

## February Newsletter

**Upcoming Events & Important Dates:**  
**School closed Feb 13th and Feb 20th**  
**Sandy's Pizza Dine & Donate Feb 8th**  
**TLC Day March 4th**

Please Join us for take & bake pizza at Sandy's Pizza, on February 8th! Bring your flyer and proceeds from your order will go to Brush Creek. You can find extra flyers by the front door of school, please feel free to share with friends and family!

Mark your calendars for TLC Day March 4th, 8am-12pm! We need all hands on deck to help beautify our school, keep an eye out for more information to follow.

Tax season is upon us, our **Tax ID is: 94-2297008**. Parents, you can download your needed tax information directly from the Procure app! Head to, "transactions" followed by "tax statements."

Friendly reminder: **Tuition payments are due on the 10th of the month**, payments made after the 10th are subject to a late charge of \$20. If the invoice has not been paid by the 15th of the month, another \$15 late fee will be posted to your account. Please reach out to me if there are any questions.

We do not pass out Valentine cards or candy at school, thank you!

**Classroom notes:**

The month of January was busy, busy! It was wonderful seeing many of our families at the Special Person/Father Breakfast. We look forward to more community building events in the Spring, it is so nice to see children and parents alike making new friends! Pajama Day was a big hit, we even had special hot cocoa and toast for snack.

In the month of February teachers use the opportunity to build upon all of the heart and love symbols children see around Valentines day, and incorporate that into health and wellness curriculum! In the classroom we will be setting up our "Brush Creek Doctors Office" in the dramatic play area. This is a great way for children to process and recreate doctor visits through play. In addition, books and art activities will be themed with health and wellbeing. Are you a nurse, doctor or in the dental field? In years passed we have had special visitors come and share their occupation with us, it is great way to build on our curriculum. Lot's of fun will be had as usual here at school, we are so happy to be having more time outside with the weather changing for the better!

Lastly, one more friendly reminder to keep children home when sick. We realize how rough this flu season has been on everyone, if we all do our part hopefully we can keep sickness out of school!

**Board of Directors Notes:**

**New Program Director:** In case you missed it, please see the attached announcement sent by the Board on 1/23/23 regarding important leadership changes. After 45 wonderful years at Brush Creek Nursery School, Julie MacDonald has retired as Program Director. We thank Julie for her invaluable contributions to our school. At this time, we also welcome our new Program Director, Ally Madrid! After serving as Interim Program Director since October 2022, the Board is thrilled to welcome Ally as the full time Program Director.

**Parent Feedback Survey --** We want to hear from you! **A brief 5-10 minute survey will be sent Wednesday February 2nd.** Your feedback is appreciated and will support strategic planning efforts.

**Dine & Donate Event- Wednesday, February 8th at Sandy's Take & Bake Pizza.** Show our Dine & Donate flyer (printed or on your phone), and Brush Creek Nursery School will receive 30% of the proceeds. ***\*Ally attach flyer or include image in newsletter\****

**Save the Date! TLC Day is March 4th 8am-12pm.** Once per year, we ask parents to help with various projects in the classrooms and outdoor spaces to keep our school looking beautiful! Volunteer sign ups will be sent via ProCare soon, and will include a donation wish list for those who cannot attend but would like to contribute supplies.

**Please welcome Justin Hein to the Board of Directors!** Justin joined the BCNS Board of Directors in January 2023 and brings a wealth of expertise. Justin is an attorney with 10+ years of experience in employment, administrative/professional licensing, and general litigation law, and has served as legal counsel for several non-profit organizations. He lives in Rincon Valley, has two children in elementary school, and is a strong proponent of early education.

**New Staff Member:**

Please welcome Haley Finnerty to the Brush Creek community! Haley is a teacher's aide, floating between the 3's and 4's classroom. Haley has been caring for children as a nanny and in camps for several years. She is an undergraduate college student studying chemistry, child development and art. Haley is a Brush Creek Nursery School Alumni and we are so happy to have her here!