



From the Director's Desk

January 2022- Happy New Year!

UP COMING JANUARY EVENTS

- 12: Lunch Bunch PreK
- 17: MLK day, school closed
- 17: CHIPOLTE FUNDRAISER 4:00-8:00 pm Whitehall
- 19: Lunch Bunch 4's
- 27: Pajama Day 3's and Pre-K
- 28: Pajama Day 4's

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER

Are you tired of cooking and cleaning after all of the holiday hustle and bustle? We have the answer: dinner at Chipotle! We are running a fundraiser on January 17 from 4:00-8:00 pm at the Chipotle in Whitehall. If must bring in more than \$150 in sales in order to qualify for the funds, so please share the information with family and friends. A flyer is attached to this email that you may share on your social media. You must bring a hard copy or a copy on your phone and present to the cashier BEFORE paying. If you would like to order ahead, use our unique code: **BGVTANK** when ordering.

WINTER FOOTWEAR

With winter weather here, it is time to review the school's policy on appropriate footwear. Because we run around on a daily basis, we do ask that you send your child in gym shoes every day. Boots (both rain and snow) make it hard for children to engage in gross motor activities safely, as well as sit comfortably on the rug. Since we will still be going outside to play, children may bring boots to change into before we head outside.

REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023

We will begin our registration for the next school year at a virtual kick-off Open House on February 8 at 6:30 pm. Current families receive a one-week head start on registration; forms will be emailed home the end of January. Keep in mind that we can only guarantee a return spot during that week before registration opens to the public.

COVID UPDATES

I feel enormously lucky that we made it until the week before Christmas before having our first class closure due to COVID. With Omicron circulating throughout Lehigh Valley, case numbers are on the rise, and we know many of our families have been, and will be, affected by the virus. The CDC continues to make changes to their recommended procedures, and we will be discussing any changes to our Health and Safety Plan at our school board meeting next week. As of now, the policy remains as follows:

1. If any student who is not **fully** vaccinated has been exposed to someone with a positive COVID test, that student must quarantine for two weeks from the date of the positive test.
2. If an additional family member tests positive during that two-week period, the clock resets.
3. If a student tests positive, alert the school, as we are required to complete contact tracing and alert other families of the exposure. (Within the confines of confidentiality and without identifying the student who tests positive.)
4. Students who test positive may return 10 days from the date of the test result. UNLESS they continue to have a fever or major symptoms. Some minor symptoms will continue on past 10 days and students may return with doctor permission.
5. Any student who is **fully** vaccinated, does not need to quarantine after a positive exposure, but must be able to wear a well-fitting mask throughout the day, including outdoors. That student should test on day 5 after the exposure.

PAJAMA DAY

At the end of January, we have our annual pajama days scheduled for all classes. Your child should wear his/her pajamas to school that day, and may bring a cozy blanket or stuffed friend for our activities. Please label any stuffy or blanket with your child's name so that it goes home with the correct student. We will not be going outside to play on that day.