

Welcome Newsletter

August and September 2024



Director's Desk

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year. We are so excited for you and your child to be part of the Broad Bay Manor family. Our open house introduced you to your child's teacher and provided insight on your child's classroom.

September promises to be a beautiful and exhilarating month. The teachers are just as excited and eager as the children and have planned their activities carefully. There are so many things to teach and ways to teach them. Many of the projects your child brings home will have served several purposes. Often, we are more interested in the process rather than the product. The teachers' goals are to teach the children how to follow oral directions, to locate top and bottom, and move from left to right across the page. If you are ever distressed by what you perceive as a lack of creativity or too little "hands on" in a project, please don't hesitate to call your child's teacher or me. Remember - our goals are the same- a confident child with a positive self-image who loves learning and school. We sincerely appreciate your support and commitment to this school year here at Broad Bay Manor!

Sincerely,
Betsey Cremin

Reminders:

Brightwheel: We will be using Brightwheel for all invoices (tuition, reader purchase/rental charges, workbook charges, lunch fees, etc). Brightwheel will be used for all parents, teacher and administrative communication. We think you will find this system provides a simple, efficient way to pay and communicate.

Please make sure the notifications are turned, as not to miss important information!

Pizza Lunch: FRIDAYS Your child has the option to buy lunch on Fridays. Menu: Dominos Cheese Pizza, Fruit, Veggie, Chips, Milk and a Cookie. \$5 per lunch, invoices will be sent at the end of the month. Please let us know by 10:00 am if your child is buying lunch.

Carpool Drop off: 8:30-9:00 There is a carpool drop available every morning. Pull along the sidewalk located on First General Way. Stay in your car, our staff will get the children from the car and bring them to their classrooms. Please do not park in the carpool line, this will hold up the flow during this time. You are always welcome to park in the parking lot and walk your child to their classroom.

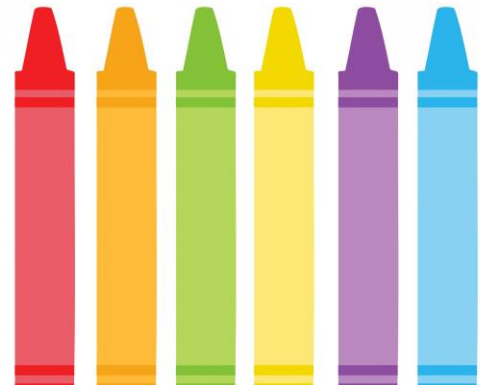
Broad Bay Manor Fundraiser

We will have a fundraiser during the month of September, Charleston Wrap. Packets will be sent home the week of September 3rd.

The money raised by the fundraiser will be used to purchase outside equipment for the children. The grand prize this year is one month's tuition for the top seller in all four schools. The top seller at each school will get half off tuition.

Last year, we used the fundraiser money to purchase 11 new bikes for the playgrounds.

Please check out the display of items in the lobby.



What we are learning...

The **two-year old classes** look at themselves in a unit we have named “It’s All About Me” (of course it is). They look closely at themselves from head to toe. They will learn how they relate to their environment by consciously exploring it. For many of these children this is their first experience away from home. We plan to make it a fun and positive one. Their days are filled with many sensory experiences as they look at themselves and talk about their eyes, hair, muscles, etc.

The **three-year olds** usually settle into the routine of school very nicely. Because apples, school, teachers, and September seem to go together, the threes begin the year with a quick look at apples. They will learn about Johnny Appleseed, eat, paint, and color apples. It is an extremely fun unit and gives the children a chance to experiment with many different mediums. This will be followed by an in-depth study of shapes and colors. The grand finale will be a Shape and Color Hunt (Similar to an Easter Egg Hunt only we hunt shapes, not eggs).

The **four-year-olds** devote September to the alphabet – Sounds boring, but not the way we do it! This first month of letter and sound identification is an introduction for some and reinforcement or even review for others. The four-year olds’ parents will receive a detailed calendar of events for the month of September. This kind of unit provides tremendous opportunities for music, poems, foods, gross and fine motor experiences. Try to help your child remember bubble (B), glitter (G) and Ice cream (I) day. If you missed the snack sign-up sheet, call your child’s teacher. Leigh and Dorothy have outstanding ideas and would appreciate the help.

Pre-Kindergarten classes will also be doing a quick review of the alphabet and consonant sounds. One of the advantages of beginning the year with an alphabet overview is the opportunity it gives the teacher to assess fine motor skills and strengthen cutting and gluing abilities. Ms. Moesta and Ms. Withers can’t wait to show the alphabet in a whole new way!

The **Kindergarten** classes spend most of September studying the history of transportation. The unit is divided into three areas – land, sea, and air. Of course, once we blast off into space, we have a wonderful astronaut party complete with “space” food!

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Save the Date

Aug 26 First day of school for the 2024-2025 school year
Aug 30- Sept 2 Labor Day Weekend (SCHOOL CLOSED)
September 3-October 1..... Charleston Wrap Fundraiser
October 1 -2 Picture Day
October 14 Columbus Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
October 29, 30, 31..... Pumpkin Music Program
November 5 Parent Conferences (schools open for ALL DAY students only)
November 11 Veteran’s Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
November 28-29 Thanksgiving Break (SCHOOL CLOSED)
December 10, 11, 12 Winter Music Programs
December 23-January 3 Winter Break (SCHOOL CLOSED)

January 20 MLK Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
January 27 Staff Inservice (SCHOOL CLOSED for students)
February 17 President’s Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
April 14-18 Spring Break (SCHOOL CLOSED)
April 29-May..... Spring Music Programs
May 20 Parent Conferences (schools open for ALL DAY students only)
May 26 Memorial Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
June 13 Last day of school for the 2024-2025 school year