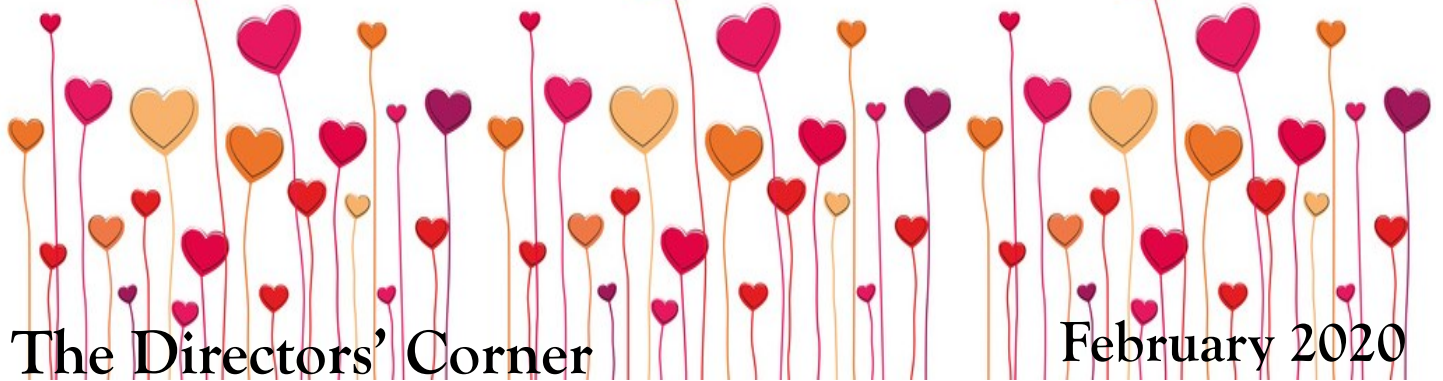


# CPS & ECC Gazette



The Directors' Corner

February 2020

Dear CPS Families,

February is here! Along with the new month comes another fun holiday, Valentine's Day! As we celebrate the month of February our awesome teachers have some lovely learning to share with the children. The children will learn the purpose, colors and activities related to the holiday. This day also provides an opportunity to talk about the importance of sharing, giving, loving and friendship.

February is also National Dental Health Month. I have attached a fun chart that you could use to reinforce with your little ones how important it is to brush! Happy Brushing!

All the Best,  
Tonya Rivera  
Executive Director



## Recipe For Bright White Play Dough! And It's Gluten Free!

### Ingredients:

1 cup corn-starch  
1/2 cup salt  
1 tbsp oil  
1 tbsp cream of tartar  
1 cup boiling (or nearly boiling) water  
few drops liquid glycerine (not essential, but makes it even smoother!)  
silver glitter (optional but soooo pretty)

### Directions:

- 1) Mix all of the dry ingredients in a bowl and add the oil
- 2) Next, pour in the water (adult only) and mix it up
- 3) Leave it for a little while to cool down, in which time it will come together more
- 4) Knead it until smooth and soft
- 5) Add in glitter and any scent (if desired)

If it's too sticky, add some more corn-starch. Many people have commented that it worked much better for them to heat the ingredients gently in a pan, stirring until it comes together to form a non-sticky ball. You may wish to just skip straight to doing this and it should work straight away! When it has formed a ball, take it off the heat and put it on the surface to cool. When cool enough, knead it until soft and stretchy, rolling it in oodles of silver glitter to make it sparkle like snow!

## Sparrows

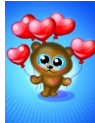
Happy not so white winter. Hopefully we will have some snow in February to play in.

The Sparrows will all be 2 years old in February. There is an abundance of talking, repeating, building vocabulary, and practicing BIG words in our classroom. We are very active and building those large muscles, practicing balance and being aware of where our bodies are. Unfortunately, there are more bumps and bruises, and more incident reports. We are very good at comforting and caring for each other.

