



Broad Bay Manor School

January Newsletter



2025

Director's Desk

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope your holidays were delightful. We can't wait to see all the new and exciting Show 'N Tells! The children and teachers are now refreshed from vacation and ready for some intensive learning. January seems to be a month when the children experience tremendous academic growth. Broad Bay Manor teachers take advantage of the moment and offer exciting and educational units!

Thanks again for your enthusiastic support! You have enabled us to teach in a creative and open atmosphere so crucial for true learning to occur.

Best regards,

Retsey Crimin

2025-2026 Registration

Although next September seems a long time away, it's time to for registration. Returning students have priority for placement until the end of January. I suggest making your request as soon as possible as spots are filled first come first serve. It's a two-step process:

Step 1: You (the parents) complete the paper registration form. We will then know what class you want for your child. You will receive an invoice for the registration fee through Brightwheel once the form is processed.

Step 2: Next, through Brightwheel, you will receive a few forms and agreements to complete. Every required field must be filled out completely for you to submit the form.

Remember, it is important to register in January, classes will open for new students in February.

Reminders:

Outside Time: Even in the winter, we are still going outside several times during the day. Please make sure your child has a warm coat, a hat and/or mittens. Labeling all belongings is very helpful in making sure all items go home with the right child.

SICK POLICY: 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.

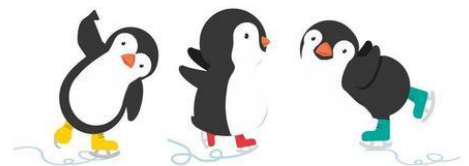
MEDICATIONS: It helps us to know if your child is on any medication. The side effects of many antibiotics and decongestants include behavioral changes that dramatically alter classroom performance and actions.

Important Dates:

January 6th – Registration for the 2025-2026 school year

January 20th- Martin Luther King Jr. Day- SCHOOL CLOSED

January 27th- Teacher In-Service- SCHOOL CLOSED to Students



What we are learning....

2's- Our two's have grown and matured at an impressive rate. This month Ms. Bre and Ms. Kristin will introduce the children to the colors all around us! They will explore color through food, animals, textures, and lots of books.

3's- Our three-year-olds begin January with a study of community helpers. The teachers introduce the children to the people in their neighborhood. Fireman, policeman, doctors, and dentists are just a few of the helpers we discuss!

4's -The four-year-olds come back to a unit on BEARS! From Corduroy, Pooh, and Paddington to pandas and polar bears, they investigate bears, their habits, and habitats. Some activities you might hear about include packing Paddington's suitcase, painting Pooh bear, and ultimately our teddy bear picnic. The fours indulge in fantasy to their heart's content.

Pre-K- Our PreK classes look at the world from a geographical and environmental angle. Ms. Moesta and Ms. Withers introduce their children to some basic geographical concepts using habitats as their motif. By mid-month the children are learning about the fragility of various habitats and the interdependence between the environment and its inhabitants. An investigation of endangered species concludes the unit.

K- This month the kindergarten class goes around the world. It's a full month's trip, and we learn about children from other countries. The emphasis of study is the dress, food, homes, and customs of countries in Europe, Africa, and Asia. If any of you have traveled and can share pictures or items with the class, please contact your child's teacher. We would love for you to share your experiences!

Keep up with all the exciting events on
Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/manorschools/>

FYI: The Virginia Dept of Health and Virginia Dept of Education requires all day care centers/schools to test for lead in their drinking water. Broad Bay Manor School completed this test in December 2024 with no issues or concerns.

Save the Date

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)
March 3 Registration Information for Summer
April 3 Public School Adjusted Dismissal
April 4Public School Closed

April 8-9 Pictures: Class and Individual
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