

Special points of interest:

- Private Kindergarten Registration Opens Feb 1
- Private Kindergarten Open House Feb 5
- SPIRIT DAY: Feb 14
Wear red and pink
- SPIRIT DAYS for Dr. Seuss Week Feb 28- March 1 (see flyer in your child's room)

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Village News

CAMP BLUE SKY

When I say "Camp," you say "Blue Sky"...CAMP...BLUE SKY!



The Village Program is already gearing up for our busiest time of the year— SUMMER TIME! Get ready, get set, get excited because Camp Blue Sky 2019 will be here before you know it! Camp Blue Sky (CBS) will be a fast, furious, fun day school age camp with an away camp feel. Camp Blue Sky will begin June 17 and end August 28. Please

save the date for our upcoming Camp Events!

Summer Expo Night

Thursday, March 21 from 5pm-6pm in the Village Gym

This event will provide an orientation to our programming as well as showcasing our Summer Vendors. This event is



when we release our parent packet and summer schedules and calendars. You will not want to miss this event!

Camp Blue Sky Preview Week will be held during VBCPS Spring Break—April 15-19! Vil-

lagers will participate in activity rotations, attend a field trip, and cheer on our staff during our Camp Counselor Challenge!



Transitioning into Kindergarten

The Village Program provides two options for incoming Kindergarteners. We have our Recreational Program that provides care for both AM and PM Kindergarten students, as well as our Full Day Private Kindergarten Program. **Registration opens for our Private kindergarten Program on Friday, February 1!** Please see an administrator for more questions!

Words from the Station Master

Dare I say it? Okay, I won't... but, wouldn't you know it? I bought snow gear for my children this year and I'm still waiting! Mental note, IF I buy gear next year, buy a size larger.

As a recap for January, we had our annual Dreamer's Day retreat and spent our time as a team reviewing 2018, setting goals,

teambuilding and getting professional development from guest speakers! This year our theme is "You are a piece of the puzzle." Without each piece, we will not be complete.

For February, we are looking forward to our Cupid's Ball. It is the cutest thing ever! In the

preschool, we will send out a list of names for Valentine's Day. PLEASE be sure that there are no choking hazards, nuts, or peanuts if you choose to bring treats. Last, we will have a week of spirit days during Dr. Seuss week. We hope to have a lot of participation from our little friends!

Curriculum Highlight for Green Room



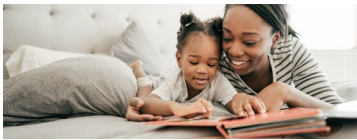
In January, Green Room we are learning about where we live. We are learning everything from New Year traditions, famous Americans, symbols of the United States, and who is in and around our community. This week we discussed some famous Americans such as Betsy Ross and the President Trump. We also learned about the Statue of Liberty and the children had a blast making their own Freedom Torch. They learned about

the American bald eagle—how big they are, where they live and why they are our nation's bird. After we talked about eagles, the children used their own skills to create an eagle of their very own by cutting and gluing pieces together. Last, we discussed what it means to respect our country by picking up trash, by how we treat the people around us and learning why and how we are a free country. In doing this, the children learned that

we respect our flag by putting our hands on our hearts. The children created their own flags and told us what it meant to them. All in all, the children in Green Room have done a marvelous job understanding what it means to be an American.



Is Your Child Ready to Read? *By: Dr. Richard L. Curry, Nansemond Pediatrics*



Children usually begin to read in the first grade, at around age 6. However, many children show an interest in reading much sooner, some as early as the age of 3.

Here are a few signs your child is ready to read, no matter their age:

- Your child listens attentively at story time.
- Your child is interested in learning the letters of the alphabet.
- Your child likes to write with a pen or pencil.
- Your child enjoys looking through books and magazines on their own.

If your child is showing any of these signs, don't push them, rather foster their natural enthusiasm by letting them set their own pace and have fun. Make reading fun and spark a

love of reading early on with these tips:

- Avoid drilling your child on learning letters, numbers, colors, shapes and words.
- Provide a warm, supportive environment where your child feels safe and is having fun.
- Encourage your child's curiosity to explore on their own. Let your child choose a book to read that they enjoy.
- Read books you enjoy together daily. This is a great way to connect with your child and wind down for the day.
- Make reading fun by using funny faces and animal voices.
- Pause every now and again to ask your child questions about how they think the story will go or ask your child to

name things they can see in the pictures.

- Create a reading-friendly space in your child's room with a comfy chair, book shelf, and reading lamp.

