



DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

A Notes From Your Principal

Dear Families,

As the winter season approaches, we are filled with excitement for the festivities ahead. We believe in creating a nurturing environment that celebrates the rich traditions that make each family unique. This month, our students will delve into different holiday traditions from all corners of the globe through hands-on activities, music, art, and more. Stay tuned for more information via Links 2 Home.

Together, let's make this holiday season a time of warmth, connection, and shared memories.

Sincerely,
Your CBA Team

**Dec. 1st-20th
KIDS HELPING KIDS
DONATIONS**

**Dec. 4th
CRAZY SOCK DAY**

**Dec. 15th
NAT'L UGLY HOLIDAY
SWEATER DAY**

**Dec. 15th
WINTER FESTIVUS
@3:30 pm**

**Dec. 18th-21st
SPIRIT WEEK**

**Dec. 22nd-25th
SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Jan. 1st
SCHOOL CLOSED**

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7:00 AM- 5:30 PM

Did You Know?

Children develop a stronger sense of belonging when given opportunities to talk about their family members, their memories, and traditions.

Holiday Giving; Kids Helping Kids

Our annual holiday giving initiative is a way for students to spread cheer this holiday season while developing an appreciation for what they have, showing gratitude towards others, and seeing the positive impact of their actions. This year, we are collecting children's toys from newborn to 18 years for Hunter's Hope Toy Drive being donated to St. Christopher's Children's Hospital. Along with the toy drive, our school will be collecting clothing and winter accessories from sizes newborn to adult for Aim High's warm donation drive. Thank you for your generosity in helping others in need!

Cubby Refresh

Check your child's cubby for spare clothing appropriate for the upcoming weather change. Leave a sweatshirt for the chilly temperatures. Also, double check to ensure the clothing matches the current size of your child. The only items present in the cubby should be spare clothing, sheet, and blanket. All other belongings can stay home.

Family Referral Bonus

Do you know a colleague who has recently had a baby, a friend in need of care who just relocated to the area, or a family member who is seeking a new preschool for their child? When you refer a friend and they enroll, you're eligible for a **free week of tuition**. Ask us for details!

Online Family Communication

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.

Love Our School? Review Us

In today's connected world, many families turn to online reviews to learn more about the reputation of schools. Just a reminder that you can find our school on Facebook, Google, Yelp, and other online directories. We'd love more families like yours, so please consider spreading the word about our school.



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Little Hands, Big Hearts: Benefits of Teaching Children about Giving Back

The holiday season is not just about festive decorations and presents. It's a time to reflect on the past year, learn about different traditions, and most importantly, instill a spirit of charity.

Giving back is an integral part of our school. Whether we're collecting food, toys, gifts, or clothing... it's amazing how much joy simple acts of kindness can bring.

Here are just a few of the many lifelong benefits of involving children in giving initiatives.



Develops a sense of community

Giving back to those in need instills a sense of communal responsibility and provides children with tangible examples of how their actions directly affect others. Making holiday cards, for example, becomes more than a craft; it becomes a heartfelt gesture to bring joy to neighbors who may feel isolated during the holiday season. Children learn that their contributions, no matter how small, are integral to the well-being of the larger community.

Fosters empathy and gratitude

Empathy and gratitude are paramount to social-emotional development. When students participate in giving initiatives, they begin to understand the needs of others and the importance of compassion and kindness.

This exposure in the preschool years sets the stage for a lifelong positive and appreciative mindset.

Builds important life skills

Our students plan their community service events from brainstorm to implementation and learn valuable life skills, including teamwork, problem-solving, communication, and responsibility. These skills contribute to the development of well-rounded individuals. Not only are they academically prepared for what comes next, but they also exhibit social consciousness and work collaboratively to make a difference in their world.

Encourages a sense of pride

Successfully completing a service project instills a sense of pride and self-esteem in our students. When they recognize that their contributions have left a positive impact, it boosts their confidence and reinforces the notion that their actions matter.



Links to Learning

