

Special points of interest:

- Camp Blue Sky Expo Thu, Mar 8
- SPIRIT DAY: Green Day, Fri, Mar 16
- Joyce is out of the office March 1-2, 7-12, 14

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CAMP BLUE SKY IS FAST APPROACHING!

It's that time of the year again! **CAMP BLUE SKY** is almost here! Calling all School Age campers... are you ready for the **BEST SUMMER EVER**, packed with loads of fun? What fun you ask? Field Trips, archery, beach trips, *EPIC* water play days, cooking projects, arts and crafts, musical fun, crazy science experiments, sports and teambuilding, and helping our community, ...just to name a few things!!

This month is our **Parent Info Night and Vendor EXPO** for Camp Blue Sky 2018! We are planning a lot of new options and opportunities for your children so they can stay busy, learn new things, and have an amazing and memo-

orable camp experience! Please be sure to join us to find out what's new with Camp Blue Sky 2018!

(Go to page 4 for more information)

See you there!



Notes from Mrs. Joyce

Hello, LeafSpring Families!
Thank you to all who made donations for Operation Smile! We were able to raise over \$250 for Cupid's Ball and lose over 600 calories dancing the night away!

In March, we look forward to special guest readers for Read Across America Day! They will come to read to us Friday, March 2nd. *Don't forget to "spring" your clocks forward 1 hour on March 11th so you*

won't be late to anything happening on Sunday, haha! We will be sending out Summer and Fall intent forms this month. Be on the lookout for them!

Mrs. Joyce

Orange Room Curriculum Highlight from February



This month we had a blast at the circus. We learned all kinds of tricks like jumping through hoops, jumping on and off circles and balancing on lines without falling off. The children practiced balancing apples on their heads as well. Everybody had so many tricks up their sleeves they thought they were monkeys at the circus! We decided to go on a nature walk to look for more monkeys to join our circus teams. The monkeys

had to fulfill certain criteria according to orange room friends. They had to be able to dance to the silly clown song and climb trees to eat bananas. Well, we found a whole bunch of monkeys for our circus shows. Enjoy our pictures!



(Why do we practice balancing in the two and three-year-old room? Because balance is a fundamental skill necessary for maintaining controlled positions such as sitting in a chair or engaging in physical activities like running or bike riding. Having a balance makes motor skill development easier, reduces the risk of injury, and helps children focus on academic tasks.)

Village News: Spring Break and Extracurricular Classes Offered

As stated by Ms. Michelle, the Village is undergoing a Camp Blue Sky transformation! Beginning in March, the Village will be partnering up with community friends as we participate in an assortment of extracurricular activities!

The Villagers will also be able to get a "taste" of Camp Blue Sky during VBCPS spring break, on April 2-6, 2018! During Spring Break, the Village will experience rotations of arts and crafts, athletics, team-building, science and nature, and culinary fun! There will also be a planned Field trip.

Spring Break signups will be out in Mid-

March. Stay tuned for upcoming Spring Break announcements!

Here are some upcoming Village activities:



SCHOOL OF ROCK
(1st grade & up only)
Demo Day: 3/1/18
4:30pm-5:30pm
8-Week Session:
Every Thursday
April 12 until May 31
4:30pm-5:30pm



ENGINEERING FOR KIDS

(Kindergarten-3rd grade)
6-Week Session:
Every Friday
March 9 until April 20
(no class April 6)
4:30pm-5:30pm



SOCCER SHOTS

10-Week Session:
Every Thursday
March 22 until May 31
4:00pm-4:45pm
(no class April 5)

Everyday Steps to Reading and Writing

Did you know that children begin their path to reading as babies when they hear and respond to the sound of a human voice? Literacy—the ability to comprehend and communicate through reading and writing—begins as babies understand your spoken words. Listening, talking, reading, and writing are all parts of early literacy learning—and they’re all connected.

On the road to becoming readers and writers, young children need many opportunities to hear and understand spoken language. This helps them become aware of the different sounds of language. They also need to learn about print—letters and



words seen in books and all around them at home and in their community. Young children need writing to help them learn about reading, and reading to help them learn about writing. However, they need to *talk and listen* before learning about both!

Young children can learn about literacy through everyday activities at home. It’s especially important for families to encourage a love of reading and to demonstrate how writing is used to communicate information and ideas.

Ask your child to tell you about her drawing, then write her words on the back of the paper. This helps her learn that the letters and words you are

writing have meaning. When you listen as she “reads” her scribbles, you give meaning to her own marks.

