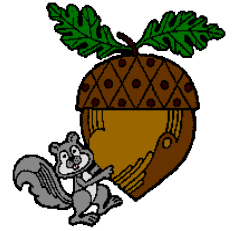


**BREEZY POINT DAY SCHOOL
FALL NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER, 2009**



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

by Sandy McCloskey,
Curriculum Director

Do you worry that your children are growing up too fast? Are you frustrated when your child begs for toys or to watch shows which are not age-appropriate? We worry, too. By working together to protect our children, we can let them enjoy being preschoolers as long as possible. The following are a few routines you can establish in your own family.

- Schedule a weekly "family night". Include your child in planning what to make for dinner and what to do afterward. You might go for a walk, play a board game, tell stories or another activity your child enjoys.
- Help your child become a unique individual. Read books which both male and female characters are strong, confident, thoughtful and sensitive. Be sure you are a role

model yourself. Share your hobbies and profession with your child. Let them see you enjoying something you love to do.

- Work with other people who want to preserve childhood. Talk with friends, neighbors and parents of your child's classmates. Suggest holding birthday parties that focus on fun activities rather than T.V. or movie characters. Dress your child like a preschooler, not a teenager. Most of all, resist when your child asks you to buy things you know are not age-appropriate.

Let's not hurry our children through childhood. They only have one and as we know, they will have most of their lives to be a "grown-up"!

*Wishing you a wonderful Holiday
Season!*

**OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD
WINNER INCLUDES B.P. STAFF
MEMBERS...**

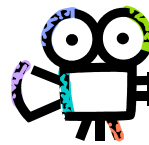
Mrs. Helen Schwartz, teacher in our Main House, was awarded the Outstanding Educators Award from Bucks County Association for the Education of Young Children. The award was given out at the annual conference held at Bucks County Community College on October 3, 2009. All recipients were nominated by parents, fellow teachers and/or directors for their contribution and service to the field of Early Childhood Education. Only seven were chosen from the entire county.

We consistently have more staff nominated than any other preschool in the county. Those nominated this year were: Lynn Bertman, Robin Brown, Theresa Carcel, France de Jesus, Jennifer Keil, Gale Londoner, Maria Martin, Sandy McCloskey, Jane McKenna, Helen Perkins, Meryl Pullen, Melba Schorn and Kristin Walter.

Thanks again to the many parents and staff who took the time to write and mail in their nominations. Begin thinking about the person you would like to nominate in 2010. Forms will be sent to you just before Valentine's Day.



Pictured above: Mrs. Helen Schwartz receives Outstanding Educator Award.



PICTURE DAYS

All classes were out at BreezyTown for group shots on Wednesday, October 14th, Thursday, October 15th and Friday, October 16th. Individual shots were taken in our new Barnasium. As promised, AG-Photography delivered the photos just in time for holiday giving...we hope you are happy with them. 😊

OPEN HOUSE



Our annual Open House was held on Sunday, October 11th from 1-3 P.M. The weather cooperated and many B.P. parents and guests visited our classrooms. Thanks for coming! We hope you enjoyed your visit.



BOOKKEEPING REQUEST

Please, please put your child's name and teacher's name on bottom left corner of each tuition check. This will save Mrs. Nina much time when recording payments. Also, several parents have asked if they could pay two or three months at a time so they don't have to write a check each month. The answer is "yes"...Ten payments of the contracted rate for the school year can be paid 8/1, 9/1, 10/1, 11/1, 12/1, 1/1, 2/1, 3/1, 4/1, 5/1. The weeks each payment covers are listed on page #5 of your Parent Handbook. If you need an additional copy, just call the school office at 215-752-1987.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



All B.P. classes enjoyed using Engine Co. #9 in BreezyTown, complete with hoses, hats, coats, boots, fire trucks, walkie-talkies and books, in our dramatic play areas. We have practiced how to stop, drop and roll in the event our clothes catch on fire and how to crawl out of a smoke-filled room.

Our first fire drill was performed quickly and quietly and we will continue to hold these on a monthly basis throughout the school year. Of course, the highlight of this unit was a visit from Engine 73 and Fire Marshall Frank Fenton and his firefighting team from the Northampton Fire Department.

