



What's New at Preschool?

BCS Preschool –May-June 2008

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Dear Families

The calendar tells us that the year is coming to an end but these next few weeks will be filled with many fun activities and special events. Be sure to check our Upcoming Dates section of the newsletter and your classroom calendar. You wouldn't want to miss out on any end of the year fun!

I wanted to take some time in this last newsletter to talk about the program evaluation. As parents of young children, your time for things like filling out surveys is limited. I really appreciate the feedback that so many of you have provided.

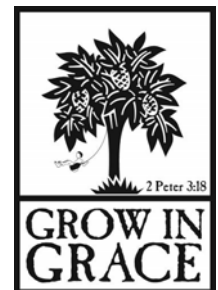
We are happy to read that you value our program as Christ-centered, providing a balance of play and academic activities. Many of you commented that our teachers are knowledgeable, kind, and consistent. You enjoy coming to our special programs such as Dad's Night, Christmas and Easter celebrations, and Portfolio sharing. It does not surprise us to read that you would like to have more days for Lunch Bunch or another opportunity for extending the day. This is an ongoing discussion with our staff as we make decisions about the best use of our facilities.

We are especially interested in your comments on how we can improve our program. Suggestions about the calendar and the number of days off are helpful as we plan for the upcoming school year. Our school year calendar

and tuition are based on a set number of school days for each age group and we make every effort to keep our preschool calendar in line with the K-12 calendar. We believe collaboration time is valuable for our teachers but we agree that consistency for our students is also important.

Communication is always difficult with so many different schedules but it is such an important part of building relationships. You would like us to be more intentional about describing classroom activities and to link those activities with learning. A part of the collaboration time this year was devoted to writing program goals for each age group. The next step is finding ways to link our program goals and expectations to classroom work. Our goals haven't changed but we hope to do a better job of telling the story of learning in our preschool classrooms. If you are returning to preschool next year, we hope you will let us know how we are doing in this area.

Thank you again for taking the time to respond. We know that you are our best advocates and our voice in the community. We are honored and blessed to be in service with children and families.



Juliann Phillips, director

If you are interested in looking at the program evaluation results, contact Juliann at jphillips@bellevuechristian.org

BCS- Overlake Park Preschool Campus

Upcoming Dates

Please make sure that you check your classroom calendar for end of the year field trips and special events.

May

12 Scrip Due

13-15 Moms' Day Celebrations

21 Last Day of Lunch Bunch

26 No School – Memorial Day

28 Teacher Collaboration Day
No School

June

3 Last Day – Mrs. Buck's class

5 Last Day – Mrs. Burrows and
Mrs. Smit's classes

September 8

First Day of the 2008-09 Preschool Year!

Lunch Bunch is coming to an end

Our last day for Lunch Bunch is Wednesday, 5/21. Please be sure to send your Lunch Bunch payments to our preschool office. You can give them to your classroom teacher and she will send it over to the office.

Parent Helpers for 2008-09 School Year

Are you interested in helping to coordinate our Scholastic Books orders next year? Let your classroom teacher know or send an email to Shannan in our preschool office and we will help you get started. A very big thank you to Deanna Mikiska for being our coordinator this year. We have been able to acquire some wonderful books for our school library through this program.

A Little Bit of Love and Logic® Will Help You Really Enjoy the Summer with Your Children

When: Friday, May 16th from 8:30 to 10:00 AM

Where: Bellevue Christian School MPR (Three Points Campus)

Details: PTF Meeting Follows from 10-11 AM

Presented by Lisa C. Greene, Love and Logic® Author and Facilitator, Certified Parent Coach, and (most importantly) MOM!

- Learn how to put an end to whining, arguing & complaining.
 - Get kids to listen– the first time!
 - Want help around the house without ranting and raving?
 - Sibling Rivalry? No problem!
- Parenting tools and techniques for raising toddlers and teens and all kids in-between.

Discipline your son, and he will give you peace; he will bring delight to your soul.
- Proverbs 29:17

Thank you for a wonderful year. It has been a blessing to work with you and your children.

Your Preschool Staff
Peggy, Jennie, Barb,
Jane, Glenda,
Juliann and Shannan



BCS- Bellevue Preschool Campus

Upcoming Dates

Please make sure that you check your classroom calendar for end of the year field trips and special events.

