



# BREEZY POINT DAY SCHOOL WINTER NEWSLETTER 2010



## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

by Sandy McCloskey

(with excerpts from Christina Gordan, MS, FCS)

### "Purposeful Parenting"

There are so many distractions in our lives lately. These distractions often keep us from doing what we need to do as parents. The following are some thoughts on "purposeful parenting". It is not a new idea, but it is an important one to review as we work to sharpen our parenting skills.

- Plan for the future: Think about the values you would like your child to have and character traits you believe are important. Be certain you are providing the "model" for this to occur.
- Use everyday tasks as teachable moments. Your children look to you for guidance in every circumstance. This means that they are watching you during all of those car rides, trips to the store or visits to the doctor. Use this time with your child to strike up conversations with them, make plans for the week, or to just

enjoy each other's company.

- Turn off your technology! If you are constantly checking work e-mail or using your cell phone, you need to break this habit now. Do not allow these items to draw you away from time with your children. Have a set time to turn these items off and stick to it!
- Turn off your child's technology, too! We now have DVD players in our cars. While these are wonderful for long car rides, you shouldn't depend on them for trips around town. You may be teaching your child that technology is the only way to be entertained in the car. This is simply not the case. You should be telling stories, singing silly songs and sharing conversation while driving with your child.

Remember to be "present" with your children at all times. They will appreciate the attention from you and will learn to live purposeful lives themselves!

## DIRECTORS ATTEND NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Doug and Gale Wiik (owners) and Sandy McCloskey (Curriculum Director) attended the Conference of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) which was held in Washington, D.C. this past November. They attended workshops and seminars in the area of Early Childhood education. Information will be shared with our staff at our next staff meeting in March.

## REGISTRATION FOR 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

We hope you received your annual holiday picture postcard from B.P. and the school re-registration materials for 2010-2011 before the New Year began. It is very important that you fill out your new registration form to guarantee the days, times and class you need for the next school year.

COME JOIN OUR  
CATERPILLARS!



Breezy Point offers our Caterpillar program to 12-month-olds. This full day program is open to children 12 months of age by 8/31 and they must be walking. Our half day Caterpillar program is open to children 1.10 and older as of 8/31.

## SECOND-CHILD DISCOUNT FOR DAY SCHOOL STUDENTS

The second sibling in a family is entitled to \$50 off per payment if a full day student or \$20 off per payment if a half day student.

## MINI-CAMP IS FUN!

Don't forget...We offer a half day (3 or 5 days per week) Mini-Camp program for ages 2.0-4.8 as of June 1, 2010. This program is ideal for parents who desire a half-day nursery school-type program for their little ones. We are accepting registrations from our current students and the public. You should have received information via your child's backpack with all of the details. Please call our office (215-752-1987) should you have any questions.

## FULL-DAY CAMP AT BREEZY POINT

If your child is currently attending Breezy Point Day School (during the 2009-2010 school year), you can enroll him/her for Full Day summer camp at a super savings! Full day with transportation or full day with extended hours is available for 4,6 or 8 weeks. To register, just fill in the three-part registration card and forward to our office with a \$350 deposit. Balance of payment is due May 1, 2010. Siblings are welcome at the regular camp rate. B.P.D.C. has an excellent senior camp and a counselor-in-training program to

keep children from 2-14 years of age active. Please join us for our spring Open House on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-3:00 P.M. to learn about our summer camp programs.



## SPANISH SPECIALS

Hóla a todos!

Spanish was enjoyed by our 3-year-old classes with our Spanish Specialist, Mrs. Judie Wetherby. Mrs. Pearl Santos will begin Spanish for our 4's, Jr. K and Kindergarten classes for six weeks beginning in March. Through music, song and dance, the children practice some simple vocabulary to use in conversation; learn a few facts about the Spanish culture; and experience a fiesta! Parents are encouraged to participate in this exciting program with their child by reviewing weekly homework. Frequent repetition of a language facilitates the learning process. Muchas gracias a todos!



