

BASCP NEWS

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Director's Notes

Important Pick Up Update

For the safety of our children, beginning in January, we will ask all of our BASCP parents to use the upstairs back parking lot door. The hope is that this will help cut down on non-BASCP people in the building during after school hours. Thank you for your cooperation!

End of Year Statements

You should have already received your BASCP 2013 year end statement, which lists all payments made to BASCP in 2013. Many folks need this along with our Federal Tax ID #, 23 737 6759, for tax purposes.

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.



Mark Your Calendars:

Wed, Jan 1: No School

Mon, Jan 20: No School

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

Reminder: School Closing Policy

With winter here, 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 Reverse 911. You can also find out about school closings on the Newton Public Schools website or on any of the major television networks.

www.bascp.org

Be sure to stop by often!!!! Alan has done a tremendous job putting together our website and keeping it updated. You will find important forms, such as, medical consent forms, release to activity forms, and the parent handbook. He also posts upcoming events, bill due dates, early release days, etc...And last but certainly not least is the blog! Look out for some pictures of some of the awesome activities we do!



Teacher Feature

Christie Beaulieu 2-3 Comets program

Hi, my name is Christie and this is my 8th year at BASCP. I spent my summer hiking, biking, camping, swimming, and performing with my 2 bands. I am once again working with the 2nd and 3rd graders in the Comets and Satellites program and also the K-Extended Day program.

Bryan Hewitt 4-5 Ozone program

Hi, my name is Bryan. This will be my 4th year working with the Ozone and 2nd year with K-Extended Day. My goal this year is to work towards new exciting activities and have the children engaged in entry level activities and sports!

K-Extended Day

I hope everyone had a great winter vacation. For the month of January, the K-Ext day theme is going to be The Universe. The K team has planned some awesome activities for all the children to do. Here is a brief description of some of the activities followed by more activities the children will be doing in January. Space Moves is a dancing and a creative movement activity where the children will be learning how they would move if they were in outer space. They will also be learning an intergalactic sing along. They will be creating their own galaxy. We will spend some time exploring the constellations, making a space station, designing our own rocket ships, making outer space vacation brochures and universe landscaping. If anyone wouldn't mind saving and bringing in their toilet paper rolls and paper towel rolls for the K team to use for some activities that would be most helpful and appreciated.



K-1 Stars

Niles Callanan K-1 Stars Coordinator

Welcome back everyone! I hope everyone had a nice winter break. For the month of January, here are some of the activities that the teachers have planned to do with the K-1 Stars: ice skating themed picture, silly snowmen, making your own igloo, penguins, moveable snowmen, magic painting, and polar bears.

Also on the 24th, we will be having a Connect 4 tournament and a Minute to Win It tournament. Also during this month, Brandon will be holding play practice every Tuesday. They will be doing things like rehearsing lines, making costumes, and props and scenery.



Caring Club Corner

Led by Comets teacher Monica, the Caring Club has been meeting to discuss what they could do to care for our community and help those in need. They have decided to hold a donation drive for local animal shelters. You can help by donating these items to BASCP:



FOR DOGS: Science Diet dry food, canned dog food, collars and leashes, rawhide bones, toys and treats, and blankets.

FOR CATS: Science Diet dry food, canned cat food, non-clumping cat litter, blankets and towels, cat toys, meat only baby food, and newspapers.

COMING IN JANUARY: Caring Club will be selling rainbow loom jewelry and hot chocolate to raise money for the shelters at the January Bake Sale on Tuesday January 28th.

Comets

Penny Jackovich, 2nd-3rd Grade Coordinator



December was a month filled with activities that warmed the heart and gave the kids in the program a sense of family and caring. Many festive crafts were made, including paper snowflakes, holiday decorations, and the ever-so-popular rainbow looms! The Caring Club, led by Monica, has come up with many great ideas of serving the community. Their first project involved a donation drive for local animal shelters. We also had many activities that involved the kids getting to know each other a little better, which resulted in a kids trivia game, using all the kids in the program as the answers to the clues. The kids had a lot of fun and we really lived up to our “We Are Family” theme!

Since we are always planning the activities for the kids, we thought it would be fun if the kids had input on the activities that they would like to see in January. Throughout December, we had an activity suggestion can that the kids were encouraged to write down any activity ideas that they would like to see come into fruition. Thus, we will be having many activities that they suggested as well as many Special Days. Jason will be back behind the oven and having many baking activities and the much anticipated Bake Sale. Monica will be working with Brandon from the K-1 program and holding play practices on Tuesdays as well as starting a Jewelry Club. Christie will be starting a Dance Club that will culminate in a groovin’ Disco Dance Party at the end of the month. We are also having some Special Days, including a Rainbow Loom Extravaganza, a Minion Day, and a Lego Day. We are also having a specialist come in and show us some awesome Reptiles! January will be a fun month filled with the kids’ favorite things!