In February we will be talking about the heart shape, love and Valentine's Day. We are enjoying the construction vehicles on playground, so we will be talking about transportation and doing some projects like boats in water and construction vehicles in sand.

If there is no snow, we will continue to play in the mud and look forward to Spring.

*Ms. Kelly, Ms. Louise & Ms. Jamie*



## Chickadees

The Chickadees have been enjoying the milder weather with playing outdoors and talking walks. We've been working on winter themes and taking advantage of the snow we have had.

In February we will be working on the color purple, dental health, friends and friendship, and of course Valentine's Day. I will be sending home a separate letter about Valentine's and how the Chickadees celebrate it. It is a great opportunity to work on our sharing skills and promote friendships and being kind. If anyone has any special books on this please send them in or come in to read one. We would love to have you! Please let Ms. Chris know.

The children have been doing a great job with brushing their teeth and we are looking forward to having a visitor from Wilson Dental to promote this.

Just a reminder to review our sickness policy in the family handbook. We do our best to promote healthy habits, to keep any illness at a minimum. I am sure you all have noticed how much your children have grown. Please be sure to check for outgrown clothing and replace it with extra clothing in case needed.

Finally, as always please remember to bring in all outdoor clothing daily!

Congratulations to Julie and her family on her new baby brother!

*Ms. Chris, Ms. Keeshia & Ms. Emily*



## Swans

Goodbye January and hello February! January was a long month with lots of fun and learning. We want to thank Paxton's family for bringing in shape items for each of the kids. The kids enjoyed taking home the shape of the day. We also want to thank Moyi's mom for making Lunar New Year decorations for us. We appreciate Abigail's mom for coming in and talking about Lunar New Year with us.

Along with a new month comes more fun and learning. We will be going through the coming weeks discussing emotions, Valentine's, healthy habits, and dental health. Please refer to our class memo in regards to passing out Valentine's on February 13th and 14th.

This month we will be celebrating more birthdays! Happy birthday to Abigail, Austin, Alex and Hyme. Almost everyone is 3 years old! The children are growing up and we look forward to making more memories!

*Ms. Sarah, Ms. Lacy & Ms. Kate*



## Doves

Hello Dove Families,

January flew by. We had a lot of fun learning about polar animals in the beginning of the month. After that we concentrated on exploring the Lunar New Year. The children enjoyed reading about the different traditions. They also liked seeing the lion dancers, lanterns and children celebrating. They also got to admire some beautiful homemade decorations from our families. Thank you again!

Moving into February we will be talking about what it means to be a good friend. We are excited to share conversations, books and projects that will explore the topic of friendship.

Next, we will have our flower shop set up in dramatic play and working on our heart shapes. After this week, we will move into two retro themed weeks. This is also a fun one for kids, teachers, and parents alike. We will focus on the 80's and have our kids explore toys and crafts from that era. So look out for Care Bears, Rainbow Brite, Tinker Tops, and Sand Art.

*Ms. Sara & Ms. Tammy*



## Hummingbirds

In February we will be celebrating Valentine's Day and starting our dental health unit. We will have a visit from Wilson Dental on February 13th. We are celebrating many birthdays this month! Happy Birthday to:

Natalia 5th

Vivian 16th

Eliza 20th

Charlie 25th

Dylan 26th

They will be turning 4 this month!

*Ms. Gabe & Ms. Michele*



## Puffins

*Happy February! The Puffins enjoyed our unit on Penguins. We seem to have many promising doctors as we explored the circulatory system and our healthy hearts.*

*The Puffins will be talking about Groundhog Day/Shadows to start off the month of February. We will then be preparing for Valentine's Day. Please bring in a cereal box for your child for a Valentine's day project. If you have any questions please ask.*

*February is also dental health month. We will be having visit from Wilson Dental. They will help us learn how to care for our teeth.*

*Happy Birthday to Annie. She will be turning 4 in February!*

*Ms. Claire, Ms. Toni & Ms. Kendra*



## Flamingos

The year is already flying by! In February we will be celebrating Valentine's Day and having our party on February 14th. We will be learning about science and outer space. We will also be doing some really fun science experiments. We will continue to go outside and play in the snow.