For more ways to help extend the love for learning at home with reading and writing for young children, visit the National Association for the Education of Young Children’s website:

<https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/families/everyday-steps-reading-and-writing>

Front Desk News from Mr. Justin

March is always an exciting month because of St. Patrick’s Day. I hope everyone is ready to be decked out in **green!** Make sure you check the weather because spring is right around the corner! I do not know about you but I am ready for short sleeved shirts and shorts!

Our annual Cupid’s Ball

was AMAZING! I hope everyone had as much fun as the kiddos dancing the night away. I would like to thank all the parents who donated to Operation Smiles, it was greatly appreciated!

Fun fact about me – I have a dog named Opie. He is a border collie/german shepherd mix! I

got his name from Sons of Anarchy.

Please do not hesitate to stop by the front desk with any questions or concerns.

Happy March!

Mr. Justin



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SAVE THE DATE! Camp Blue Sky Expo and Parent Information Night!

When: Thursday, March 8th, 2018

Time: Vendor EXPO (5-6pm) / Parent Info Session (6-7pm)

Who: Village and Community Families - *Invite your friends!*

What: Come out and visit with some of our community vendors— Surf Camp, Amazing Athletes, Amy's School of Dance, Chesapeake Bay Diving, Magical Solutions, School of Rock, and more! Hear what Camp Blue Sky has to offer your family this summer! Ashley the Face painter will be on site, too! Light refreshments will be available.

Important Dates to Remember

We will be closed:

May 28 Memorial Day

July 4 Independence Day

August 30-31 Teacher Workdays

September 3 Labor Day

November 22 Thanksgiving Day

November 23 Thanksgiving

December 24 Christmas Eve

December 25 Christmas Day

We will close early:

December 31 *Closing at 4 pm*

This Month's Celebrations

Children's Birthdays:

01 Taylor 10

Chloe 7

02 Selah 3

07 Reed 6

14 Austin 5

Wyatt 2

16 Ben 6

19 Jonah 6

Madison 3

23 Joshua 4

24 Celia 9

Everleigh 6

Anna Kate 4

25 Vihaan 3

26 Scarlett 3

27 Jacob 8

Kaitlyn 5

31 Alana 10

Hayley 3

Staff Birthdays:

12 Mrs. Joyce

23 Ms. Mallory

Staff Anniversaries:

22 Mr. Jim 2 years!

27 Mr. Desmond

1 year!

March 2018 Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Cheese, Crackers Water Chicken Lasagna Peas & Carrots Mandarin Oranges Trail Mix	2 String Cheese Ham & Cheese Sandwich Salad Bananas Oatmeal Cookies
5 Bananas Mac & Cheese Corn Mandarin Oranges Animal Crackers	6 Corn Flakes Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Salad Fruit Cocktail Bananas	7 Roll w/ Butter BBQ Meatballs, Roll Green Beans Applesauce Oatmeal Cookies	8 Rice Krispies Cereal Chicken Alfredo Cole Slaw Pineapples Trail Mix	9 String Cheese Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Salad Mandarin Oranges Cheez-Its
12 Bananas Pasta Veggie Bake Corn Mandarin Oranges Vanilla Wafers	13 Cheerios Mac & Cheese w/ Hot Dogs Mashed Potatoes Pineapples Graham Crackers	14 String Cheese Ravioli Broccoli Applesauce Animal Crackers	15 Cheese, Crackers Water Sloppy Joe on a Bun Salad Fruit Cocktail Oatmeal Cookies	16 Roll w/ Butter Hot Dog on a Bun Cole Slaw Bananas Trail Mix
19 Bananas Cheese Lasagna Salad Mandarin Oranges Trail Mix	20 Rice Krispies Cereal Franks & Beans Broccoli Pineapples Animal Crackers	21 Cheese, Crackers Water Meatball Marinara Roll, Cole Slaw Applesauce Oatmeal Cookies	22 Roll w/ Butter Cheese Chicken & Rice, Corn Mandarin Oranges Graham Crackers	23 Cheese, Crackers Water Ham & Cheese Sandwich Salad Bananas Trail Mix
26 Bananas Mexican Casserole Broccoli Pineapples Animal Crackers	27 String Cheese Chicken Fried Rice Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Bananas	28 Roll w/ Butter Ravioli Mashed Potatoes Applesauce Oatmeal Cookies	29 Cheerios BBQ Meatballs Roll Corn Bananas Goldfish	30 Cheese, Crackers Water Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Salad Mandarin Oranges Cheez-Its