Did we know the answers to all their questions regarding fire safety?

You bet we did! After touring the truck and seeing all the equipment they use and wear, we left with these final words from Firefighter, Frank: "Don't hide from us if there is ever a fire in your house. We are always here to help".

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

As required by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, we recently had our annual "Shelter-in-Place" drill in all of our buildings. This part of our Emergency Plan would be put into place should it be necessary to gather children and staff into a designated "safe room" in each building. We are proud to report that the drill went off without a hitch. Our staff did an excellent job and the children cooperated beautifully!

B/A CLUB NEWS

Our B/A Club children have had a busy fall! They prepared a "Halloween Craft" party for each of our GNU Building classes. It was a wonderful learning experience for the B/A students as they "taught" the younger children how to create their "spooky" craft!

They also created a "Carnival" in our Barnasium, complete with carnival games, cool activities and, of course, a special snack! A great time was had by all!



TENNIS NEWS WITH MRS. MONICA BLAZIK

The 4's, Jr. K and Kindergarten classes finished their Tennis Special with basic ball handling skills: rolling, throwing, catching and bouncing. They worked on skills including pop-up volleys as well as forward and backward volley skills. Many of the children show a real talent on the courts!

HOMEROOM REPRESENTATIVES

The following is a list of Homeroom Representatives for the 2009-2010 school year. These parents will be helping teachers during the school year with special activities and projects. Please make a note of the Homeroom Representative in your child's room...

TEACHER	HOMEROOM REP.
Mette Braverman	Lisa Peters
Kristin Walter	Bridget Pustay
Jennifer Keil	Tara Laffey
Maria Martin	Stacey McGuirl
Lynn Bertman	Cinnamon Boffa
Michele Kreisher	Lisa Peters/ Kristin Walter
Joy Meltzer	Deb Palma
Helen Perkins	Jen Keil
Jane McKenna	Jeanne Lindros
Gale Londoner	Kim Plebani
Jen Lovenstein	Ricki-Lynn Herpel
Melba Schorn	Katherine Galasso
Lisa Incelli	Melissa DeWees/ Marie McCool

Robin Brown
Meryl Pullen

Helen Schwartz

Jill Laurinaitis-Dignan
Jessie Shaffer/
Krista Ortlip
Jamie Martin

Maria Martin/ (B/A) Teresa Thorwart
Kirstin Kirincich



HALLOWEEN PARADE

Our annual Halloween Parade was well-attended and enjoyed by all. Colorful costumes were worn by staff and children as they performed their favorite "spooky" tunes. We could not have asked for a more picture-perfect day!

BALLNASTICS FUN WITH MRS. MONICA BLAZIK

Our Caterpillar and three-year-old classes are enjoying the world of Ballnastics. This "special", taught by Mrs. Monica Blazik, emphasizes whole body balance and increasing coordination while using balls of all sizes. Most of all, it keeps us active and it's a whole lot of fun!

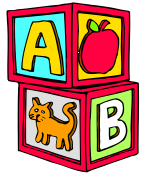
BREEZY POINT PARENT CLUB

Our Parent Club President/Fundraiser Chairperson, Laura Plantz, has wasted no time in getting our first two fundraisers off the ground in a relatively short amount of time. Sally Foster Gift Wrap and Accessories orders have arrived and have been delivered. The second fundraiser, a variety of food items and beverages, are being picked up by parents

as we speak. In previous years, through their efforts, the Parent Club generously purchased items such as our playground equipment for our new and improved Main House playground which all of our classes enjoy. They also provided each teacher with a gift certificate to be used to purchase "wish-list" materials for the classroom. They sponsored wonderful programs and special snacks for everyone during our "Week-of-the-Young-Child". The Parent Club purchased laminating supplies and tee shirts for our graduating kindergartners as well as hosting our annual Salute-to-Staff dinner last May. We really appreciate all that our Parent Club does for us each year. They are the best!



Pictured: Top Row: *Nina Gorsky (Administrative Director), Jamie Martin (Treasurer/Asst. Fundraiser), Deb Palma (Salute-to-Staff/ Asst. Week-of-the-Young-Child)*; Bottom Row: *Laura Plantz (President/Fundraising Chairperson), Sandy McCloskey (Curriculum Director)*; Missing from photo: *Jeanne Fetner (Week-of-the-Young-Child), Gale Wiik (Owner/Director)*.