May

12	Scrip Due
13-15	Mom's Day Celebrations
22	Last Lunch Bunch Spring Art Show
26	No School – Memorial Day
28	Teacher Collaboration Day No School

June

3	Last Day – Mrs. Cadriel's class
5	Last Day –Mrs. Lilleskare's and Mrs. Salzman's classes

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Lunch Bunch is coming to an end

Our last day for Lunch Bunch is Thursday, 5/22. Please be sure to send your Lunch Bunch payments to our preschool office. You can give them to your classroom teacher and she will send it over to the office.

An Invitation from our friends at BCS- Three Points Elementary

When: Friday, May 16th
from 8:30 to 10:00 AM

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Details: PTF Meeting Follows from 10-11 AM

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Fall Registration

We still have space left in our program for next year. If you have friends looking for a preschool, we would love to give them a tour. Just call Shannan in the office at 425-483-1672 to make arrangements.

Spring Art Show

We hope you will be able to attend our Evening of Art Fundraiser for our Bellevue Preschool on May 22, 2008 from 6:30-7:30pm. Every preschool student will have a piece of art hanging in our show. This is our only fundraiser this year. We hope you will consider making a donation to support some of the extra things we like to provide at preschool such as Bibles for our new students, books for our class libraries, and special art and classroom supplies. This is an event for the whole family.

Preschool Staff Changes for Next Year

By now, some of you have heard that Mrs. Cadriel will be moving to Arizona with her husband and daughter. We will miss having them as a part of our preschool family but we know it is a great opportunity for this young family. We are excited that Mrs. Lilleskare is going to be teaching the 3's class in addition to her 4's class next year. We are also hoping to add some Discovery Day classes that would extend the school day for a few hours once a week. We will share more information as it is available.

Thank you for a wonderful year. It has been a blessing to work with you and your children.

*Your preschool staff,
Shari, Steffani, Jessica, Lori, Joelle, Pam,
Juliann, and Shannan*

BCS- Woodinville Preschool

Upcoming Dates

Please make sure that you check your classroom calendar for end of the year field trips and special events.

May

- 8 Mom's Day Celebrations – Mrs. Guerreiro, Mrs. Kaskes, Mrs. Kelly, and Mrs. Simmons
- 12 Scrip Due
- 12 Mom's Day Celebrations – Mrs. Harris, Mrs. McNeil, and Mrs. Schroeder
- 15 Last Day for Aslan's Donations
- 23 Last day for Lunch Bunch
- 26 No School – Memorial Day
- 28 Teacher Collaboration Day
No School
- 29 Field Trip to Imagine Children's Museum, Mrs. Simmons' and Mrs. McNeil's classes

June

- 3 Last Day – 3's classes
- 5 Last Day – 4's and 5's classes

September 8

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Thank you for coming to our Evening of Art Fundraiser.

Your support is greatly appreciated. Over the past few years, donations have helped us supplement our program in the following ways:

- ❖ Purchase of Bibles for our students,
- ❖ Building our preschool library,
- ❖ Listening centers for each classroom,
- ❖ Purchase of a digital camera for teachers to use at school,
- ❖ New basketball hoop and wagon for the playground.



If you were not able to attend and would like to make a donation, please stop by the preschool office.

May 2008

Art Show Helpers

It takes many hands to put together our Art Show. A special thank you to Wendy Fitzgerald, Michelle Davenport, Mary McCall, and Stephenie Burke for helping with the set up.

Staff changes for next year

Mrs. Guerreiro and Mrs. McNeil will be moving on to the new adventures at the end of this school year. These two teachers have been a valuable part of our preschool program for over 17 years and they will be missed.

We are blessed to have some wonderful teachers who will step into these positions next September. Kris Johnson will be teaching a 3's class and Dana Schroeder will teach a 4's class. We are still praying for that wonderful teacher for our afternoon 4day class. Information about staff openings can be found on our website in case you know anyone who might be interested in joining our staff.

Thanks for your donations to Aslan's

We will be closing the Aslan's box on May 15. We are very grateful for the help from Lara Irish, Nicole Hoberecht, and Christine Hayes who have faithfully delivered your donations to Aslan's in Bothell this year.

We couldn't do it without you!

Thanks to Tamara Rieger for coordinating our Book Orders this year and to Lara Irish for cutting, sorting, and organizing our Campbell's Soup Label program. We are looking forward to ordering some fun books and supplies for our classrooms through these programs.

Thank you for a wonderful year. It has been a blessing to work with you and your children.

Your Preschool Staff

Dana, Lisa, Leanne, Teresa, Jayna, Melissa, Leslie, Crystal, Lavonne, Cam, Cindy, Kris, Sandy, Janie, Jeanie, Shannan, Jeanne, and Juliann