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Director's Notes

VERY IMPORTANT

Wednesday, February 6 is an Early Release day. This means that all children will be released from school at 12:30pm. Children who are enrolled in Group B Extended Day are able to attend the program from 12:30-3:00pm as usual. **Please note that there is NO 3PM bus this day!** If your child is normally enrolled in After School from 3-6pm on Wednesdays, they will be able to attend the program from 12:30-6pm. If you have any questions, please call 617-969-3130. Please be sure to send a lunch, school lunches are not available!!!

School & After School Closing

BASCP follows the city's direction on whether or not we are able to open or remain open in the event of bad weather or other emergency. Up to date info on weather can be found on the city's website: www.3.newton.k12.ma.us.

Winter Pick Up Plan

Weather can be tricky throughout the winter. For your peace of mind, think of pairing up with another after school parent to cover you in the event of a late arrival to pick up your child/ren. *We all want to avoid those dreaded Late Fees!*

Children Evaluations

Teachers have been working hard on your child's evaluation to give you a quick glimpse of what their day is like in BASCP. Evaluations will be handed out mid-February.

Application Season is Fast Approaching:

Again this year we are will be sending our applications out via email. If you are a returning family, please make sure that we have your correct e-mail address as we will e-mail applications to currently enrolled families on April 1st. BASCP's open enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year is from April 1st-April 15th. If you are a currently enrolled family, you will automatically receive an application for next year. If you know any families who are interested in joining BASCP, please have them call 617-969-3130 or e-mail me at ellenweiss@bascp.org.

Building Security

In order to maintain the safety of all who are in the building during after school hours please allow staff to use the buzzer system to let people into the building.

Food, Friendly Chatter, and Free Childcare!

This year's Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday, March 28 from 6-7pm in the Bowen Library. The Annual Meeting is a great opportunity to enjoy some delicious food and talk with other BASCP families. It is also your chance to meet the BASCP Board of Directors and the BASCP Leadership Team. Come hear about what is on the horizon for next year. We will provide free childcare and pizza for children whose parents attend the meeting.

National After School Association Convention

In March, I will be headed to NYC to attend this years National After School Association Convention. I look forward to seeing what great ideas I can bring back to BASCP!



BASCP's 2nd Annual Craft and Bake Sale to Benefit the Centre Street Food Pantry

The Kindness Club has been working hard on designing a fantastic sale! This year the Craft and Bake Sale will be held on two days due to its immense popularity. Be sure to visit the sale on Tuesday, February 12 and Wednesday, February 13. More info to follow!

K Extended Day

This month, K Extended Day is exploring the wide world of extreme sizes with our Biggy Smally theme! Brandon and Bryan will be leading students in a variety of activities from tiny and giant watches to big and small books! As always, we will continue to play outside even in colder weather, so be sure to send your child to BASCP with a winter coat, hat, mittens, and snow gear when necessary!

K-1 Stars

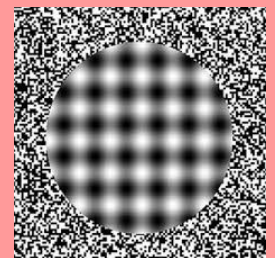
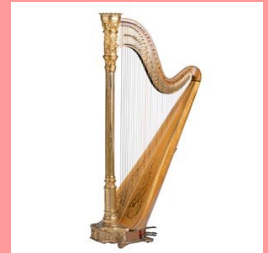
The K-1 Stars are excited to begin our Biggie Smallie theme this February, exploring the wide world of extreme sizes. Bryan will be working with students to create giant flowers, while Brandon will be combining art and literacy with his "Alice in Wonderland" puppets. Christie's Storytelling Club will be discovering many different types of stories about growing, shrinking, and changing size, as well as stories that "grow" over time, such as folktales. In Music Club, students will learn about the world's smallest and largest instruments and work to create electronic music of their own with Little Bits. Robin will be making Matchbox Worlds with students and also continuing work on her Monster project (more info to come later)! Fran will be leading students in painting mini canvases and sewing mini purses! Please feel free to e-mail (christieb@bascp.org) or call (617-969-3130) with any questions or concerns.

2-3 Comets

“Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.” - Vincent Van Gogh. These are the words of inspiration for February as we celebrate “Biggie Smallie” month!. We have activities planned that include a “growing” art installation, building a mini village, plastic cup snow globes, tallest structure competitions, BIG and mini bowling, and Lego building competitions. There will also be new games and new weekly quizzes! Be on the lookout for field trips in February to Laser Quest and LEGOLAND in the binder. Don't be shocked when you encounter some small surprises here and there that will surely leave BIG impressions!

4-5 Ozone

The Ozone has big plans for our shortest month as we enjoy the theme, “Biggie Smallie.” Monica is hoping for a big success with our Second Annual Kindness Club Bake Sale & Craft Sale on February 12th and 13th. She'll also help children create big drawings with her popular Projector Art Project. Helena is continuing with her successful photography projects as she will teach students how to create big and small optical illusions with our cameras and iPads. Meanwhile, Andrew is celebrating everyone's favorite small sport as he will work with Ozone students to create a mini golf course. This small message doesn't cover all of our big ideas for February, so please visit our blog and check the Ozone Activity Calendar often.



Enrichment & Billing

February 2019



Enrichment:

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

The Mad Makers Lab:

When:	Where:	Time:	Projects
Friday, 2/1	K-1 Stars	4:00-5:00pm	Mobile Mad Makers Lab
Monday, 2/4	Comets & Ozone	3:45-5:00pm	Farm 2 Market: Grow Box & Seed Germination
Thursday, 2/7	Ozone	3:45-5:00pm	Mobile Mad Makers Lab
Friday, 2/8	Comets	3:30-5:30pm	Field Trip to Laser Quest
Monday, 2/11	K-1 Stars	4:00-5:00pm	Farm 2 Market: Seed Germination
Tuesday, 2/12	Ozone	1:00-3:00pm	Tinkercad Time
Friday, 2/15	Comets	4:00-5:00pm	Mobile Mad Makers Lab
Monday, 2/25	Comets & Ozone	3:45-5:00pm	Farm 2 Market: Seed Germination
Tuesday, 2/26	K-1 & Comets	1:00-4:30pm	Field Trip to Lego Land
Thursday, 2/28	Ozone	3:45-5:00pm	Tinkercad Time

HipStitch Sewing Class: Registrations will be made available this February for students in grades 2-5 for our brand-new sewing class which will begin this March. This class will accept 16 participants at a cost of \$130.00 for an 8-week class. Each week students will alternate between hand sewing and machine sewing with both long term and short-term projects available for all skill sets. Please look for the registrations for this class to be made available at the Comets and Ozone sign out stations.

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

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