## KINDERGARTEN COFFEE

"Kindergarten Readiness" was the topic discussed at our Kindergarten Coffee on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. What is readiness? What will kindergarten teachers expect of my

child in September? How do I know if my child is ready for kindergarten?

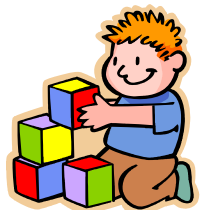
What are the advantages of an extra developmental year? What are the advantages of a private academic kindergarten program at Breezy Point? These are just some questions we hoped to answer as you enroll for September, 2010. Additional information on this meeting was distributed to all four-year-old and Jr. Kindergarten classes.

## SECURITY UPDATE

We recently updated our security system at B.P.! A new, "state-of-the-art" camera surveillance system has been installed. This new technology allows us to store information on a computer and access information quickly should the need arise. This is just one of the ways we strive to make Breezy Point safe and secure.

## TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION

Once again, our B.P. parents were very generous in donating over 400 toys for our annual toys for Tots drive. The charity is directed by the U.S. Marine Corps. Reserve and information about it can be found at <http://www.toysfortots.org>.



**SNOW ALERT!**



Should driving conditions be such that roads are dangerous and area schools are closing, please watch TV Channel 10 (NBC) or access their website at [www.nbc10.com](http://www.nbc10.com). Our school will be announced by name should it be necessary for us to have a two-hour delayed opening or close entirely. This decision will be made by 6:15 A.M. Please be assured that the decision to open or close is a difficult one to make.

We will consider the safety of your children and our staff as well as the needs of our working parents and try to make the best decision. Please be aware that if we are open, your child's teacher may not be in. A different schedule of activities will be followed and classes may be combined. In the event of a two-hour delayed opening, children who attend half day will start at their normally scheduled time.

#### **ATTENTION: FULL DAY PARENTS**

In the rare event the Activity Barn or GNU Building are not open upon your arrival at 7:00 A.M., please proceed to the other full day building and check in with Mrs. Michele (Activity Barn) or Mrs. Jane (GNU Building). Your child

will be brought to his/her building as soon as it opens. Thank you!

#### **BREEZY POINT PARENT CLUB GIVES GENEROUSLY**

The Breezy Point Parent Club, through their fundraising efforts, once again provided a \$75 gift check to each classroom at holiday time to purchase quality materials for the children to use and enjoy. We all appreciate the efforts of the Parent Club for their generosity and support.



#### **MUSIC CLASSES ENJOYED BY ALL**

Music for our 4's, Jr. K and K classes has come to a grand "finale". Mrs. Angela Hughes, music specialist, introduced the children to many instruments from around the world. The children practiced keeping a beat using 4/4 time. The maracas and the rain sticks were everyone's favorite! Ask your child to sing "Mahalo", a beautiful song written by Laurie Berkner. It's one of Mrs. Angela's favorites! Our youngest Breezy Pointers will enjoy their first introduction into the wonderful world of music in March and April.

## B/A CLUB NEWS

The B/A Club presented an original rendition of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas in December. The GNU Building children were invited to the show, along with the B/A Club parents. It was "SRO" in our Barnasium and all enjoyed this festive performance.

Mrs. Maria Martin, B/A Club teacher, and the B/A students put their heart and soul into this production. Bravo!



*Pictured above: B/A Club and Kindergarten students during their Holiday presentation.*

## B.P. FANTASY TRIPS

Once again, classes are busy making preparations for Fantasy Trips. As we focus on helping our children to expand their awareness of the world and the people in it, our destinations will be regions, countries and cultures that are

different from our own. Information should be coming home shortly as children prepare for exciting trips to the American Southwest, Greece, Italy, Ireland, Hawaii, England and France (to name a few!) These fun-filled experiences will take place in our classrooms and will include dramatic play, special art activities, stories, songs, movement, cooking and numerous readiness skills. We appreciate any materials you can share with the children to make their trip an enriching experience, and help them learn that we are all part of the human family and we are all special and unique.



