



Director's Desk

The days are shorter, the nights are snugly, and there is such a hint of anticipation and excitement in the air that it must be December! This is a very exciting and busy month for us all. With an emphasis on joy and love, this holiday season will be a happy and pleasant one. The classes devote the month of December to holiday preparations, both Christmas and Hanukkah. All the children will make crafts and learn songs appropriate for each celebration.

In addition to our routine academics, this month's activities will include making and wrapping their gifts for you, baking, and preparing for the upcoming holidays. Kindergarten studies the instruments of the orchestra to help them appreciate the music they will hear this holiday season. If any of you would care to share your expertise in this area, we sure would be grateful.

Thank you all so much for your donations of games and puzzles in November. We collected over 150 items to donate to the Noblemen of Virginia Beach. Ms. Aisha's class is winner with most donations. They will enjoy an ice cream party.

We wish you a peaceful and pleasant holiday season from the entire BBMS staff. Thanks again for sharing it with us!

Sincerely,
Retha Crum

Holiday Music Programs

Parents and Families are invited to join us to celebrate the music of the season for our Holiday Music Program. Children are encouraged to wear their favorite festive outfit. The program will be outside, weather permitting. Dress warmly!

Dates and Time:

December 10th: 9:15 am- Ms. Kristin, Ms. Jennifer, and Ms. Blaire
December 11th: 9:15am Ms. Bre, Ms. Stacy, and Ms. Leigh
December 12th: 9:15 am- Ms. Aisha, Ms. Dorothy, Mrs. Moesta and Mrs. Profilet



December Dates:

December 5th- Special Guest (Shhh—it's a surprise)

December 19th - Pajama Day! Wear your festive pajamas to school. Please wear regular shoes, we will still be going outside.

Tours for the 2025-2026 school year:

We are now scheduling tours for the 2025-2026 year, please share our school with your friends and family with pre-school age children. Please help us grow our Broad Bay Manor School Family.

Registration for 2025-2026:

Although it seems terribly far in the future, now is the time to start planning for next school year. Those of you who plan on returning to our school next fall should plan to register. Families that are currently registered at BBMS will be able to register on January 6th, 2025. Registration forms will not be taken before that date.

Registration information will soon come home for the 2025-2026 school year. Parents will receive paper forms coming home with students and e-forms coming through Brightwheel.

Many parents of current four-year-old students are concerned about properly placing their child next year. Some parents will choose an additional preschool year before kindergarten, but some do not. If you are unsure if your student would be most successful with this additional year, I encourage you to consult with their current teacher, Ms. Charlynn or myself. Kindergarten is only open to those children turning 5 on or before September 30th. If your child turns 5 after this date, our PreK class is the correct placement.

If you are registering a sibling for the 2-year-old class, they must be 2 years old by May 31st. They are considered a current family and can register on January 6th.

Registration will not be open to new families until February.

Reminders:

HOLIDAY FOOD: With so many upcoming events at school, remember our nut free policy and treats/ snacks must be store bought. While sweet treats are always fun, don't forget about fruit and protein to add a balance during these fun events. The children's behavior afterwards will thank you!

SICK POLICY: In order for us to keep ALL our children as healthy as possible we must work together. Please DO NOT send in your child if they are sick. If they are showing any signs of sickness, consider keeping them out of school to help prevent exposure to other children. If we are ALL in keeping with this courtesy, we can greatly reduce the spread of illness throughout the school. A healthier school means a healthier child for you! Our official rule is a child may not come to school until they have been **fever free (without meds) for 36 hours**. If your child has vomited or had diarrhea in the last 24 hours stay home as well. In the end a sick child belongs at home.

MEDICATIONS: It helps us to know if your child is on any medication. The side effects of many antibiotics and decongestants include behavioral changes that dramatically alter classroom performance and actions.

PERSONAL ITEMS: Now that the weather is getting chillier, we are seeing more and more coats/jackets coming to school. Please label all of your child's items. This will help our teacher make sure these items make it home every day.

Save the Date

Dec 10, 11, 12 ...Winter Music Programs
Dec 11..... Adjusted Dismissal for public schools
Dec 23-Jan 3 Winter Break (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Jan 6..... Registration for Current Families
Jan 20 MLK Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Jan 27Staff Inservice (SCHOOL CLOSED for students)
Feb 3 Registration for New Families
Feb 17 President's Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)

April 3 Public School Adjusted Dismissal
April 4Public School Closed
April 14-18 Spring Break (SCHOOL CLOSED)
April 29-May 1 ... Spring Music Programs
May 20Parent Conferences (schools open for ALL DAY students only)
May 26Memorial Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
June 13 Last day of school for the 2024-2025 school year