

# Bristol Preschool Child Care Center Parent Newsletter Winter 2018

It's hard to believe that it's 2018 already!

**Thank you to all who donated to our Holidays Hearts program. A special thank you to Jamie and Todd Fortin and Jessica Lunquist for wrapping the gifts. We would also like to acknowledge Immanuel Lutheran church for the donation of jackets for many of our children.**

Winter weather is here! Please make sure you check NBC 30 for delay and closing information, we do our best to post by 6:00am. NBC30 also has a closing alert system that you can register for. Go to [nbc30.com](http://nbc30.com) click on school closing alerts, look for the weather news section and click on get closing alerts. It will ask you to provide some information for text alerts or via email. Be sure to check the Bristol Preschool Child Care Center box so you will receive up to date information as soon as it is posted!

Beginning February 1<sup>st</sup> through March 2<sup>nd</sup> we will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with a reading challenge for all families. On March 2<sup>nd</sup> we will have green eggs & ham for lunch and "Cat in the Hat" sundaes for snack. Please help your child's classroom hat grow by reading a book! If any parent would like to donate to this event we are looking for bags of frozen strawberries or raspberries for our "Cat in the Hat" sundaes. Please bring them in by February 25<sup>th</sup>. **We would like to also invite any parent to come in and read their favorite Dr. Seuss book to their child's class. If you are interested in reading to the class please let your child's teacher know.**

New Emergency Contact Sheets have gone out, these need to be updated on a quarterly basis, please return them as soon as possible!

Main Street Community Foundation has provided BPCCC with a grant for infant/toddlers to have several workshops for parent & child. Topics will include Storytime & Rhythms, Music & movement, and Nutrition. Series to start in late Spring & early fall. More info to come.

## Highlights this month:

- January 11<sup>th</sup>**  
BPCCC Board Meeting
- January 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Bristol Preschool will be **CLOSED** for Martin Luther King Day
- January 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Librarian Visit (West St.)
- January 19<sup>th</sup>**  
National Popcorn Day
- February 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Librarian Visit (Burlington Avenue.)
- February 7<sup>th</sup>**  
School Readiness Council Meeting 12:15 @ Bristol BOE
- February 8<sup>th</sup>**  
BPCCC Board of Director's Meeting
- February 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Valentine's Day
- February 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Librarian Visit (West St.)
- February 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Chinese New Year
- February 19<sup>th</sup>**  
BPCCC **CLOSED** - President's Day
- March 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Librarian Visit (Burlington Avenue.)
- March 7<sup>th</sup>**  
School Readiness Council Meeting 12:15 @ Bristol BOE
- March 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Librarian Visit (West St.)
- March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**CLOSED** for Good Friday

**February 1<sup>st</sup> - March 2<sup>nd</sup>:  
Dr. Seuss Reading Challenge!**



# Parent Reminders

## **Weather related closings, delays, or early dismissal**

The winter weather is here... For closings and delays we will make the decision and post to Channel 30 by 6:00am. If severe weather occurs during the day we may opt to have an early dismissal, please make sure we have updated contact information on file.

## **Updated Emergency Contact Forms**

Bristol Preschool is in the process of collecting updated emergency contact forms. Please make sure you complete the form, even if your information has not changed. If your information has changed it is extremely important that you turn your form in immediately! For the safety of your child(ren) we must have updated information at all times. Thank you for your patience as we ask you to fill out updated forms!

## **Safety**

Please make sure you are supervising your child during arrival and departure. We have received some complaints that children are being left in vehicles while parents are dropping off siblings. Please do not leave children unattended in vehicles. It is against the law to leave a child under the age of 12 unattended in a car. All staff are mandated reporters and will make a call if this is witnessed. For your child's safety please bring your child inside with you. We appreciate your assistance.

## **Exiting the Buildings:**

West Street Parents: Please DO NOT use the exit near the dumpster or out the side door on the lower level. These doors are for emergency use only. Many times parents exit from the doors and they do not shut properly, leaving the building accessible to anyone who enters the parking lot. We also had a few squirrels get into the building from the door being left ajar. For the safety of your children please use the designated exits, also during the winter it becomes very icy even with salt.

Burlington Avenue Parents: Please do not exit through the ramp doors; the door has been left open several times which leaves the building accessible to anyone who enters the property. PLEASE for safety reasons do not use this exit. THANK YOU ☺

## **Hand washing**

As you all are aware upon arrival we ask that you have your child wash their hands before entering the classroom. Many of you are following this procedure and for that we thank you.

## **Clothing**

Please make sure you are sending your child in with a winter jacket, snow pants, boots, hat and mittens. Even when there is snow on the ground and it's chilly outside the children do go outdoors twice a day.

Also please make sure that your child's extra set of clothing is weather appropriate. All items must be labeled as well. Many of the children have the same color mittens, hats, etc... If you need to borrow a permanent marker for labeling please let your child's teacher know when you arrive! Also please be sure your child has a sweater or sweatshirt available if they become cold while indoors. For the children that are in Rooms 5 & 6 at West Street, please dress in layers as these rooms are VERY warm even in the winter!

## **Family Involvement**

Thank you to all the families and staff who donated to our Holiday Hearts. This program helped many families in need to have an enjoyable holiday.

