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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>.

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:

Tuesday, Jan 1: No School

Mon, Jan 21: No School

Wed, Feb 6: 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.

Tues, Feb 12 & Wed, Feb 13- BASCP's 2nd Annual Bake Sale and Craft Sale

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.

Incoming Kindergartners

Do you or someone you know have an incoming Kindergartner in the 2019-2020 school year and need after school care? You can get all the information you need by contacting the BASCP office at 617-969-3130, by email at ellenweiss@bascp.org, or visiting our table during K Screening on March 5, 7, and 8th.

December Kindness Club Project

Thank you to everyone who donated books for the Centre Street Food Pantry. BASCP collected a whopping 101 books!

BASCP's 2nd Annual Bake Sale

The sale was so popular last year that we decided to hold it on 2 days this year. This year's proceeds will be donated to the Centre Street Food Pantry right here in our own community. Stay tuned for more info!

K Extended Day

The K-1 Extended Day team is diving into the new year with January's Under the Sea theme! Kindergarteners can look forward to interactive play with our Freeplay Submarine, as well as teacher-led activities involving marine animals, plant life, and other ocean-themed concepts! Some highlights are Bryan's "Float Your Boat" team engineering challenge and Brandon's Coral Reef Creations! Please remember to send your child to BASCP with a winter coat, hat, and mittens/gloves--we will go outside every day, except in inclement weather.

K-1 Stars

K-1 Stars have finished a month of soaring into space and we are now exploring life below sea level this January, as we go "Under the Sea". Students will have the opportunity to learn and discover with a wide range of topics and activities! Brandon will be directing a dramatic performance based on the story of The Little Mermaid. Bryan will give students a chance to observe what marine life looks like with his "Ocean in a Jar" activity. Robin will be bringing back a favorite activity with her "Ocean Hatchimals" project, as well as introducing some art history to students through her "Da Vinci Sea Mobiles". Fran will be crafting with students and working on developing fine motor skills with activities like Accordion Fold Fish and Paper Plate Submarines. Christie's Singing Club will be taking a journey into a broader range of musical topics and activities this month--from creating watercolor paintings inspired by impressionistic water music to exploring different "Science of Sound" topics, like echolocation. We will be investigating music in many innovative ways! In addition, storytelling club will return with a focus on sharing stories through puppetry, relating to our Under the Sea theme. Please remember to send your child to BASCP with a winter coat, hat, and mittens/gloves--we will go outside every day, except in inclement weather.

2-3 Comets

Be amazed as you enter the Comets room as we have transformed our space into an ocean wonderland to celebrate our "Under the Sea" theme for January. The children will have been working hard to cover the room with fish, jellyfish, seaweed, and other underwater creatures. We will also have activities, which include Sea Origami, Nemo Scavenger Hunt, making submarines, treasure chests, sea creature crafts, and even building a Pineapple House for Ellen, SpongeBob included!! We will also be continuing our highly participated and highly anticipated Weekly Themed Quizzes! Be sure to check out the Field Trip Binder in the coming months for exciting new trips and enrichment opportunities!

4-5 Ozone

In January we'll be warm below the winter storms in our little hideaway beneath the waves as the Ozone goes Under the Sea. We will work with students to transform the Ozone into an underwater paradise with sea turtles, coral reef, and a yellow submarine. There will also be lots of crafts, such as a special Mosaic Glass Art project, Clay Sea Creatures, and Crystal Sea Shells.

We're also getting ready for our February Kindness Club Bake and Craft Sale, so she may sell sea shells by the front door. Thank you for a great start to the school year; I hope the rest of the year goes swimmingly for all of you.



Enrichment & Billing

January 2019



Enrichment:

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

The Mad Makers Lab:

When:	Where:	Time:	Projects
Friday 1/4	K-1 Stars	4:00-5:00pm	Submersibles & App: Ocean Education
Friday 1/11	Comets	4:00-5:30pm	Submersibles & App: Ocean Education
Friday 1/18	Ozone	3:30-5:00pm	Submersibles & App: History of Submarines
Friday 1/25	Comets	4:00-5:30pm	Submersibles & App: History of Submarines

Nashoba Valley Ski School: The first day of class will begin on Tuesday, January 8th. Make sure to send your student with their equipment and the appropriate attire for cold and snowy conditions.

Animation Desk: A screening of the completed projects of the students that participated in our Animation class will be presented at our Tech Showcase. This event will be held on Wednesday, 1/23 and Thursday 1/24 at 4:30pm, in the Bowen elementary enrichment room.

Basketball Games:

When:	Where:	Time:
Thursday, 1/10	@ Plowshares Franklin	3:30-5:30pm
Thursday, 1/17	The Bowen Gym	4:00-5:00pm
Thursday, 1/24	The Bowen Gym	4:00-5:00pm

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

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