



What's New at Preschool?

BCS Preschool – November 2007

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Dear Families –

Each day, I try to spend time in a classroom. Some days I watch from a corner, other days I sit at a table or join the children on the carpet. Observing children as they are learning through play is one of my greatest joys. When young children are engaged, they are asking questions, making observations, and talking with teachers and classmates about their work. I observed a group of children building with blocks. As they worked they asked one another questions “Wanna make a barn?” “Do you think we need a door on this side or over there?” “Don’t put the lions with the horses or they will eat them.” Listening to their conversation I see that they are developing a plan together, adding, changing, and adjusting as they go. This process, planning, editing, and revising is essential to learning.

Some children will work quietly but with an intensity and interest that reflects the planning that is driving their work. I watched a boy survey the art shelf, picking up pieces and holding them up to a paper tube. I could tell he had a plan and was looking for the right materials to help him translate his ideas. Sometimes we have an idea in our head but might not have the vocabulary to translate that idea. This process of trying things out, figuring out what will work and what won’t, is a learning skill that will be used over and over again as children grow.

It is important that we give children time to engage in play as an avenue to learning. In their explorations, their building and artwork, their interactions with their classmates and teachers, they are practicing skills and processing ideas that build a base of understanding and a confidence in their ability to learn. Let’s play!

Juliann Phillips

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Upcoming Preschool Dates

November 8 - SCRIP is due – Please note that this is a Thursday due date!

November 12 – No School - Veteran’s Day

November 19-24 – No School Thanksgiving week



*“To reach a child’s mind, a teacher must capture his or her heart”
Haim Ginott*

Get connected!

Winter weather might be just around the corner. There are a number of ways you can be sure to have the most up to date information about any changes to your child’s school schedule.

- Sign up for the e-bulletin and BCS calendar at our website: www.bellevuechristian.org
- Check the BCS website: www.bellevuechristian.org Information will be posted on the home page.
- 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".

BCS- Overlake Park Preschool Campus

Lunch Bunch at Preschool

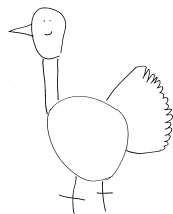
We are offering Lunch Bunch on Mondays and Wednesdays. Lunch Bunch sessions run from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm at a cost of \$6.00 per session. Please sign up on the clipboards outside Mrs. Buck and Mrs. Burrows' room. You will be billed by our Preschool Office for Lunch Bunch fees. When you receive your Lunch Bunch statement, be sure to return payments to our preschool office. Lunch Bunch payments will not go to Student Billing and will not be included on your tuition payment statement.

Heavenly Hand Mades Holiday Bazaar

Are you looking for unique handcrafted gifts for Christmas giving? You are invited to attend the Presbyterian Women's Holiday Bazaar at Overlake Park Presbyterian Church on Saturday, November 3rd, 9:00 am – 3:00pm.

November Dates

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| 5&7 | Lunch Bunch |
| 8 | Scrip Due |
| 9 | Preschool is in session |
| 12 | No School – Veteran's Day |
| 14 | Lunch Bunch |
| 19-23 | No School – Thanksgiving Week |
| 26&28 | Lunch Bunch |
| 26 | Scrip Due |



Snacks – Please remember that we are an Allergy Aware preschool. Please choose snacks that do not have nuts and check with your classroom teacher for specific allergies in your child's class. If your child is attending Lunch Bunch, remember to pack items that do not contain nuts. We appreciate your patience as we work out the details of our snack policy.

Pumpkin Night Disappointments

We were very sad to cancel Dad's night last month. The teachers and children had worked so hard to get ready and there was a lot of excitement. We will be looking at some alternative ideas for a time to have the children bring a dad, uncle, grandpa, or friend to preschool.

Parking – We know that it is tempting to park in the small lot behind our preschool classrooms but the church has asked us to use the park in the main church parking lot off 156th Ave. Thanks for helping us with this.

Your Preschool Staff

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

At Home corner:

Here is an activity that you can do at home to support your child's learning and development.

Create your own *Alphabet Book*

Find pictures that of items, people or places that are familiar to your child. Try to look for items that have the hard beginning letter sound like Green rather than Giraffe.

Glue the pictures into a book or on paper and write the word to the right of the picture.

As you read your alphabet book

with your child, point to the beginning letter as you say that sound and name the letter.

This activity will help your child begin to

identify the sounds of letters and to see themselves as readers.

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Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin

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BCS- Bellevue Preschool Campus

Welcome to our newest staff member, Pam Becker. Mrs. Becker is assisting Mrs. Lilleskare in the Wed, Thur, Friday 4's class. Pam and her husband, Art, have one daughter in 4th grade at Three Points. We are blessed to have Pam join our teaching staff.

Thanks for coming to Dad's Night. The children and the teachers had a great time getting to see you and your child.

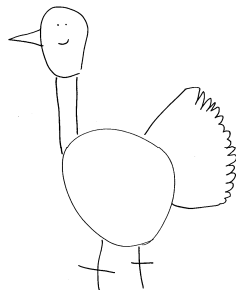
November Dates

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| 6 & 8 | Lunch Bunch |
| 9 | Preschool is in session |
| 12 | No School – Veteran's Day |
| 13 & 15 | Lunch Bunch |
| 19-23 | No School – Thanksgiving Week |
| 27 & 29 | Lunch Bunch |

Lunch Bunch

We are offering Lunch Bunch twice a week but we do need to have at least 4 children in order to be able to pay our staff. Please talk to your child's teacher about participating in this fun activity.

Snacks – Please remember that we are an Allergy Aware preschool. Please choose snacks and send lunches that do not have nuts.



Bags of Joy

Thank you so much for your generous support for the Bags of Joy project. The bags are on their way to preschool children in Manila.

Coming in December

We will be gathering for our Christmas Chapel on Wednesday, December 19 at 11 am. Parents, friends, and families are invited to join us for a time to celebrate the joys of the season in song and story.

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

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BCS- Woodinville Preschool Campus

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| 8 | Scrip Due (this is a Thursday) |
| 9 | Preschool is in session |
| 12 | No School – Veteran’s Day |
| 19-23 | No School – Thanksgiving Week |
| 26 | Scrip Due |

Parking

Now that you have the traffic pattern down, we need to tell you about a holiday revision. During November and December, the church youth group usually has a tree lot that impacts our parking and traffic flow. Please continue to enter the lot from 140th, proceed around to the back of the church to park, and exit on 171st. It will be a tight parking lot for a few weeks. We appreciate your patience.

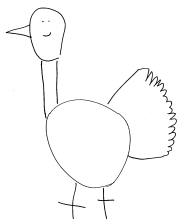
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Lunch Bunch on Tuesdays

The Wednesday and Friday sessions have filled so quickly that we have added an extra day for Lunch Bunch! If your child is in one of our classes that meet on Tuesdays, you can sign up for this new Lunch Bunch session. Tuesday sessions begin November 6.



Christmas Chapel

Mark your calendars for our special Christmas chapel times with Mrs. Whitney. Parents are invited to attend.

December 18 or December 20

11:00 am or 2:30pm

Hold the Water Bottles!

A few years ago, we began requesting bottled water for snack because the water pipes in our building were old and we were uncertain about the safety of the drinking water. Recently the Woodinville Community Church installed all new piping in our preschool building. After some discussion and consideration, we have decided that it is not necessary to have bottled water for snack. Thanks!

Your preschool staff,

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

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