



Busy Bees Pre-School Center

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January 2016 Newsletter

- o This Holiday Season: Go easy on yourselves, parents. Young children need very little in the way of toys. Experiences, not toys, if you think about it, are what we remember the most. Keep buying a low priority, and savor an experience with your children for the Christmas celebration. It will last a lifetime!

Happy New Year

JANUARY THEMES:

- o Yellow Class: Snowmen/Snow and Ice, Celebrations/Parties/New Year, Flashlights
- o Red Class: Arctic Animals, author Ezra Keats, A Snowy Day, Colors
- o Blue Class: Winter/author Jan Brett, Dinosaurs, My Imagination

IMPORTANT DATES:

- o Parent Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 5, 5:00 - 6:00 pm. All parents are encouraged to join the Parent Committee and/or attending meetings. Your involvement is vital to your child's education.
- o Scholastic Book Orders for January will be due on Friday, January 29.

NEWS & EVENTS

- o We enjoyed our two December field trips, one to the movies, and one to sing carols with the residents of Hillcrest Nursing Center. The children did a great job, and the residents enjoyed our visit,
- o We need to ask each family to confirm your child(ren)'s drop-off and pick-up times as we coordinate the staff schedules accordingly; it is vital that we maintain license-regulated staff: student ratios, and we need to make sure staff are available each day when children arrive up until they leave. Thanks for your cooperation in this important matter.
- o This year's Santa Breakfast was another enjoyable and profitable fundraising event. Thank you to the Parent Committee for all their efforts in organizing the event, and to all who attended and participated.
- o Congratulations to Raffle Basket Winners: Gay Cortright and Jesus Nunez, and a huge Thank You to all who contributed to this fundraiser.
- o Thank you to those who have been arriving early for breakfast. If your child will be eating breakfast with us at Busy Bees, please arrive no later than 9:00. It is important to start the day with breakfast, and it's helpful to have breakfast finished and tables washed down by 9:15 to start our day with Morning Meeting.

REMINDERS

- o **Sick Child Policy from our Parent Handbook:**
 - o A child is excluded from Center care until after 24 hours with the flu, diarrhea, sore throat, fever or contagious disease, or illness that requires a doctor's care.
 - o If you have any questions or need advice, remember we have our nurse, Dianne Tousignant available, at 978-345-6701.
- o Absence Policy from our Parent Handbook states that parents MUST call to report their child absent on a scheduled day. It is vital to us to maintain constant awareness of our children's whereabouts.
- o Please note: We would like to ask that every child have a pair of warm slippers to be left at school. When we come indoors from playing outside in the snow, children will change from their heavy boots into slippers.
- o Please be sure your child wears a warm coat, a hat and gloves to school each day, since we play outside every day as the temperature is above 26°. A few minutes in the brisk cold leaves fingers and ears red and painful unless they're covered.
- o Also, if you have not already done so, please send in snow pants and snow boots, hats and waterproof mittens or gloves. Sharpie markers are in each classroom so items may be marked with your child's name.
- o Check Facebook or call Busy Bees phone line for winter weather delay or closing information. Busy Bees closes only for state or city-declared emergencies.
- o **Helpful Community Info:**
 - Fuel Assistance - Community Action Program (CAP), call 1-800-632-8175, or visit www.mass.gov/dhcd/
 - Community Healthlink Emergency Services, 1-800-977-5555 or 1-866-549-2142

**BUSY BEES
FEDERAL TAX ID
#: 043-570-620**

Center Closings

- Busy Bees will close at 2:30 on January 6 for Staff Meeting.
- Busy Bees will be open on Monday, January 18, Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday. (FPS is closed.)
- Looking ahead, Busy Bees will be closed on February 15 for President's Day.

This Month's Birthdays

- Marialyn 1/12
- Dylan 1/10
- Dustin 1/16
- Adrianna 1/22
- Cassidy 1/30

Visit our new website at www.busybeespc.com

Sponsoring Websites:

- www.families@naeyc.org
- www.resourcesforearlylearning.org/educators
- www.mindinthemaking.org
- <http://www.q4ktoday.com/>