*Pictured above: Mrs. Jennifer Keil's Caterpillar II's Class enjoying their Fantasy Trip to Hawaii.*



## TOOTH BUDDY TALES COMES TO B.P.

February is Dental Health Month and to mark this occasion our classes enjoyed the "Tooth Buddy Tales" puppet show sponsored by Dr. Sheryl Radin and

performed by the Segal Puppet Theater Company. This interactive, fun and unique program is designed to educate children to use proper dental hygiene and to help make a trip to the dentist's office a pleasurable one. Be sure to ask your child about this great show!



## HEALTH AND SAFETY MEMO

Due to the fact that it is flu season and illnesses are prevalent, we wish to reprint the following items from the Parent Handbook you received in July...

If a child becomes ill during the day, parents will be notified and will be expected to come for the child as soon as possible. If parents cannot be reached, alternate persons listed will be contacted. Please inform the school if your child has a communicable disease. Our school reserves the right to request a doctor's note before allowing a child to attend school after any suspect rash or contagious disease. Please bring the note in with you when your child returns to school. The note should state the name of the illness, days of school missed and doctor's signature saying the child is permitted to return to school.

### KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME IF:

- He is vomiting or has a fever (or has had a fever) within the last 24 hours.

- He has diarrhea or nausea or severe nasal discharge.
- He has a constant cough or is fussy or cranky.
- He has a rash or skin condition that looks suspicious.

Working parents, please have PLAN B worked out should illness occur. A neighbor, relative or friend could mind your child at home. **SICK CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN SCHOOL!**

### DID YOU KNOW???

February is National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Month. Check out the National Highway Transportation Safety Agency to find the latest information on infant car seat and booster seat regulations at [www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov).

March is National Poison Prevention Month. Our Pre-K classes will participate in a poison prevention program sponsored by the SAFEKIDS Coalition and St. Mary Hospital. The children will learn how to identify the various types of poisons and how to get help if a poison is ingested. We know the children will enjoy this interactive program.

The nearest Pennsylvania Poison Control Center is available 24 hours a day to respond to your emergency or

question. To access the poison center closest to you, call 215-386-2100.

### STAFF QUIZ WINNERS

Our Breezy Point staff receives recognition for scoring 100% on our yearly Personnel Policy Quiz! Congratulations to the following staff members for "acing" the quiz! Quiz winners are as follows:

Jill Anderson, Mette Braverman, Robin Brown, Theresa Carcel, Lisa Gulla, Irene Johnston, Lisa Incelli, Jill Kiryluk, Kirsten

Kirincich, Jennifer Keil, Alison Kriesher, Michele Kriesher, Gale Londoner, Jen Lovenstein, Frankie Lynn, Amy Martinez, Maureen McGovern, Jane McKenna, Joy Meltzer, Helen Perkins, Kirti Patel, Patty Pintozzi, Andrea Potye, Meryl Pullen, Diana Ream, Karla Ream, Suzi Reyer, Pearl Santos, Helen Schwartz, Carole Stubbings, Kendall Sweeney, Karen Taddonio, Joanne Watkins and Kristin Walter.

### BREEZY POINT DAY SCHOOL CALENDAR, 2009-2010

Monday, February 15th	--	President's Day (School Closed)
Monday, March 29th	--	Betty Bunny Visits
Friday, April 2nd thru	--	Spring Recess
Monday, April 5th	--	(School Closed)
Tuesday, April 6th	--	School Reopens
Sunday, April 25th	--	Camp Open House (1-3 P.M.)
Wednesday, May 26th	--	Olympic Day
Monday, May 31st	--	Memorial Day (School Closed)
Friday, June 11th	--	Last Day for Half Day Students
Monday, June 14th	--	Graduation
Friday, June 18th	--	Last day for Full Day Students and B/A Club
Monday, June 21st-25th	--	Interim Week Begins (Registration forms will be sent home in May; Optional)
Monday, June 28th	--	Camp Begins