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Director's Notes

Thank You For Helping Make Little Bytes and littleBits a Success

It was great to be able to socialize with families at the Little Bytes and littleBits, enjoy delicious food from Whole Foods, and watch the children share their technology talents.

This year's Board has worked to steadily increase BASCP's technology and storage issues. They have also invested much time creating a work environment which will encourage teachers to return year after year. We have many wonderful teachers and leaders working with your children each day.

I am extremely grateful to this year's Board of Directors as they helped guide me through another successful year.

The Board of Directors for 2016-2017 is as follows:

Caren Friedman, President
Sandra Kogan, Vice President
Andrew Welch, Treasurer
Lin Varnum, Secretary
Ariel Markelevich, Member at Large
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Amy Wu, Member at Large

Enrollment for 2016-2017

Applications will be sent out Friday morning, April 1, via email. If you do not receive one by 4pm please either send an email to ellenweiss@bascp.org or call 617-969-3130. Remember that BASCP accepts children on a first-come, first-served basis and all applications must be **mailed** to the BASCP Application address that is on the first page of the application packet. Thank you!

Application Raffle

It's worth the effort! If you fill out **EVERY** line on your application and we don't need to hunt you down for additional information or signatures, your name will be entered into a raffle to receive 1 month of free tuition for one child. There will be two winners for this raffle.

National After School Association Annual Conference

This year, the Board of Directors sent Will Chamberland, BASCP's Enrichment Coordinator, and me to the National After School Associations Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida. Our days were packed! The 3 major themes I took away were Quality Programming, the Need for Good Leadership, and the Importance of Professional Development. There was a lot for us to take away and think about. Whenever I attend conventions with people from around the world, I realize how fortunate we are at BASCP. Many after school programs in the country are funded by grants and focus solely on continuing the educational day. At BASCP we are able to do so much more than that!

K Extended Day

The K Extended Day team is hoping to take advantage of spring weather this April with a diverse range of health and fitness based activities. From pizza making to sponge races, from capture the flag to heart puppets, we will be moving our bodies and exploring the importance of exercise and nutrition! As always, please keep an eye on the weather forecast and send your kindergartener with plenty of layers (and a change of clothes). The fields and playground area tend to get quite muddy this time of year!

K-1 Stars

Active April is right around the corner and the K-1 Stars are warmed up and ready to go! The K-1 team is planning a diverse range of active programming to get all children moving this month! From Wiffle Ball with Brandon to Base/Kickball with Bryan, we will be playing a variety of structured games. Meanwhile, Tim's String Movement Drawing will incorporate art with exercise, and Fran's Active Charades and Simon Says will take two of our old favorite games and add a fitness twist! Check out Will's Enrichment newsletter to hear about our very special annual event, Jump Rope for Heart!

2-3 Comets

As the weather begins to warm up and Spring is about to fully blossom, we are taking advantage of the change in season and getting the children to be more active, indoors and out!

Colin will be running some sports activities which include basketball, soccer, and football! Robin will be doing some yoga/journaling, Go Noodle active games, and Badminton. Connor will be getting them active through Croquet, Kickball, and Nuke'em. Sasha will be doing some inventive active games such as Zombie Tag, Woods Map Making, and Wizard's Chess! Loring will be leading the team along with the Ozone for some Quidditch!

Be on the lookout for some fun and active Field Trips in April in our Red Binder!

4-5 Ozone

The Olympic Committee, composed of Sasha and several thoughtful students, is putting the finishing touches on the April Ozone Olympics. Our goal of the Olympics is for children to have healthy competition with teamwork, creativity, and enthusiasm. Also, it is not a coincidence that our Olympics will be the same month as Jump Rope for Heart. We are planning on several fun ways to get your children active. There will be a variety of capture the flag games (including "rugby style" without the tackling), soccer skills challenges, wiffle ball, nature scavenger hunts, ultimate Frisbee, the Masters Putting Challenge, and we're bringing back Quidditch with the Comets.

While our planning focus for April is being active, there will be plenty of arts and craft opportunities. For the last few months we've introduced a variety of skills, materials, and ideas. We will encourage children to continue with what we've introduced to see what they create.

April is sure to be a great month with Olympic fever, many Red Sox wins, and plenty of active fun and creativity.