Ozone

Alan Pedersen, 4th & 5th Grade Coordinator



Two group events, the paper airplane competition and our tea party, highlighted a fun December. We had a wide range of skills for paper airplane building; many fourth graders were learning how to make their first planes while some of our fifth graders were so skilled that they may want to throw paper airplane resumes to Boeing. We planned on having four teams based on age and gender, but due to several fourth grade absences, the boys and girls in that grade had very small teams. As teachers and students were becoming aware of this problem, two fourth graders quickly suggested that the boys and girls work together as one team. It was wonderful to see children come up with a good solution and then seeing strong teamwork and enthusiasm among children that do not often play with each other.

As for the tea party, we expected our students to enjoy the good food, but we were surprised at how well they did preparing for the party. Teachers set up the menu and bought the supplies; children prepared everything else. In just 40 minutes, students created a seating chart and made thirty-six place settings, prepared cucumber mint sandwiches and pancake jelly sandwiches, and arranged all of the food and tea supplies into a beautiful arrangement. Please visit our blog to see the display they created: <http://bascp.org/ozone-tea-party/>.

Because your children were so enthusiastic about preparing food (not just eating it), we decided to reward them by turning January into Foodies Month. We will have a lot of cooking projects, including Veggie Cheese Croissants, Pizza, Eggplant Parmesan, Muffins, Pasta Salad, Potato Gratin, Vegetable Stew, and Green Bean Casserole. Besides just cooking, we will have events such as Iron Chef, Pizza Taste Test (with pizza from local pizzerias), and some surprises. Along with cooking and eating, children will experience other aspects of the food world such as purchasing, presentation, serving, writing reviews, learning about food culture and history, and creating food inspired artwork.

The Ozone team is pleased with everything your children have accomplished so far this year. We now plan to rest up during vacation so we can accomplish much more in the new year.

THE ENRICHMENT MINUTE



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Class Update:

Karate: In the month of November Sensei was unable to complete a class due to illness. As a result we have a make up class this January on Wednesday the 8th. Please send your student in with their gi and prepared for their final class.

Nashoba Valley Ski Class: Our first trip of the ski season will be held on January 7th. If your student is bringing their own equipment please drop off all skis, helmets, etc. at Bowens rear entrance at the top of the stairs. A large container marked

with a sign for BASCP's Ski program will be posted with any relevant additional information.

Wheel Throwing & Hand Building: This class begins Thursday, January 7th. This exciting opportunity still has remaining openings and been now made available to include 2nd graders. Sign up today by filling out the required registration forms available at our many sign outs and bulletin boards.

BASCP Playhouse Performer's: Brandon is at it again as he is coordinating another great

American play. Registrations are available for students interested in participating on Tuesdays beginning in January and running through April.

Words with Friends: Fran begins her program wide opportunity January 9th to promote literacy in a fun and educational way. Registrations are available for students K-5 who are interested in attending this project held on Thursday's in January.

Billing Update:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience in regards to some of the many quirks that have presented themselves with our emailed invoices. I am happy to announce that the root of the problem has been discovered and that I am hopeful that the next email you receive will come without complication.

Thank you to all communicated about problems with your emailed invoices.

Year end reports have been sent out and did not include our tax ID. That number for those who require it is 23 737 6759 and please feel free to email me with any additional inquiries or information needed.



Enrichment Events in January:

- Tuesday, 1/7: The Ozone travels to Newton Centre in search of salad. And Nashoba Ski class begins.
- Wednesday, 1/8: The Ozone travels to Blacker's Bakery.
- Monday, 1/13: The Basketball team visits Zervas.
- Tuesday, 1/14: The Ozone travels to Newton Centre in search of salad. And Nashoba Ski class enjoys class # 2.
- Wednesday, January 15th: The Ozone travels to Star Market for some supplies.
- Friday, 1/17: The Comets travel to Needham Bowl.
- Tuesday, 1/21: The Ozone travels to Newton Centre in search of salad. And Nashoba Ski class enjoys class # 3.
- Tuesday, 1/28: The Ozone travels to Newton Centre in search of salad. And Nashoba Ski class has their final class.
- Wednesday, 1/29: The Comets dine at Papa Gino's.

Thank you as always,
William Chamberland