

BHCP NEWS

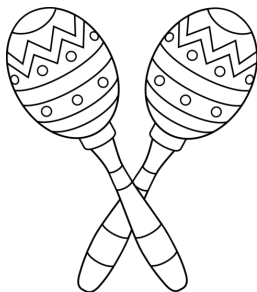
FALL 2013

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- November 11th Veteran's Day
- No School
- November 28th & 29th
Thanksgiving Break
- No School
- December 2nd Winter Social
5:30pm to 7:30pm

Musical Winter Social



We are excited to announce the the Winter Social, December 2nd 5:30pm – 7:30pm, is going to be a fun music workshop/potluck. The kids will have an opportunity to create a musical shaker to use during an interactive performance by Ben Harporld. Hope to see you there!



Three's

By Nicole Schlutt

The Three's class may be small, but all their big personalities make up for it! Everyone knows each other from last year and they all get along well. We've done a variety of art projects, including making pet rocks, lots and lots of gluing, and painting leaves. Mrs. Garrott has taught many new songs and the class favorites are "Animal Action" and "Slippery Fish." Besides the playground, you'll find Statler and Allison pretending to hunt for things with binoculars, Ethan and Ray-Ray in the art room, and June and Kylie at the sensory table. It's fun to see how they've grown over the summer and to listen to all the conversations going on.

A small class has its benefits but we'd love to have more friends join our great class!

Pre-K

By Quincy Stone

The Pre-K class is off to a great start! The children are having a blast participating in all kinds of fun fall activities like leaf jumping and pumpkin decorating, not to mention our fantastic field trip to the pumpkin patch! The Pre-K kids are loving their role as the "big" kids of BHCP and are reveling in the responsibility of having class jobs – line leader and fish feeder are some of the most coveted :-). Car races and construction projects have made the block room a particularly popular place this year in addition to the superhero dress-up craze that has taken over the drama room. The kids are learning and growing each day and we're excited to see what the rest of the year has in store!



It is Getting Cold!

Don't forget to properly dress your kid(s) for the weather. Please remember mittens/gloves/hats, rain-jackets and boots to help keep your little ones warm and dry!

Comfort Letter Reminder

If your child is in the 3s or Pre-K class please remember to turn in a comfort letter to Kristina Blakemore.

Musical Wall Items



By Colleen Harpold

Have a xylophone, strainer, washboard, chimes, bells or other musical item laying around? Have leftover outdoor spray paint in bright colors from old projects? How about wooden or metal spoons or utensils you are not using? Please consider donating them to the school. We are planning to create a fun and interactive "Music Wall" for our playground. These items will be painted and mounted to the middle fence so the kids can strike the items making different tones and will bring some music and color to the playground. Thank you to those who have already donated! We have lots of great pots and pans now, so we don't need any more of those. There is a donation box in the work room and we will hopefully be installing the music wall this winter.



Extra-Special People

A HUGE thanks to everyone who participated on the Hiring Committee!

More than 60 Indoor Play Places



As seen in the ParentMap Magazine's article Rainy Day Recess

<http://www.parentmap.com/article/rainy-day-recess-50-great-places-for-playing-inside>

Indoor play areas and cafes:

1. Community center play areas
2. PlayDate SEA
3. Playdate Cafe
4. Dizzy's Bus Stop
5. HappyNest
6. Alderwood Mall play area
7. Twirl Cafe
8. Mosaic Coffeehouse
9. Vios
10. The Nest
11. Om Kids Play Gym
12. Kids' Cove
13. Lil' Diggers
14. Northgate Mall
15. Kid-friendly coffee shops

Gyms, bounce houses, trampolines, etc:

16. Elevated Sportz
17. Seattle Gymnastic Academy indoor playground
18. Wiggleworks
19. 3-2-1 Bounce
20. Kidz Bounce
21. Arena Sports
22. Pump it up
23. Skymania! Trampolines

Story time and craft fun:

24. Kaleidoscope Play & Learn
25. Adventure Kids Playcare
26. Space to Create
27. Glazed & Amazed or Paint the Town
28. Central Library
29. Crossroads Play & Learn
30. Mockingbird Books
31. Planet Happy

Swimming Pools:

32. Mountlake Terrace Pool and Lynnwood Pool
33. Bainbridge Island's Aquatics Center
34. Ballard Pool
35. The Fife Swim Center
36. The Federal Way Community Center

Baby-friendly movies:

37. Local indoor pools
38. Baby's Day at the Movies
39. "Cry rooms" at three Landmark Theatre Cinemas
40. Lincoln Square Cinemas

Sports fun and other thrills:

41. Bellevue Skate King
42. Lynnwood Ice Arena
43. Sno-King Ice Arena
44. SyKart Indoor Racing Center

More outings:

45. Seattle Bug Safari
46. Uwajimaya
47. Central Market
48. Blue Highway Games
49. Woodland Park Zoo
50. West Seattle Bowl

Museums kids love:

51. Pacific Science Center
52. Bellevue Arts Museum
53. The Burke Museum
54. Seattle Aquarium
55. Museum of Flight
56. Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium
57. The Children's Museum
58. Children's Museum of Tacoma
59. Imagine Children's Museum
60. KidsQuest Children's Museum
61. Discovery Village
62. Seattle Art Museum
63. KiDiMu
64. Frye Art Museum
65. Hands on Children's Museum

Apple & Grape Cars

This super cute idea comes from Bent on Better Lunches

<http://www.bentonbetterlunches.com/2012/01/eating-real-food.html>



What You Need:

- Apples
- Grapes
- Toothpicks

What To Do:

1. Slice the apple(s) and trim the cores
2. Slice 2 grapes in half per apple wedge
3. Push the toothpick through the sliced grape then through the apple then finish with the other half of the grape.
4. Repeat step 3 to create the other end of the car.