We would like to thank all the families who brought in snacks for our 100th day of school party. We sang, danced, and ate yummy food! It was a really great day to be a Flamingo! Ms. Rebecca welcomed her new baby, Jonathan, into her family in January. We would like to send her well wishes!

*Ms. Barb & Ms. Mego*



## Peacocks

Welcome February! The New Year is off to a great start and January just flew by! This month our themes will include, winter animals and arctic animals. It's also Dental Health Month and we will be discussing the importance of good oral hygiene. On Friday February 14th, Valentine's Day, we are having our class party and will provide more information as we get closer to the date.

Our "Book Pals Challenge" is going very well. We are so proud of our little Peacocks! Early literacy is so important and we couldn't do it without you! Your support is greatly appreciated.

*"Let all that you do be done in love"  
Happy Valentine's Day!*

*Ms. Julie & Ms. Carolyn*



## Weather-Related and Emergency Closings

Campus Pre-School may close, delay opening, or dismiss early for snow or other emergencies at the discretion of the Executive Director with guidance from State of Emergency declarations and BU cancellations and closings. If Campus Pre-School has a delay, early dismissal or closing, families are notified through the Campus Pre-School B-Alert! Text system and Campus Pre-School email. Updates are also shared through Campus Pre-School Facebook page, WBNG Closing & Delays, and the main Campus Pre-School voicemail.

### Campus Pre-School B-Alert! is different than the BU B-Alert!

*If you are not signed up for the Campus Pre-School B-Alert!, please sign up by texting "CHILDCARE" to 78015. Users may text the word "STOP Childcare" to 78015 at any time to end their registration.  
Message and data rates may apply.*

### ON ICY, SNOWY DAYS

**Please park away from curbs at pickup/drop off times, so that our BU grounds crew can keep our sidewalks safe and clear and to protect your car from getting bumped by the Brush Vehicles.**

## **FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS**



### INCLUDE:

- \* Fever
- \* Cough
- \* Sore Throat
- \* Runny or Stuffy Nose
- \* Body Aches
- \* Headache
- \* Chills
- \* Fatigue

### TAKE PREVENTATIVE ACTION:

- \* Wash hands often (water and soap)
- \* Cover mouth and nose when sneezing
- \* Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth
- \* Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- \* Stay home for at least 24 hours after fever is gone (without fever reducing medicine)
- \* While sick, limit contact with others to keep from infecting them

Some may also have vomiting AND diarrhea. People may be infected with THE FLU, and have respiratory symptoms without a fever.

### Staff Birthdays

Ms. Sara B. (15th)



### FAMILY MAILBOXES

**Please remember to check Family Mailboxes DAILY for important information from the office, the community, and your teachers!**

### Policy for Returning after Illness

A child may return to the center when the child feels well enough to participate in usual daily activities, and when the following conditions exist:

- Fever has been absent for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication (ex. Tylenol, Baby Aspirin)
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea has subsided for 24 hours. If in the preceding 24 hours a child has exhibited any of the above, was listless or had poor appetite he/she should not be brought to the center until symptom free for 24 hours.
- A full 24 hours have passed after the initial dose of an antibiotic for know strep or other bacterial infections.
- Chicken pox lesions are crusted (5-6 days after onset.)
- Conjunctivitis has diminished to the point that eyes are no longer discharging.
- Lice are under treatment with no nits present.
- Ringworm is under treatment.
- Pinworm treatment has occurred 24 hours before readmission.
- Lesions from Impetigo are no longer weeping and are covered.
- The child has completed the contagious stage of the illness.

## REMINDER

**JUST A REMINDER**  
CPS will be **CLOSED**  
from **1:00-5:30pm on**  
**Friday, March 6th** for  
staff training and  
development. Please  
make plans for  
alternate care for that  
afternoon.



# Brushing My Teeth is Fun

every



morning



every



night

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday