



# OUR HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER

Bemis Farms Preschool and Childcare

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## WELCOME TO BEMIS FARMS PRESCHOOL AND CHILD CARE

### DECEMBER EVENTS

Dec. 1: 1/2 day a.m. Saline  
Dec. 2: No School Saline  
Dec. 9: Staff Meeting

Dec. 7-11: Children visit Mr. Charles' Christmas  
**(Read More About This)**

Dec. 12: Parents Day Out  
**(Read More About This)**

Dec. 12-13: Mr. Charles' Family Open House: 6-9 pm  
**(Read More About This)**

Dec. 16: Children's Holiday Party  
**(Read More About This)**

Dec. 18: Staff Holiday Party  
**(Read More About This)**

Dec. 21: Celebration of Winter Begins

Dec. 21-24: No School Saline

Dec. 25: Christmas

**BEMIS FARMS WILL CLOSE DECEMBER 24 AT 1:00. WILL REOPEN JANUARY 4**

### NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

Dec. 4: Saline Moonlight Craft Show

Dec. 5: Holiday Parade  
**(Read More About This)**

Dec. 11-12: Varsity Blues Holiday Show  
**(Read More About This)**

### FAMILY EVENT

Be sure to mark your calendars for Dec. 12 and 13 from 6-9 p.m. as a special family event.

We are so fortunate to have Mr. Charles share his magical Christmas display with everyone in the community and with the children at Bemis Farms.

Mr. Charles and his wife, Pat live at 33 W. Bemis Road, just across the road and east of the rail road tracks of Bemis Farms.

Mr. Charles has been collecting his Christmas village display for several years and each year he adds some new surprises.

Mr. Charles is our custodian and Miss Pat works in the Baby Room.

The children will visit the displays the week of Dec. 7-11 with their individual groups.

### ACHATZ PIE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all the families who supported our fundraiser. We raised \$820.40 towards our storage facility

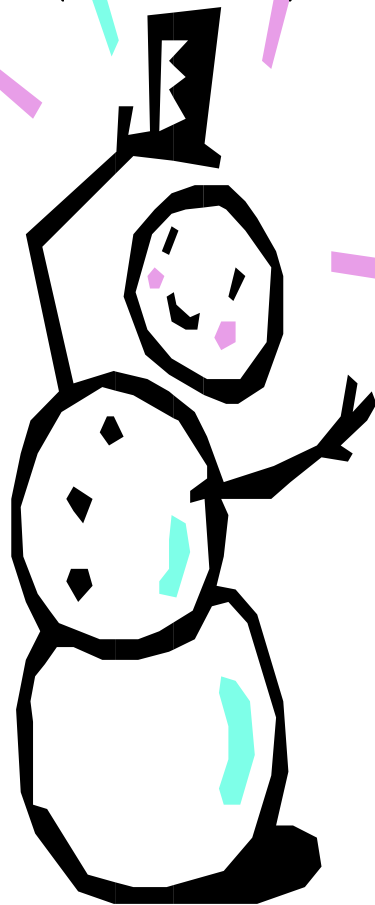
### Special points of interest:

- *UPCOMING EVENTS*
- *MR. CHARLES' CHRISTMAS*
- *STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY*
- *CHILDRENS' HOLIDAY PARTY*
- *STAFF HOLIDAY PARTY*
- *STAFF RECOGNITIONS*
- *SALINE HOLIDAY PARADE*
- *PARENTS DAY OUT*

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**PROUD RECIPIENT OF THE SALINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD 2007**



**WISHING TO ALL OF YOU A HOLIDAY THAT WILL REMAIN IN YOUR HEARTS FOREVER.**



## GROUP NEWS

### INFANT/TODDLER

Thank you to everyone who attended conferences in November. Welcome to Debra Norman who will be joining our staff in the I/T room.

WISH LIST: Holiday wrapping paper, bows, old boxes, used Christmas cards.

Please make sure your child has warm winter outerwear (including infants)



It's the most wonderful time of the year!

### BLUE GROUP

Our themes for the month of December will be:

1. Emotions
2. Families
3. Winter Animals
4. Christmas

WISH LIST: Tissues

### PURPLE GROUP

We will be celebrating the holiday with the following themes:

HANUKKAH: Dec. 10,11, 14-18

CHRISTMAS: Nov. 30-Dec.4, 21-23

KWANZAA: Dec.7-9

On December 10 we will be visiting Mr. Charles Christmas display

### GREEN GROUP

Our hat and mitten drive runs through Dec. 4.

December themes:

KWANZAA: Nov. 30-Dec. 4

HANUKKAH: Dec. 7-11

CHRISTMAS: Dec. 14-24

WISH LIST: Tissues, Black Sharpies, Chalk, Dry Erase Markers, Stickers, Glue Sticks, and red, green, white thin ribbon

### PRE-K

This month we will be exploring the holidays celebrated in December: Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Christmas. Tuesday, Dec. 8, we will be going to Mr. Charles' and Miss Pats' house to see the Christmas displays.

Wednesday, Dec. 23 we will be having a \$5.00 gift exchange/funday. Please note the sign-up sheet.

