



What's New at Preschool?

BCS Preschool –January 2008

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Dear Families –

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas. I know many of you were traveling and we are thankful that you have returned safely.

Next week we will begin preschool registration for our current families. We will be using a new online registration format and have designated January 14-31 as registration time for our current families. After January 31, we will begin accepting families who are new to BCS. Current families include any child returning to preschool for a second or third year as well as siblings of children currently enrolled in any program at BCS. There are always questions about class placement and the possibility of exceptions for birthday cutoffs at this time of year. Please contact me or ask Shannan to set up an appointment if you have questions. This is the best time for us to talk.

Over the new few weeks, families with children entering kindergarten are invited to our Experience Kindergarten events at the Mack and Three Points Elementary campuses. This is a great opportunity for you to see the classrooms, meet the teachers and principles, and connect with other parents and we encourage you attend. You might also have questions about your child's readiness for kindergarten. Our teachers will be working on those observations this month and are available to talk with you. We hope to have a meeting in early February to give you more information about Kindergarten Readiness.

January can be a surprising month. Sometimes we have rain, sometimes snow. Please review the emergency information included in this newsletter. BCS has a very wide district with a variety of weather differences. We will try very hard to communicate any changes in our school schedule as they happen.

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All Preschool Information

Preschool Re-Enrollment Online

If your child is currently enrolled at BCS preschool, you will be able to complete your re-enrollment form using an online program. Go to our website, www.bellevuechristian.org. Click on the Preschool link on the right side of the homepage under Parents Place. This will take you to a link for online registration.

BCS Kindergarten Transition Program

We want to extend a special thank you to families who are currently enrolled in BCS Preschool and have chosen to enroll in BCS kindergarten. We realize the significance of this financial commitment and are pleased to announce the following program to help you make the transition.

Program Description -Families who are currently enrolled in a BCS Preschool program will receive a \$1,000 credit off their 2008/09 tuition for enrolling their student in BCS full day kindergarten. A \$600 tuition credit will be applied for enrolling in BCS half-day kindergarten. To receive your tuition credit you must be enrolled in the 2008/09 school year. The credit applies toward 2008/09 tuition only.

Save the Date!

You are invited to attend the BCS Gala Banquet and Auction on Friday, March 14, 2008.

BCS- Overlake Park Preschool Campus

Schedule Changes Due to Weather

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- BCS website: www.bellevuechristian.org
Information will be posted on the home page.
- www.schoolreport.org Enter "Bellevue Christian School" in Keyword Search or, select private schools then follow the prompts.
- All major radio and television stations will broadcast schedule changes by 6:30 a.m. or at other times during the day if a decision is made to close school, delay start times or dismiss school early.
- Call the District Office for an update: 425.454.4028, press "0".

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- *School Closed*
- *10 a.m. start; limited transportation; no morning preschool or morning kindergarten*
- *On time; limited transportation*

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When school starts late, morning preschool, morning kindergarten, and junior/senior high morning activities (like athletic or music practices) and zero period classes are canceled.

Decisions on after school activities will be posted on the BCS website. All day kindergarten follows the altered schedule; afternoon preschool operates on its regular schedule.



Christmas Giving Project

Thank you for your donations to our Christmas giving projects. Your generosity helped children and families celebrate Christmas.

At Home Corner

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January Dates

- 11 New Family Information Meeting 9:30am
- 18 Scrip Due – Friday due date!
- 18 Experience Kindergarten at Three Points and Mack
- 21 No School Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 24 Teacher collaboration – No Lunch Bunch or PM classes
- 25 Experience Kindergarten at Three Points and Mack
- 31 FUDGE Night at Preschool – (Fathers, Uncles, Dads, Grandfathers, Everyone)
An evening of fun activities for your child and a special adult – your teacher will be sending home more information soon!

February Dates

- 1 No School – Elementary In-service Day
- 4 Scrip Due
- 15 No School – Midwinter Break
- 18 No School – President's Day
- 25 Scrip Due

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*Peggy, Glenda, Barb, Jennie, Jane, Juliann
and Shannan*

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