking response to our Lights On After School Family Fun Night! It was great to see so many families enjoying the fun and games. Congratulations to the students who created the games for all to enjoy!

Fire Lane

When you come to pick up your child, please park on Cypress St or pull around to the back parking lot. It is **extremely** important to keep the front driveway open in case of an emergency.

Safety and Security at BASCP

The safety and security of your children is our number one concern at BASCP. As it is beginning to get darker earlier and folks are bundling up, don't be surprised if you get questioned by the staff person manning the buzzer.

Thanksgiving Early Dismissal

Bowen After School Care Program will be closing for the Thanksgiving break at 3:00PM on Wednesday, November 21. School will be dismissed at 12:00PM, which means there will be no school lunches (please send a lunch with your child). Children who normally attend Extended Day on Wednesday may come, but please call to confirm right away!

Kindergarteners

Only Kindergartners who normally take the bus home at 3:00 on Wednesdays will be coming home at 12:00 unless you make alternative arrangements with us to have your child stay with us until 3:00PM. There is no bus at 3PM. Kindergartners who normally stay at After School until 5:55PM on Wednesdays will need to be picked up by 3:00PM on this day.

Tuesday Lunches

Please make sure that you send your child with a lunch on Tuesdays and early release Thursdays as there are no school lunches on those days.

Appropriate Dress

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

Professional Development for Teachers

As part of our Department of Early Education and Care license, after school teachers are required to obtain 20 hours of professional development. On November 3, twelve BASCP teachers attended the conference at Newton South High School. The Welcoming Address was given by Peter Koutoujian, the Middlesex County Sheriff, who spoke about the importance of engaging children during Out of School Time and the impact after school programs have on students. BASCP teachers attended workshops on Blacklight Puppetry, Drumming, Social Emotional Learning, Understanding Learning Disabilities, and Fostering Resilience, to name a few. As a member of the NASA (Newton After School Association) Conference Planning Committee it made me proud to see so many of our teachers attend.

K Extended Day

Kindergarten Extended Day teachers and students will be embarking on an amazing Animal Adventure this November! Students will be learning about animals through a wide variety of activities and games. We will be combining math and problem-solving with an Animal Math Scavenger Hunt, as well as incorporating literacy with our craft-making in our Alphabet Animal Masks activity. In our "Active Animal Games," will be getting exercise while using our imaginations and our acting skills! As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at christieb@bascp.org or by calling the office at 617-969-3130.



K-1 Stars

The K-1 Stars team has planned an awesome November with our theme of Animal Adventures! Students will have the opportunity to learn about animals through a diverse range of activities. Fran will be exploring "Animal Tracks" with students--learning about the different footprints of different animals and getting a chance to make tracks of their own. Brandon will be teaching kids about spiders and their webs, as they get to design webs of their own! Bryan will be encouraging students to explore their theatrical side, while getting crafty, with his Sock Puppets activity. Robin's "Snow Globe Animal Scenes" activity will be sure to delight students--and would make an excellent holiday gift for family members! I am delighted to share that I will be starting a Singing Club this November--I can't wait to make music with our talented K-1 students! As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at christieb@bascp.org or by calling the office at 617-969-3130.



2-3 Comets

The Comets and Satellites will be embarking on an Animal Adventure this November. Our team of teachers have come up with a bunch of exciting activities which include making animal habitats, indoors and outdoors, animal crafts and masks, animal creations, animal games, Pet Projects, and Animal trivia! Be sure to check out the sign out table for upcoming trips and enrichment opportunities in the Enrichment Binder. Nashoba Valley Ski School sign ups are up and running! The NASA Basketball League will also begin in November with practices.



4-5 Ozone

There will be wild sights and sounds coming out of the Ozone in November because the monthly theme will be An Animal Adventure. Expect to see many animal themed crafts, games, and competitions. Highlights include sewing animal pillows and animal headbands, designing an origami zoo, attempting challenges involving our Ozone Monkeys, and competing in our first Animal Call Competition.

Please make sure to check our activity calendar posted in the Ozone and look around the room to see some of the great planned and unplanned activities your children have enjoyed this year.



Enrichment & Billing

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Enrichment:

This November BASCP's enrichment program is launching into action with numerous opportunities available to all age levels. These offerings will be posted in each program's enrichment binder which can be found by the K-1 Stars, Comets and Ozone sign out stations. Keep an eye out this November for the registration for our always popular Nashoba Ski School:

Nashoba Valley Ski Class: Held on 4 Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22 & 29, from 1:00-5:30pm. This class is for students who are registered to attend BASCP students on Tuesdays and are in grades 3-5. The class has a limit of 12 students. The four classes cost a total of \$170.00, with additional charges for ski rental, \$95.00 and helmet rental, \$40.00. All checks should be written out to Nashoba Valley Ski School and submitted with the registration papers to William Chamberland in the BASCP office.

Billing:

All outstanding payment reminders are sent via email the second Friday of every month. If you have not been receiving statements by email, please check your spam to ensure that the email isn't being improperly flagged due to its batch status.

Thank you as always and feel free to contact me with any questions regarding enrichment or billing.

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