WISH LIST: wrapping paper, bows, dry erase markers, holiday stickers.

### K-WRAP

In the month of December we will be learning about the history and traditions of Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Christmas.



A special thanks to our staff and parents who help make this holiday a joyous occasion for all the children

### PARENTS DAY OUT

Treat yourself to a day to yourself. Parents can bring their children to Bemis Farms on Saturday, December 12 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

COST: \$5.00 per child, per hour

Children will provide their own lunches

Sign up today at the front desk.

# SO MANY EXCITING THINGS GOING ON IN DECEMBER!

## SALINE CHRISTMAS PARADE

Come cheer on our float as we parade down Michigan Avenue in Saline. As in the past, our float is student designed and constructed by the children and staff at Bemis Farms. We are proud to have won several awards in past for our participation. The parade is Saturday, Dec. 5, and starts at 5:30 p.m.

Come dressed warm and join us as we walk down Michigan Ave.

Volunteers are always welcome to help with the construction of the float.

## CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

The Children's Holiday Party will be on Dec. 16, 6-8 p.m. at Bemis Farms.

This traditional get-together brings our families together for an evening of fun, food and (of course) a visit from Santa.

This event will be a pot-luck style meal.

Check with your child's group for the recommended dish, however, feel free to bring your favorite.

## STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY

The staff at Bemis Farms are requesting that parents who are able make a gift donation to our Holiday Party. This may be a gift for the adult staff and/or a gift to your child's class (book, puzzle, etc.). Suggested gift ideas could be Gift certificates, debit cards or gas cards. These gifts are given out to the staff at our Holiday Party. Please turn in your donation by Dec. 11. Place your generous gift in the appropriate envelope at the front desk with your family's name. That way we can acknowledge the giver of the donation.

## STAFF RECOGNITIONS AND ANNIVERSARIES

We are so happy to introduce to you, Tabatha Bottorff. Most of us know her by her infectious laugh and happy disposition that radiates throughout the Center.

Tabatha has been employed by Bemis Farms for the past 3 years, where she has worked in all the groups at various times. Currently, she is a caregiver in the Infant/Toddler Room, where the parents love her.

Tabatha says she loves the Baby Room best of all because she feels she is caring and loving the children as if they were her own.



TABATHA BOTTORFF

Another December anniversary is Alicia Long. Alicia has been working at Bemis Farms for the past 5 years. (Alicia was not available for her picture).

Alicia also works in the Infant/Toddler Room in the afternoons, after she finishes her classes at E.M.U.

Alicia will tell you that she grew up at Bemis, starting several years ago as a child in our programs.

## “ON WITH THE SNOW”

Another fun family event coming up in December is the annual Varsity Blues Holiday Show production of “On with the Snow”.

This spectacular presentation will be held on Friday, Dec. 11 and Saturday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the saline Middle School Auditorium.

What a great way to spend a family evening!

This local show choir is made up of over 100 children in grades 1-12.

Tickets are \$8 and are available at Bemis Farms. You may pay by cash or by check made payable to Saline Varsity Blues.

(Look for our own Emma King in this special Holiday Production).



“ON WITH THE SNOW”

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## **AND THEN THERE'S MORE....**

### **BOOK OF THE MONTH**

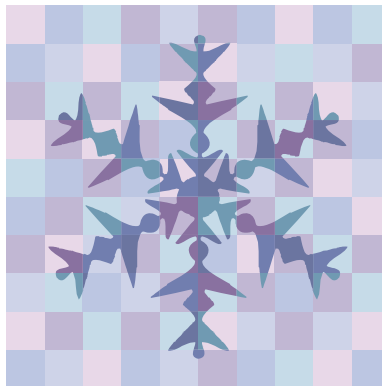
*WHEN WINTER COMES*

By-Nancy Van Laan

Illustrated by- Susan Gaber

What happens to fish, flowers, field mice and other things when ponds freeze and the air turns blustery?

Walk with a curious child and his parents as winters' first snow falls and find out.



### **B2 at Lincoln News**

December is a short month for the programs at the Lincoln Schools. We will close Monday, December 21st, and will reopen on Monday, January 4th. During this month we will discuss the different holidays around the world, as well as in our own area.

Welcome to Jevon Freeman and Kelsi King, who both recently started at our Redner extended care program.

# Bemis Farms Photo Gallery



**Green Groupers**  
Mackenzie and Peyton  
get silly while dancing  
to music.



**Nolan gives Ava**  
of the Blue  
Group a big  
hug!

**Jason, Iaasc, and  
Luke play with  
some play dough in  
the Pre-K.**



**The Purple Group**  
takes a break from  
playing to read  
some exciting  
stories!



**Elyana Remy of the  
Infant/Toddler room tries  
out the swing on a cold  
winter day.**



**Chloe, Anna, and  
Emelia of the Pre-K  
stand at the gate  
and watch the  
School-Agers play  
football.**



**The K-Wrap  
students make a  
leaf pile and of  
course... jump  
in it!**

**The K-Wrap  
room celebrates  
Halloween in the  
afternoon with  
crafts and treats!**



**Happy Holidays!**