



# January Newsletter

## A Note From Our Principal,

Happy New Year! We can't wait to spend 2020 with you and your children. Thank you to all who participated in our holiday giving initiative last month. We donated over 25 toys to the Toys for Tots program. We partnered with the Nokesville Fire Department. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! We also enjoyed having some of our school-age students with us for winter break camp. Thank you to all who were able to join us!

Please take a moment to read through the news and reminders below and let myself or anyone else on our administrative team know if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Powell

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## Links 2 Home

If you're not currently receiving photos and daily reports for your child you can easily change this by downloading the Links 2 Home app on your phone. Just type 'Links 2 Home' in the search bar for the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. After downloading Links 2 Home you can register with the same email address that you used to enroll your child in our school.

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## Online Parent Communication

In addition to our newsletter the 'For Parents' section of our website also includes links to our menu, monthly calendar and school year calendar. We update these items frequently to ensure you're always in the know. Though, we send information through Links 2 Home, our calendar can be printed or even downloaded directly to your device. Our menu and school year calendar can be printed or saved for easy reference as well.

- Monthly Calendar: [Here](#)
- Menu: [Here](#)
- School Year Calendar: [Here](#)

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## Updating your information in Alma

Do you have a different email address or phone number? Need to add or remove an emergency contact? You can do this at any time in Alma. If you need help logging in or accessing the system, please let us know.

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## **Community Partnership for January**

We will be conducting a coat drive to donate to a local charity. Please bring in gently used or new coats to donate! We appreciate everyone's participation in our community events.

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## **Martin Luther King Jr. Public School Holiday**

Public schools are closed on 1/20, but we are open and have a full day of fun and learning planned for our Before and After Care students. If your school aged child would like to attend please sign up at the front desk no later than 1/15.

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## **CBA Spirit Week January 20<sup>th</sup> – January 24<sup>th</sup>**

We will be celebrating our 20 year anniversary being a part of the community this week! How exciting! For Pre-K classes no uniforms are required this week! Have fun and help us celebrate this amazing achievement! The schedule will be as follows:

Monday January 20<sup>th</sup> – Pajama Day! Wear your favorite PJs to school  
Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup> – Decades Day! Dress like your favorite decade in time!  
Wednesday January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Super Hero Day! Dress like your favorite Super Hero  
Thursday January 23<sup>rd</sup> – CBA Colors Day! Wear Green & Yellow to celebrate!  
Friday January 24<sup>th</sup> – Wear Red for our Chinese New Year Parade!

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## **Important Dates**

January 1<sup>st</sup>—CLOSED for NEW YEAR'S DAY  
January 6<sup>th</sup>—Public school is back in session  
January 8<sup>th</sup>—Music for Life Enrichment Classes begin  
January 13<sup>th</sup>—Soccer Shots Winter session begins  
January 15<sup>th</sup>—National Hat Day! Wear your favorite hat to school!  
January 20<sup>th</sup>—Public schools closed for MLK Day—B&A students welcome all day!  
January 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> —CBA Spirit Week  
January 23<sup>rd</sup>—CBA Gainesville 20 year anniversary celebration! Classroom Parties at 3pm  
January 24<sup>th</sup>—Chinese New Year Parade 4pm  
January 25<sup>th</sup>—Winter Open House and 20 Year Celebration! 10am-1pm  
January 31<sup>st</sup>—Parent folders go home

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# Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day With Your Preschooler

December, 2019 | Topics: [Citizens of the World](#), [Social Emotional](#)

This month, our schools are celebrating the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. and discussing the importance of acceptance, love and kindness for all people. Many of our students will participate in a hands-on experiment using brown and white eggs. They will investigate the color of the shells and describe similarities and differences. Teachers will crack open the eggs and show the students that although the eggs are different on the outside, they are the same on the inside – just like people.



At home, books are an easy way to familiarize your child with Martin Luther King, Jr. and the theme of equality in a way that he can understand. Appropriate titles include *Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King, Jr.* by Jean Marzollo (ages 3-5), *I Am Martin Luther King, Jr.* by Brad Meltzer (ages 4-5), *The Story of Martin Luther King, Jr.* by Johnny Ray Moore (ages 4-5) and *My Uncle Martin's Big Heart* by Angela Farris Watkins (ages 5+).

Another fun way to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. is through art. After reading one of the books above, encourage your child to draw you a picture or write a few words about what he learned from the story. Use this as a learning opportunity to recap the story, discuss his artwork, and encourage creativity.