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Director's Notes

A Night Out and No Cooking! BASCP's Annual Meeting March 14

This year's Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday, March 14 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.

It is vital that each family casts a vote to elect board members. As a parent-run organization, the Board of Directors is the dedicated group of people that we depend on to guide our program. If you are interested in potentially running for a seat on the Board of Directors, please talk with Ellen and she can help you better understand what is involved. **We do provide free childcare and pizza for children whose parents stay. Be sure to sign up if your child/ren will be staying for child care and a light bite.**

Enrollment for 2019-2020

Please be sure that BASCP has your current email address!!! Once again applications will be made available by **email** to currently enrolled families and incoming families on April 1. All applications are due back to the program by April 15th. Applications **must be** mailed to the program at BASCP, PO Box 429, Newton Upper Falls, MA 02464 as children will be accepted on a first come first served basis by postmark. 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.

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. Following is the NPS policy on school closing and notification:

Typically, you will be notified of a school closing or delay by 6:00 a.m. of the day in question. There may be occasions when a decision can be made the previous evening, but typically it will not be made until the day of. As soon as a decision has been made, you will be notified through the following methods:

Phone/Email –We will call the phone number(s) designated by you in Skyward Family Access. Please make sure this phone number, and all of your child's emergency information, is kept up to date at all times. A link to Skyward Family Access can be found on the district and school websites. **If you decide that you do not want to receive early morning automated calls, please notify the main office at your child's school.** In addition, when phone messages are sent to parents, an email with an audio link to the phone message is also sent. You may also call (617) 559-9699 for a prerecorded message.

TV/Radio- Notification will be given to WBZ Channel 4, WCVB Channel 5, WHDH Channel 7, Fox25 Channel 25, 1030 AM (radio) and WRKO 680 AM (radio).

Social Media/Website - Notification will be posted on the district website (www.newton.k12.ma.us) as well as the following social media channels: Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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.

K Extended Day

Kindergarten Extended Day is gearing up for a month full of challenges, intrigue, and mystery with our Mission Impossible theme! Kindergarteners will be creating and constructing their own detective tools with activities like "Spy Badges" and "Spy Watches". They'll be solving puzzles and engaging in creative storytelling with activities like "Mini Mystery Books". We'd like to remind parents to be sure to keep extra clothes at school (and BASCP, if possible), especially as we enter the "muddy" season on the BASCP playground.

K-1 Stars

K-1 Stars--here is your mission, should you choose to accept it! March is approaching, and with it, our "Mission Impossible" theme! Students can look forward to honing their critical thinking skills with coding activities such as Fran's "Morse Code and Symbol Code Message" activity. They can also get a taste of ancient history with Robin's "Egyptian Hieroglyphics and Art". Brandon will be getting kids moving with his "Spy Games" activity, while Bryan helps students go "incognito" by creating "Mystery Glasses". Storytelling Club with Christie will be making "Mystery Bag Comic Strips", while Music Club will offer activities such as "Spy Music and Movement". As always, feel free to e-mail (christieb@bascp.org) or call the office (617-969-3130) with any questions or concerns.

2-3 Comets

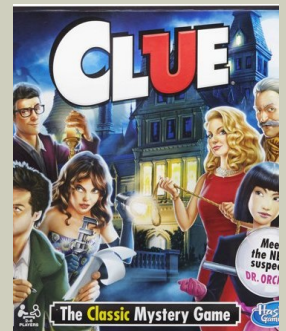
The theme for March is ELBIS SOPIM NOISS IMQXY. To break the code, our children will have to learn the Reverse Trail Code, which will be one of the many activities planned for this month. In case you haven't figured it out already, the theme is MISSION IMPOSSIBLE! We also plan on playing around with invisible ink, go on scavenger hunts, testing our detective and observation skills, putting together puzzles, enhancing our persuasion skills, as well as playing games like Clue and Guess Who.

Be on the lookout for the Mission Board where a little kindness goes a long way! Also, we will be continuing our weekly themed quizzes. Lookout for upcoming field trips and enrichment opportunities in the binder!

4-5 Ozone

March's theme is Mission Impossible. If students choose to accept it, they will enjoy a variety of fun activities including creating an Escape Room Challenge, Designing Disguises, and a Laser Beam Obstacle Course. To be successful in the world of espionage, you'll need to be able to work well with others. Therefore, we will have several activities that encourage cooperation, including Mystery Bag Challenges, the Survivor Challenge, and our new cooperative board game, Pandemic.

Speaking of cooperation, your children recently worked very well with Ozone teachers organizing two successful events: The Ozone Photo Booth Party and The Kindness Club Craft & Bake Sale. It was great to see tremendous enthusiasm from teachers and families. Thank you.



Enrichment & Billing

March 2019



Enrichment:

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

K-1 Stars

When:	Where:	Time:	Event
Friday, 3/1	Free Play	4:00-5:00pm	Mobile Mad Makers Lab
Wednesdays in March	Mad Makers Lab	4:00-5:00pm	Scratch Jr
Thursdays in March	Gym	4:00-5:00pm	The Learning League
Monday, 3/11	Mad Makers Lab	4:00-5:00pm	Farm 2 Market
Friday, 3/15	Free Play	4:00-5:00pm	Mobile Mad Makers Lab
Tuesday, 3/26	Boston Children's Museum	1:00-5:00pm	Field Trip

Comets

When:	Where:	Time:	Event
Tuesdays in March	TBD	1:00-2:30pm	Hip Stitch
Thursdays in March	Gym	4:00-5:00pm	The Learning League
Friday, 3/8	Rm. 209	4:00-5:00pm	Mobile Mad Makers Lab
Tuesday, 3/12	Centre St Food Pantry	1:00-3:00pm	Field Trip
Monday, 3/25	Mad Makers Lab	4:00-5:00pm	Farm 2 Market
Friday, 3/29	Newton Centre Fire Station	3:30-5:30pm	Field Trip

Ozone

When:	Where:	Time:	Event
Tuesdays in March	TBD	1:00-2:30pm	Hip Stitch
Thursdays 3/7	Ozone	4:00-5:00pm	Mobile Mad Makers Lab
Friday, 3/22	Ozone	4:00-5:00pm	Mobile Mad Makers Lab
Tuesday, 3/26	Boston Children's Museum	1:00-5:00pm	Field Trip

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

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