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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:

Wednesday, December 5 Early Release

Group B 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 24-January 1. We will reopen on Wednesday, 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 Happenings

BASCP would like to thank everyone who donated to our Buddy Dog Rescue Drive during the month of November. We collected many items for the animals at the Buddy Dog Animal Shelter and Monica loaded her minivan and will be dropping them off.



Kindness Club has decided to focus more of its efforts on an organization closer to home. Fran is doing a book drive that will end on December 19. We ask families to bring in their favorite new or gently used book and decorate a bookmark to put in the book. All books collected will go to the Centre Street Food Pantry here in Newton Center.

During the month of January we will be busy preparing for our Second Annual Craft and Bake Sale that will take place on Tuesday, February 12 and Wednesday, February 13. Yes we expanded to 2 days this year! All proceeds raised from this event will also be donated to the Centre Street Food Pantry in Newton Center.

K Extended Day

This December, K Extended Day is soaring into outer space with our "In Our Galaxy and Far, Far Away" theme! Students will be engaged in a wide variety of activities. There will be science experimentation with activities like "Elephant Toothpaste", a combination of construction and crafting with their Rocket: Blast Off activity, and they'll be using their imaginations, preparing to blast off, picturing what life is like as an astronaut with "Image Astronaut"! Remember that, at BASCP, we play outside even when it is cold, so as winter approaches, we ask that you send your student in plenty of layers and be sure to pack gloves/mittens, hats, and snow boots (when appropriate).

K-1 Stars

K-1 Stars are blasting off into a universe of exploration with December's "In Our Galaxy and Far, Far Away" theme. Bryan will be leading kids in creating their own galaxy through painting with his "Space Canvas" activity. Brandon will be teaching resourcefulness and reusing in his "Recycled Land Rovers" construction and craft activity. Robin will be investigating "Constellation Animals" and Fran will be exploring life on other planets with two different Alien craft activities! I will be continuing my "Singing Club" this month, focusing on songs that relate to our theme. I am also excited to start my "Storytelling Club" where we will be working on reading and acting skills through the retelling of books and stories with meaningful social and emotional lessons and themes.

2-3 Comets

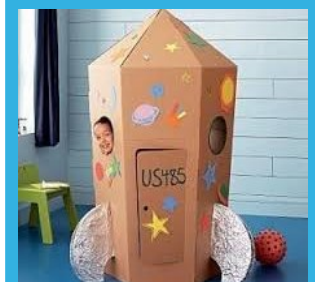
Come with the Comets and Satellites program and embark on an adventure into the unknown. We will be highlighting many activities with our December theme of "In Our Galaxy and Far, Far Away." Activities include Spaceship Creation, Galaxy Slime, Coffee Filter Planets, Moon Rocks, and Model Magic Creation. Also we will begin to transform the room into our very own galaxy. Don't be surprised if you happen to walk into the room with dimmed lights and glowing celestial bodies throughout the room.

Continue to check out the Enrichment Binder for awesome opportunities including Field Trips, and classes.

We will also be continuing our Weekly Quizzes for themed prizes, so have your children brush up on their space trivia!!

4-5 Ozone

December is when the day is as dark as the night is long, so it is a great time to look to the sky and explore our galaxy and beyond. The Ozone will have celestial sights and sounds with Monica helping each student create his or her own star and Andrew bringing in space themed music. Meanwhile, Helena will inspire children to burst through the Ozone (layer) and fly into space with homemade cardboard rockets. Other highlights of December include Alien Emojis, Galaxy Jars, Space Slime, Space Checkers, and Planet Design. Please make sure to check out our activity calendar in the Ozone to see what will be offered throughout the month. You may also want to prepare your children for too many Star Wars references from a certain coordinator. May the force be with you.



Enrichment & Billing

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Enrichment:

Please keep an eye out for the following events and sign ups.

Dollar Scholars: This is a financial entrepreneurial education class owned and operated by 2 Newton mothers. We will cover the fundamental concepts of money such as earning, saving, spending, debt, advertising and giving.

When: Mondays, January 7– March 4.

Time: 4:00–5:00pm.

Who: Any Ozone student registered to attend on Mondays.

Cost: \$160.00 for 7 classes.

The registration for this class will be made available via sign up and received check for payment by the Ozone sign out station.

Nashoba Valley Ski fitting: Students registered for this class will be fit for rental equipment at 1:00pm in the BASCP office on Tuesday, December 11.

The Mad Makers Lab: Our makerspace will be open to K-1 Stars on Mondays, at 4:00-5:00pm. It will be open to the Ozone and Comets on Fridays, at 3:45-5:30pm.

BASCP Bus Update: Recently we have been experiencing some difficulties scheduling field trips beyond Newton Centre due to the unexpected yet required maintenance of the BASCP bus. We will continue to provide walking trips, while also investigate alternative means of safe and responsible transportation. Thank you for your patience, our hope is that the bus will be returned to us soon and back on the road and better than ever, moving us towards our next adventure.



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

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