

BASCP NEWS

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Director's Notes

The days are getting shorter and the air is crisp and BASCP is off to an amazing start! It has been great getting to know so many of the new families and catching up with returning families!

Not Coming to BASCP?

Nothing scares us more than when we are expecting a child and they do not arrive to the program! BASCP needs written or verbal permission any time your child will not be attending the program. You can either leave a message at 617-969-3130 or send an email to your program coordinator. Thank you for your assistance!

Parent Handbook

In an effort to cut down on paper usage, this year we opted to post the 2013 Parent Handbook on our website, www.bascp.org. We need all families to take a look at the Parent Handbook and send back a signed copy of the last page confirming that you received a copy. If you would prefer a paper copy, please ask your program coordinator.

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, parent handbook. He also posts upcoming events, bill due dates, early release days, etc...And last but certainly not least is the blog! You never know what you might find written there!

Release to Activities Form

BASCP needs parents to complete a Release to Activities Form any time your child will be attending any classes (NCE, Girl Scouts, etc...), working with a tutor, even when working with a classroom teacher. Although these are located in the Bowen School, BASCP does not run or monitor these classes, therefore, when your child is participating in any of these outside extracurricular activities, a BASCP teacher will assist your child in getting to and from the class, but while in the class they are not in the care of BASCP.

Parent Contacts

Early this month you will receive a letter from your Parent Contact teacher. This is the teacher who will be the conduit of information between you the parents and the entire BASCP staff. Please feel free to touch base with your Parent Contact teacher often.

Nut and Shellfish Allergies

We have many children who have **severe life threatening allergies to nuts, peanuts, sesame, and shellfish**. Therefore BASCP has a **NO NUT, SESAME, OR SHELLFISH POLICY**, which means we carefully examine all food that we bring in and serve to our children. **In order to be completely nut, sesame, and shellfish free, we need you to adopt a no nut, sesame or shellfish policy for snacks and lunches your child brings to the program.**

Early Release Thursday

Thursday, October 10 is the 1st Early Release Thursday of the school year. If your child is in Group A, he or she may join us until 3pm. If your child normally attends After School on Thursday, he or she will come to BASCP at 12:30pm. **Please send a lunch as there are no school lunches served at BASCP.**



Teacher Feature

Vanessa Rose
K-1 Stars program

Hi, my name is Vanessa Rose and I am very excited to start my first year at Bowen After School Care Program. I have been working with children for almost 10 years and it still fascinates me to watch them learn and teach themselves new things every day. I enjoy animals, photography, doing crafts, sports, and reading.

Monica Erickson
2-3 Comets program

Hi, my name is Monica. I am a wife and a mother of two girls. I spent most of my summer at a softball field watching my daughters play. I am also an artist specializing in custom painted walls and furniture. I enjoy cooking, hiking, and yoga.

Wish List Items

- tissue boxes of any size
- 8oz water bottles

K-Extended Day

Happy October, Kindergarten Extended Day families! This month, we plan to focus on really getting to know one another, so we'll be asking the question, "Who are you?" in many ways. From family trees to friendship fairies to songs about you and me, we hope to spend a lot of time learning about each other and ourselves!

Remember, BASCP does not offer school lunch, so please send your child with a lunch when they are going to the extended day program!

Group B: Monday & Wednesday

Group A: Thursday & Friday

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns!



K-1 Stars

Niles Callanan
K-1 Stars Coordinator

A highlighted activity this month was:

Twelve kindergarten and first grade students created "Treasure Boxes" with Fran during one of her activity times in September. Each student was given a wooden box to decorate with acrylic paint, ribbon, and plastic gems. The children learned to share materials and work cooperatively while exploring their creativity.



Stay tuned for more exciting highlights!

Upcoming October Events

Here are a few events that will be happening in the month of October to get you and your children excited during the Fall season!



- October 11— Community Cooking (Ozone)
- October 14— Columbus Day (NO BASCP)
- October 31— Talent Showcase (Comets)
- October 31— Bake Sale in the lobby
- October 31— Harvest Feast (Ozone)

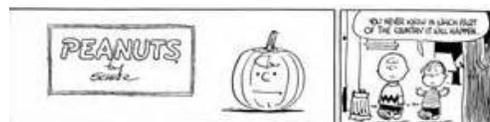
Coming in November...

Back for the second year is BASCP's Family Fun Night on Nov. 13!!!

Comets

Penny Jackovich
2nd-3rd Grade Comets Coordinator

We have started off the new school year with some exciting new activities for the kids to enjoy! With a September theme of “Trying New Things”, the Comets team came up with a mix of different activities that are new to the kids, but also new to the teachers! Scott’s “Imagination Club” involved teams building boats out of recycled materials and having challenges with them. Christie’s “It’s New to You!” activities involved cool new activities that the kids had not seen before, as well as some Fitness Fun activities. In Monica’s Yoga Sessions, the kids learned different yoga poses and played games to help build relaxation and flexibility. Jason’s Craft Club involved many fun activities such as paper plate flowers, a puzzle mural, and paper basket weaving with paper apples.