TOYS FOR TOTS

Breezy Point is proud to be a part of the "Toys for Tots" program. We will participate along with Lynn Manning (a former B.P. parent) and Joyce Rankin of ReMax Properties of Newtown. The program supports the U.S. Marine Reserves Toys for Tots program in Bucks County. Teachers will have a collection box available. Please bring your new, unwrapped item to school between Monday, November 30th thru Friday, December 11th or drop it off at the Breezy Point Swim Club between 1-3 P.M. on Sunday, December 13th. We hope you will encourage your child to think about the needs of others at this special time of year.



PRINCESS SUMMER FALL WINTER SPRING TO VISIT BREEZY POINT

As the Thanksgiving Holidays approached, a special guest arrived on the grounds again this year. The Princess (a.k.a. "Mrs. Gale" Wiik) visited all four-year-old, Jr. K and K classes on Thursday, November 12th. She shared artifacts and taught the children dance steps and played Native American games. You can be assured that everyone had an enjoyable aerobic workout!

"PERFECT EMPLOYEE AWARD"

Throughout the year, director Sandy McCloskey audits every B.P. employee to ensure that everyone is performing their job as "perfectly" as possible. Perfect scores (and we have many!) qualified for a drawing for a generous prize at our November staff meeting. Mrs. Karen Taddonio was our 2008-2009 "Perfect Employee" winner. Congratulations!



Pictured above (L to R): Mrs. Sandy McCloskey and Mrs. Karen Taddonio

EVALUATIONS

First evaluations were sent home during the week of November 9th.

Although the emphasis is on the social and behavioral areas of development, teachers also evaluated those cognitive skills that have been sufficiently reinforced at this time. (All skills will be evaluated and/or re-evaluated in May). Conferences were held during the week of November 9th and November 16th which hopefully provided you with the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and adjustment.

SUMMER CAMP, 2010!

It's not too early to be thinking about Summer Camp, 2010! Remember to return your camp registration cards and deposit by December 1st to take advantage of the discounted tuition rate. As a day school student, your child will receive a 30% discount off of our *full day* camp program. Our half-day mini-camp is also offered for campers ages 2.0 to 4.8 as of June 1, 2010 (no winter school student discounts apply to mini-camp). Please call Nina in our office at 215-752-1987 should you have any questions regarding camp enrollment. You can also check out all of the fun from last summer on our website: www.breezypoints.com. Just click on "photo gallery".

BREEZY POINT DAY SCHOOL CALENDAR, 2009-2010

Thursday, November 26 th and Friday, November 27 th	-- Thanksgiving Vacation (School Closed)
Monday, December 21 st	-- Holiday Sing-A-Long
Thursday, December 24 th thru Friday, January 1 st	-- Winter Recess School Closed
Monday, January 4 th	-- School Reopens
Monday, January 18 th	-- Martin Luther King, Jr. "Observance" (School Closed)
Wednesday, January 20 th	-- Kindergarten Coffee (Snow Date: Thursday, January 21 st)
Tuesday, January 26 th	-- First Walking Tour (10:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.)
Monday, February 15 th	-- President's Day (School Closed)
Monday, March 29 th	-- Betty Bunny Visits
Friday, April 2 nd thru Monday, April 5 th	-- Spring Recess (School Closed)
Tuesday, April 6 th	-- School Reopens
Sunday, April 25 th	-- Camp Open House (1-3 P.M.)
Wednesday, May 26 th	-- Olympic Day
Monday, May 31 st	-- Memorial Day (School Closed)
Friday, June 11 th	-- Last Day for Half Day Students
Monday, June 14 th	-- Graduation (Tentative Date)
Friday, June 18 th	-- Last day for Full Day Students and B/A Club
Monday, June 21 st -25 th	-- Interim Week Begins (Registration forms will be sent home in May (Optional)
Monday, June 28 th	-- Camp Begins



Thanks to all of the parents who helped unpack the Sally Foster fundraising items!

Pictured (L to R): Laura Plantz, Marie McCool, Jeanne Fetner, Deb Palma, Jamie Martin and "Baby" Addison.