Coffee Filter Fall Leaf Garland

From Lilsugar comes this cute fall garland.

<http://www.lilsugar.com/Coffee-Filter-Fall-Leaves-Art-Project-Kids-25219841/>



What You Need:

- Coffee filters (cone or round)
- Red, yellow, orange, and brown markers
- Red, yellow, and orange watercolor paint
- Paintbrush
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- String

What To Do:

1. Draw 10 – 12 leaf shapes on the coffee filters
2. Use the watercolors to paint the leaves
3. Let the filters dry
4. Cut out the leaves
5. Use a hole punch to punch a hole in one end for stringing
6. Lace the leaves on the string tying a knot after each leave to keep it in place
7. Hang and enjoy!

For more information or for more fun craft and recipe ideas please follow us on Pinterest at:

<http://pinterest.com/bhcpreschool>

Help Spread the News

Love having your child(ren) at BHCP? Make sure to tell your friends and family about our great program or go to our website's [Parent Resources](#) tab and print off our pamphlet to give to any interested parties!

Welcome to our 2013/2014 BHCP Board!

Director: Jesma Greenstein

Co-Director: OPEN

Secretary: Colleen Harpold

Registrar: Linda Bakan

Co-Registrar: Marie Coffland

Treasurer: Paul Ridenour

Executive Fundraiser: OPEN

Co-Fundraiser: Yvonne Flores

Marketing: OPEN

Health & Safety: Kristina Blakemore

Playground Coordinator:
Erin McCarthy

Class Chairs

Toddler's: Lindsay Toney

Two's: Nicole Fechser

Three's: Nicole Schlutt

Pre-K: Quincy Stone

All-School Positions

Housekeeper: Desiree Colburn

Buyer: Mike & Susan Rolls

Librarian: Noni Wilson

Communications Coordinator:
Tina Lechner

Teachers

Toddler's & Two's: Kathleen Doohan

Three's and Pre-K: Joanne Garrott

Parent Educator: Bonnie Cleverdon

Board Positions

By Jesma Greenstein

Why join the board? How about why not? Where else can you have a say in what happens at your child's school? Also, it is a great opportunity to get to know some of the other families in our community. Board meetings are held in the evening and typically last two hours. Did I mention it counts as two class jobs and you get a pass on the class cleaning nights!! School has already started but you can help it run so much smoother by joining the board now.

If you don't have a job yet, or would like to do more for the school, please consider being on the board. We need you. I have been a Co-op member for four years and on the board for all of them. I have enjoyed every minute of it, please consider one of the open board positions. If you have any questions about what is involved in a particular job let me know. Thanks!

Yelp User?

Please take a moment to leave a review for our school!

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/benson-hill-cooperative-preschool-kent>

Social Media

Help show your support for BHCP by following us on any of these locations:

Website:

<http://bensohillcoop.org/>

Twitter:

[@BHCPreschool](https://twitter.com/BHCPreschool)

Pinterest:

<http://pinterest.com/bhcpreschool>

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Benson-Hill-Cooperative-Preschool/58366155989>

Have a suggestion, idea or photo to share for the next newsletter? Please contact me at tinamariel@gmail.com Thanks!



BHCP 2013-2014 School Calendar

| <u>CALENDAR/EVENT</u> | <u>DATE(S)</u> | <u>COMMENTS</u> |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| Back-to-School Picnic | 08/24/13 | 11:00 – 1:00 PM |
| All-School Orientation | 08/29/13 | 7:00 – 9:00 PM |
| Toddlers Parents-Only Meeting | 09/03/13 | 6:30 – 9:00 PM |
| Twos Parents-Only Meeting | 09/03/13 or 09/04/13 | 6:30 – 9:00 PM |
| Threes Parents-Only Meeting | 09/04/13 | 6:30 – 9:00 PM |
| Pre-K Parents-Only Meeting | 09/05/13 | 6:30 – 9:00 PM |
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| Toddlers Slow Start | 09/10/13 | 9:30-10:25 or 10:30-11:25 |
| Twos Slow Start | 09/11/13 | 9:30-10:25 or 10:30-11:25 |
| Threes Slow Start | 09/10/13 | 9:15-10:10 or 10:15-11:10 |
| Pre-K Slow Start | 09/09/13 | 9:15-10:15 or 10:30-11:30 |
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| Toddlers First Full Day | 09/17/13 | 9:30-11:30 AM |
| Twos First Full Day | 09/18/13 | 9:30-11:30 AM |
| Threes First Full Day | 09/12/13 | 9:15-11:15 AM |
| Pre-K First Full Day | 09/11/13 | 9:15 AM-12:00 PM |
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| Veteran’s Day | 11/11/13 | NO SCHOOL |
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| Thanksgiving | 11/28 – 11/29 | NO SCHOOL |
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| Winter Vacation | 12/23/13 – 01/05/14 | NO SCHOOL |
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| Classes Resume after Winter Vacation | 01/06/14 | |
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| Martin Luther King Day | 01/20/14 | NO SCHOOL |
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| President’s Week (Mid-Winter Vacation) | 02/17/14 – 02/21/14 | NO SCHOOL |
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| Spring Break | 04/07/14 – 04/11/14 | NO SCHOOL |
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| All-School Raffle & Auction | 04/19/14 | 5:30 PM |
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| Toddlers Last Day | 05/20/14 | |
| Twos Last Day | 05/21/14 | |
| Threes Last Day | 05/22/14 | |
| Pre-K Last Day | 05/23/14 | |
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| Threes and Pre-K Monthly Parent Meetings | Usually First Monday of the Month | NOTE: Calendar does not include all school events. Advance notice will be given. |