We are very lucky to have a diverse population that attends our preschool. We would love for you to share something from your culture with the center. A recipe, tradition, etc... Please speak to your child's teacher if you are interested in helping the children learn about different cultures.

We love to have parents participate in any way they can... If you are interested in volunteering please contact Renee Dailey @ Burlington Avenue or Pam Testa @ West Street at (860)314-0597. We appreciate any time you can give!



## City of Bristol, Connecticut

### School Readiness and Child Daycare Grant

South Side School  
22 Tuttle Road  
Bristol, CT 06010  
Tel: (860) 584-7812  
Ext. 451248  
Fax: (860) 584-7810

January 22, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Starting this month, an endowment fund has been started to support Bristol Preschool Child Care Center and Imagine Nation-Museum of Early Learning for the future. "**Early Learning-A PET Project Fund**" has been started by myself, The School Readiness Grant Manager, to honor my brother John R. Petrucelli.

My only brother was an Engineer, but when he was younger he always had a way of making learning fun for his younger sisters. He would use scientific experiments to engage us in play- when actually we were learning a great deal. We then saw him do this with our own children – as he became the "Fun" Uncle John. He always believed in learning through play, even before it was a popular belief!

I have been employed as the Grant Manager for the past twenty years, and felt the two non-profit School Readiness Programs needed financial support beyond what they currently receive. These Programs must balance their budgets on grants, parent share and Care 4 Kids funding. These funding sources are either decreasing or are stagnant, as costs rise.

The Endowment is needed to help sustain these two non-profit Programs to continue to offer quality early care and education to our Bristol community.

When this Endowment is fully funded (goal \$100,000) the Programs can then rely on funds that will be distributed annually to help off-set their costs of running a quality Program.

If you believe as I do, that Bristol Preschool Child Care Center and Imagine Nation -Museum of Early Learning are great programs in Bristol and we need to keep them financially viable to continue to provide services for not only our children, but those yet to come. Then I ask you for your consideration in supporting "**Early Learning-A PET Project**" with a donation.

You can donate online or use a Main Street Foundation Donation Form.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mary-Alice Petrucelli-Timek  
Bristol School Readiness Grant Manager

To donate online:

<https://www.mainstreetfoundation.org/>

Search "Early Learning"

Early Learning-A PET Project Fund

To benefit Bristol Preschool Child Care Center of Bristol CT and Imagine National Museum Early Learning Center of Bristol, CT

## Cook's Corner:

Looking for dinner recipes that won't break the bank? At \$1.50 or less per serving, these dishes are cheap, quick and easy -- but most of all, delicious.

### Cheeseburger Pie

By [Anne Coleman](#)



#### Ingredients

- 1 can crescent rolls
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion, OR 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/3 cup chopped dill pickle slices
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
- 1 teaspoon prepared mustard
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 tablespoons dill pickle juice
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 2 cups shredded American cheese, divided

#### Directions

- Preheat oven to 375°.
- Unroll crescent rolls and press into the bottom and up the sides of an 8 inch pie pan.
- Cook ground beef in a skillet until browned. Drain well.
- Stir in onion, chopped pickle, ketchup and mustard.
- Sprinkle with flour and add pickle juice and milk. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly.
- Remove from heat and add 1 cup of shredded cheese.
- Pour into the prepared crust and bake for 15 minutes, or until edges of crust are golden brown.
- Remove from oven and top with remaining cup of cheese. Let stand until cheese melts.
- Garnish with extra ketchup, mustard and pickle slices



## Easy Chicken Lo Mein

By Anne Coleman

### Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon oil-sesame or peanut oil
- 1 lb boneless skinless chicken breast, cut into thin slices
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce or teriyaki sauce
- 2 teaspoons freshly grated ginger or 1 teaspoon powder
- 1 3-ounce package chicken flavor ramen noodle soup
- 1 1-lb bag frozen mixed oriental vegetables
- 1/4 cup water

### Directions

1. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add chicken and cook, stirring frequently, until no longer pink.
2. Add vegetables and lid. Cook until vegetables are cooked through, about 5 minutes.
3. In the meantime, cook the noodles (without the flavoring packet) according to package directions. Drain.
4. Add soy sauce, garlic, ginger and seasoning packet to water. Mix well. Pour over chicken and vegetables, add noodles and toss to mix.

## Donation Form

Thank you for choosing the Main Street Community Foundation as a vehicle for your philanthropy. We are committed to connecting you with the community, and to the causes that are important to you. Contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Donor's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

This gift is made in    Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
                                 Honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
                                 Celebration of \_\_\_\_\_  
                                 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please inform the following individual(s) of my gift (the amount of your gift will not be shared):

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Gift and Amount:

- Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_     Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_     Publicly Traded Securities \_\_\_\_ shares of \_\_\_\_\_  
 IRA/Retirement Plan/Life Insurance (attach a copy of your beneficiary designation form)

The enclosed gift should be allocated for the following charitable purpose(s):

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Main Street Community Foundation Endowment Fund  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Friends of Main Street Annual Appeal  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ Fund  
(Name of Fund)

- Check here if your company matches gifts and the matching gift form is enclosed.

**Please make checks payable to:**

Main Street Community Foundation

**Print out this form and mail it with your donation to:**

Main Street Community Foundation

P.O. Box 2702

Bristol, CT 06011-2702

*If you have any questions, please call 860.583.6363*