When your child is ready to read, there will be plenty of tools to help. Tools like games, songs, and even some age-appropriate TV and video games will help a child learn. The key to success is following your child's lead.

Additional Resources for Parents:

[AAP - Family Resource: Helping Your Child Learn to Read](#)

[AAP – Top Tips for Families for Early Reading and Literacy](#)

You are cordially invited you to our fourth annual



Cupid's Ball



Let's get ready to party! Put on your party outfits and dancing shoes and let's get ready to cut a rug!

When: Thursday, February 7th

Time: 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Where: Village Gym

Cost: \$1 donation per adult - *cash only at the door*

What to Wear: Festive, Valentine's Day Attire

Bake Sale: Sweet treats for sale – *cash only*

Proceeds go to Operation Smile

Sign up in your child's classroom!

Front Desk Notes from Mr. Justin

Well, it's that time of year again where we wait eagerly to see if that pesky groundhog sees his shadow or not! I don't know about you, but I am hoping for an early spring even though it feels like winter just actually started. Brrr! I can't believe it's February already; it seems like just yesterday we were watching that ball

drop in Times Square.

A few reminders – our Annual Cupid's Ball will be Thursday, February 7th 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.; we will also have a Bake Sale for Operation Smile during the ball. I don't know about you, but I am excited to try some yummy baked goods!

Files – if your child goes to the doctor for their check up; please bring us a copy of updated immunization records and physicals. If you have any questions, please let me know!

Happy February!
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February is entrepreneurial.

I can wait for what I want.

I can do it.

I take chances to meet a new goal.

Important Dates to Remember

2019 Closings:

May 27
July 4
August 29-30
September 2
November 28-29
December 24-25
December 31 *Closing at 4 pm*

This Month's Celebrations

Children's Birthdays:

01 Cameron 1
04 Carson 5
08 Sophia 7
09 Kayla 3
10 Colin 5
16 Molly 1
17 Brody 11
18 John 6
19 Jack 7
25 Peyton 5
26 Paul Jr. 5
Greyson 4
29 Sienna 11

Staff Birthdays:

? Mr. Ron
07 Mrs. Hazel
15 Ms. Toria
20 Mrs. Katie
22 Mrs. Ellen
23 Ms. Brooke

Staff Anniversaries:

05 Ms. Tatyana,
Mrs. Natalia, Mrs.
Christine 1 year!
13 Ms. Sandy 2 yrs!
19 Ms. Babs 1 year!

February 2019 Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Milk served with all meals unless otherwise noted				1 Pancakes Turkey & Cheese Wrap, Salad Pineapples Veggie Straws
4 Roll w/ Butter Baked Ziti Green Beans Fruit Cocktail Animal Crackers	5 Cheerios Cereal Chicken Alfredo Peas & Carrots Pineapples Graham Crackers	6 Rice Krispies Cereal Meatball Ravioli Casserole (beef, chicken, turkey) Broccoli Applesauce Oatmeal Cookies	7 Corn Flakes Cereal Chicken Tetrizzini Corn Mandarin Oranges Trail Mix	8 Waffles Chicken & Cheese Wrap, Salad Fruit Cocktail Cheez-Its
11 Cheerios Cereal Mac & Cheese Corn Mandarin Oranges Vanilla Wafers	12 Waffles Turkey Sloppy Joe Salad Pineapples Veggie Straws	13 Rice Krispies Cereal Beef Hot Dog on a Bun Mixed Veggies Applesauce Animal Crackers	14 Corn Flakes Cereal Turkey Stroganoff Green Beans Fruit Cocktail Oatmeal Cookies	15 Roll w/ Butter Ham & Cheese Sandwich Salad Peaches Trail Mix
18 Pancakes Creamy 3-Cheese Spaghetti Corn Pineapples Oatmeal Cookies	19 String Cheese Turkey Meat-A-Roni Mixed Veggies Fruit Cocktail Trail Mix	20 Rice Krispies Cereal BBQ Meatballs (beef, chicken, turkey), Roll Salad Applesauce Goldfish Crackers	21 Roll w/ Butter Cheesy Chicken and Rice Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Graham Crackers	22 Corn Flakes Cereal Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Salad Peaches S'mores Pudding
25 Cheerios Veggie Lasagna Corn Peaches Cheez-Its	26 Roll w/ Butter Turkey Spaghetti Broccoli Fruit Cocktail String Cheese, Crackers, Water	27 Rice Krispies Cereal Beef Ravioli Green Beans Applesauce Oatmeal Cookies	28 String Cheese Turkey Hot Dog on a Bun Mashed Potatoes Mandarin Oranges Trail Mix	