October’s theme is “The Sky’s the Limit!” We will be offering an assortment of exciting and creative activities this month. Scott will be starting a long term project called “Project Comic Creation” in which students will learn about the history of telling stories through sequential art by making their own comic book. Christie will be holding Talent Showcase Prep sessions for the Talent showcase that will be held on Halloween for everyone to enjoy! Monica will be holding practices and challenges with modified games that can be found on the hit TV show “Minute to Win It,” which will result in a Minute to Win It Showdown! Jason will kick off the fall season with some baking activities in preparation for the first bake sale of the season, happening on the night of the talent show on Halloween! Come join us on our adventure in October where the Sky’s the Limit!

Ozone

Alan Pedersen, 4th & 5th Grade Coordinator



The school year has gotten off to a great start with the new and improved Ozone and many fun activities. Children got to know each other better on the first day of school with Ozone Search – we discovered the Ozone is full of many bilingual (and even trilingual) world travelers with a few that can even juggle. We’ve also taken advantage of the beautiful weather with organized sports, such as flag football and kickball. Also, we are excited about the child committees the children have created and joined, including the Library Committee, Sports Committee, Special Events Committee, Fundraising Committee, and Games Committee. I’m looking forward to seeing what ideas these children-led committees develop to improve the Ozone Community.

Improving the community will be a focus of the Ozone as October’s theme is, “Constructing Community.” During the month, teachers and students will explore a variety of ways we can construct a better community. Valerie plans to make the community a better physical setting by teaching children to weave as they decorate the lattice by the Ozone library. A strong community also needs good people working together so we will have team building games and activities that focus on character. Finally, the Fundraising Committee is looking for ways to support the BASCP community, so do not be surprised if you soon see special foods, including the Award Winning Ozone Pickles, for sale.

Even though the year has just begun, we have already accomplished so much and each day has been enjoyable because we have such a friendly, productive group of children. We are excited to see many child accomplishments and a lot of fun this year!

THE ENRICHMENT MINUTE



October 2013
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Classes and Projects begin

October is the official startup of our many exciting Classes and Projects. Some of the programs we offer this year have been working with B.A.S.C.P. for upwards of 14 years while others are brand new. This means that we are able to offer both established dependable programming as well as new and innovative opportunities. Below is a list of the programs that will begin in October. Please remember to register for each individual program if you are interested and know that you may contact me with any questions regarding the registration process.

Classes:

- East Coast Mobile Gymnastics begins October 1st. It is held on

Tuesdays and is available to students in grades K-2. The cost is \$156 for 12 weeks. Registration due 10/1/13.

- Clark School of Self Defense begins October 9th. It is held on Wednesdays and is available to grades K-5. The cost is \$200 for 10 weeks. Registration due 10/9/13.
- Lil Sports begins October 24th and is held on Fridays. It is limited to the K-1st grade program and has a cap of 10. Its cost is \$180 and runs for 12 weeks. Registration is due 10/24/13.

Projects:

- Comic Book Creation begins Tuesday October 8th and is held

on Tuesdays as well as Wednesdays. This is a project for kids interested in improving their draftsmanship and who enjoy the graphic arts. It is available to grades 3-5 and is free to all. Registration for this project is due 10/7/13.

- Green Means Go begins Wednesday October 9th and is available to grades k-5. This new project consists of trips to numerous parks with a running dialogue about building a smarter, more sustainable relationship with nature. This project is free to all and its registration is due 10/8/13.

* Be sure to keep an eye out for our Nashoba Vally Ski class Registration. The class is held on Tuesdays in January, but registration is due December 6th. This class is available for grades 3-5 and registration is already available.

Field Trips

Yes, Field trips are finally here! We have plenty to offer for all three BASCP programs. Please check the Field trip folder at your individual

program sign out for the opportunities offered in coming weeks. Also look for signage with information regarding our field trips on the Enrichment bulletin

board located at the foot of the stairs leading toward the BASCP office.

Trip Dates

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| ⇒ Wednesday, 10/9: Green means go is off to the Conservation land for a walking trip. | ⇒ Friday, 10/18: The Ozone travels to the Brookline Reservoir. | ⇒ Friday, 10/25: The Comets and K-1 Stars get together for a trip to the N.P.L. |
| ⇒ Friday, 10/11: Ozone to the Hammond Pond. | ⇒ Wednesday, 10/23: Green means go is off to the Arnold Arboretum | ⇒ Tuesday, 10/29: The K-1 Stars take another walk around Thompsonville. |
| ⇒ Thursday, 10/17: The Comets travel to Skyline park. | ⇒ Thursday, 10/24: The K-1 Stars take a walking trip around Thompsonville | ⇒ Wednesday, 10/30: The Comets are on their way to Whole Foods. |

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