Dear Families,

Have a fantastic holiday break with your families!

On behalf of the CPS community, thank you for your participation in the SCRIPS gift card fundraiser and the warm holiday wishes. You make this a very special place to work, learn and grow.

The winter germ season is upon us! Keeping the children, families and staff healthy and safe at CPS requires cooperation from all involved. As for the healthy aspect, please remember to be diligent about hand washing upon arrival and keeping your child home when they have a fever, “green” runny nose, or are feeling miserable and unable to participate. We understand that keeping your child home from school can be difficult but we need to try to protect the health of all the children (and the teachers too). Again, we all thank you for your cooperation on illness prevention.

Wishing you peace, health and prosperity in the New Year!

Tonya Rivera
Executive Director
**Sparrows**

Welcome back! Happy New Year! The Sparrows has a wonderful December: the cookies were the best! January brings some snow and very cold weather so our theme will be snow, white, and cold.

We will be doing some experimenting with ice and freezing, as well as art projects. We will go out to play in snow as the temperature allows. Our playground space will be limited for a few months, we will have to work around that.

Family/Teacher conferences are happening January 6th-9th. Thank you for signing up early.

Happy New Year!
Ms. Kelly, Ms. Louise & Ms. Jamie

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**Chickadees**

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a great break and enjoyed family time together. We are looking forward to an exciting 2020!

The Chickadees will be busy with our winter themes (playing outdoors), bringing snow indoors when we can’t get out and doing many related winter projects.

Thank you to everyone for bringing in the appropriate winter clothing! It makes it so much easier when going outdoors to play!

Many questions have been asked about when your child is sick. Please refer to our sickness policy in your family handbook or talk with one of us. We work hard to follow our sickness policy and keep our children healthy and happy!

Ms. Chris, Ms. Keeshia & Ms. Emily

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**Swans**

Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed some quality time with family and friends over the break!

At the end of December we celebrated Ruby, Stella, and Ari’s birthdays! Our class is changing from 2 year old’s to 3 year old’s! This month we will celebrate Nicolas, Jonny, Jacqueline, and Moyi’s birthdays!

Throughout January we will be going through; New Year, winter, shapes and Lunar New Year themes. Please refer to the snack calendar for more information about our 2 weeks about shapes. Each day we are doing a show and tell for the shape of the day.

If your family celebrates the Lunar New Year, we would really enjoy having you come in and share about any your holiday traditions. We will be talking about the Lunar New Year the last week of January.

Stay warm!
Ms. Sarah, Ms. Lacy & Ms. Kate

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**Doves**

Happy New Year Dove Families!

We had an amazing time celebrating the month of December. We made gingerbread houses, sang songs, wore pajamas, and made holiday crafts from around the world.

We welcome January with learning about Polar animals for two weeks. This is a fun unit all about animals. After Polar animals we will move into learning about the Lunar New Year.

We are so excited to share this special time of year with our class!

Ms. Sara, Ms. Amatullah & Ms. Tammy
Happy New Year! In January we will be getting ready for our “Healthy Bodies” unit. We will be discussing the different systems, what they do and how to keep them healthy.

We will also be discussing the different food groups and what happens to our bodies when we eat them.

We do go outside everyday (when the temperature allows), so please make sure your child has snow pants, boots, hats and mittens. Please remember to bring your child’s water bottle. We use them everyday even in the winter.

Happy Birthday to Roshini and Dee Dee! They will be turning four in January.

Ms. Gabe & Ms. Michele

Happy New Year! The Puffins will be welcoming in the New Year as we return from break. January is Healthy Heart month. We will be exploring different ways to keep our hearts and bodies healthy. We will also be making snowmen, playing with Penguins and ice fishing. Fun January Themes!

We do go outside everyday (when the temperature allows), so please make sure your child has snow pants, boots, hats and mittens. Also, be sure to check your child’s tubs to make sure they have extra pants and socks. These tend to get wet playing in the snow.

Happy 4th Birthday to:
Maya 15th
Adelaide 20th

Wishing all of you the best in the New Year!

Ms. Claire, Ms. Toni & Ms. Kendra

Happy New Year! I am very excited to start off the new year in the Flamingo classroom. January will be a fun month for us. We will be focusing on our winter theme and will be busy outside making snowmen!

We will be learning about Chinese New year and celebrating with our class! We will also be celebrating the 100th day of school by making hats and having a Flamingo themed party in our classroom. I am looking forward to getting to know all of the Flamingo students and families, and working with you for the rest of the school year.

Ms. Barb & Ms. Mego

Happy Holidays and welcome 2020 from the Peacock class! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday. In December we learned about different holidays around the world, including Las Posadas, Diwali, Hanukkah, and Christmas. The children enjoyed listening to stories, playing dreidel games and creating fun art projects.

This month our theme is earth and sky. We will be learning about artic animals, snow/winter, hibernation and an author study on Jan Brett. We will continue to focus on our reading skills (literacy and math), self help and letters of the week. Please continue to work with your child at home to build their independent skills.

As a reminder, our instructional learning time is primarily between 8:45 am—12:00 pm. Now that we are mid-year, we will be focusing even more on preparing for Kindergarten.

Happy Birthday to: Alex 1/2, McKenna 1/20, Ms. Carolyn 1/28 and Yi 1/29.

Happy New Year!
Ms. Julie & Ms. Carolyn
Thank you to all who helped with our Holiday Dinner! What a delightful event! Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for setting up, preparing the delicious dinner and helping us to clean up.

**Tuition Late Fees**
Tuition is due by the 10th, unless otherwise stated on the bill. After the 10th of the month, a late fee of $10.00 will be charged. If the balance is still outstanding by the 1st of the next month, an additional fee of $25.00 will be charged.

**REMINDER**
Many of the children have the exact same clothing items. To make sure there are no mix-ups, **always** remember to label your child’s clothing.

**Procare**
Please make sure you are checking your child in and out **everyday** using our Procare system. If you are not yet registered in Procare please stop in the office to get registered today!

**PAPERWORK UPDATES**
As a NYS licensed facility we are required to have medication forms updated every six months...We will provide notification if you need to have forms updated for toothpaste, topical ointments and/or any changes in medical information.

**IS IT THE COLD OR THE FLU?**
_Here are some helpful guidelines:_

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**Recommended Care:**
- Rest & drink fluids (Water & real fruit juice)
- Do not give children aspirin
- Consult your doctor before giving over-the-counter meds
- Wash hands & frequently used surfaces often

**SUNY Child Care Block Grant**
**Recipient Families:**
Spring schedules are due to CPS by **Monday, January 6th**. Please notify the office of any changes to your eligibility by January 7th as well.

**REMINDER:**
CPS will be **CLOSING** at 1:00pm on Monday, January 20th for staff training and development. Please make plans for alternate care for that afternoon.

**Parents and Guardians:**
Please remember that pick up time for half day schedules is at **12:50 PM**. If you or the designated person are not here to pick up your child on time, a late fee will be assessed.

**Staff Birthdays**
Alexis 1/2  
Samantha 1/4  
Carolyn 1/28