



# ALL A-BUZZ AT B-E-E-MIS!

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### NOVEMBER EVENTS:

November 4: Parent Involvement Meeting; 5:30 p.m. (Read more about this)

November 9-12: Parent/Teacher Conferences (Read more about this)

Scholastic Book Fair

November 9: Order forms for Pie Fundraiser due

November 11: Staff Meeting; 6:30 p.m.

November 19: Thanksgiving Feast (Read more about this)

November 20: Achatz Pie Pick-up

November 26-27: Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

### DECEMBER EVENTS:

December 5: Saline Christmas Parade

December 9: Staff Meeting

December 16: Children's Holiday Party (Read about this in Dec. newsletter)

December 18: Staff Holiday Party

December 24: Center closed at 1p.m.

December 25-January 3: Center closed

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## NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

November 7: Saline Fiddlers Hometown Concert  
7p.m. at Saline Middle School

December 4: Moonlight Craft Show at Saline Middle School

December 5: Saline Holiday Parade  
Theme this year is "The Spirit of Christmas Future"

December 11, 12: Saline Varsity Blues presents "On With the Snow"  
at Saline Middle School. Tickets \$8.00 available at the front desk.

December 12: Treasure Trail to Santa at Busch's; 10a.m.-1:30p.m.

December 12: "Home for the Holidays" Home tours; 1-4p.m. at Saline Historical District

December 12-13: Christmas on the Rentschler Farm  
Saturday 12-5 and Sunday 1-4



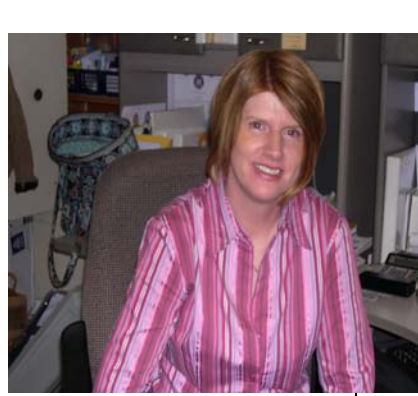
# Staff Anniversaries and Recognitions

## STAFF ANNIVERSARIES:

Tiana Freeman: 2 years  
Tammie King: 12 years  
Lindsay Szakaly: 2 years

## NEW STAFF:

Andrea Heilman (Green Group)  
Jevon Freeman (Redner B2)  
Sara Girbach



Tammie King

Everyone knows Tammie by her ready smile, cheerfulness and her willingness to listen and help.

Tammie started her career at Bemis Farms shortly after Hannah was born 12 years ago. She worked in the infant room and in so many other aspects of the organization.

With her skilled perception for detail, Tammie took over the job as Business Manager, handling a multitude of many aspects of the business. Tammie volunteers in many community organizations and is the President of the E.C.D.A.

## MORE ABOUT PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Nov. 5 ; 5:30 p.m.

Dinner and Childcare provided.

All interested parents are invited to this meeting for parental input and discussions.



## MORE ABOUT

### PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES:

November 9-12

Sign-up sheets in each classroom

This is a great time to meet one-on-one with your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress and assessments.

### Scholastic Book Fair

November 9-12

Get a start on Holiday shopping with a huge selection of Scholastic books. Bemis Farms will receive free books based on the number of books sold.

## MORE ABOUT

### THANKSGIVING FEAST

November 19

Donation: \$2.00 (suggested)

Due to the many child allergies, Bemis Farms will provide all the food for lunch and each class will be served at their regular time.

### Saline Holiday Parade

Saturday, Dec. 9

"The Spirit of Christmas Future"  
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to build the float. Check out the list of items needed and dates we will be working on the float at front desk

## LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT B2

### LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED PROGRAMS:

Nov. 19-20: Lincoln Schools Closed (child care provided by Bemis 2 staff)

Nov. 25: 1/2 day for Lincoln Schools (child care provided by B2 staff)

Nov. 26,27: All schools closed for Holiday observation

Welcome to Jevon Freeman as he joins the after school staff at Redner.

# A LITTLE OF THIS AND A LITTLE OF THAT

## ACHATZ HANDMADE PIE COMPANY FUNDRAISER

Achatz pies have been featured on Food Network, the Rachel Ray Show, Good Morning America and have won numerous national awards. This is our current fundraiser to help raise funds for the construction of a new storage building. Order forms are due no later than Nov. 9, 2009 with one check made payable to Bemis Farms. Delivery of items will be on Friday, Nov. 20, with pick-up scheduled from 2:00 to 6:00. We will be unable to store any orders left after 6:00 p.m. due to limited freezer space. If you are able to volunteer on Friday, Nov. 20 at 11:30, please let us know.

## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

WE ALL LOVE BIRTHDAYS! But due to the many children who have food allergies, we are asking that families no longer bring in food to celebrate this special occasion. We would suggest instead some of the following alternatives:

1. Ask the teacher about a special/acceptable toy from home that the child can share with the class.
2. Bring a book to share or donate to the class in honor of the child's birthday.
3. If you want to bring in a snack, we would suggest fruit snacks or popsicles.

## BIRTHDAYS ARE SPECIAL AT BEMIS FARMS:

- 1..Teachers will help celebrate birthdays by providing a sticker that says:  
"It's My Birthday!"
2. Each child will have a birthday crown to wear.
3. When making center choices, the birthday child will be the first to make a choice and will be the line leader for other activities.

## SALINE VARSITY BLUES

Saline Varsity Blues will be performing their annual Holiday Show, "On With The Snow", on Friday, Dec. 11 and Saturday, Dec. 12 at 7:30p.m. at the Saline Middle School auditorium. This is a local show choir 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 with a check made payable to Saline Varsity Blues. What a great way to spend a family evening that may inspire your little one to sing and dance too! (Look for our own Emma King in this special production!)

## GROUP NEWS

### Infant/Toddler

Good-bye to Virginia as she leaves us for the winter months.

Welcome to Rexford Wickman, our newest baby.

Please refer to the Parent Handbook on our policy for illnesses. In order to maintain a healthy environment, sick children need to stay home.

### Blue Group

We will be focusing on the following themes for November:

Nov. 2-6: Feelings

Nov. 9-13: Shapes

Nov. 16-20: Thanksgiving

November 23-27: Feathers and Birds

**(Our babies are growing up!)**

### Purple Group

We have 2 new friends: Pallavi and Claire. We are excited to have them join our fun!

We are looking for MYSTERY READERS. This special guest would bring a book to read to the class.

Please speak to Miss Amy to schedule a time.

A special thank-you to the many garden businesses and volunteers who made our perennial garden possible. It will be beautiful next spring!

### Green Group: Ages 3-4

We are having a Hat/Mitten Drive kick-off Nov. 1-Dec.4.

Our themes for November:

Nov 2-6: Leaves

Nov. 9-13: Fall Animals

Nov. 16-25: Thanksgiving

Nov. 30-Dec.4: Kwanza

### K-Wrap

In the month of November we will be learning about Bats, our 5 senses, and Thanksgiving. We will also be working on the formation of the letters P,B,R, N.

Special birthday wishes to Alyssa, Jacob and Avery.

(See School-Age News for in-school field trip on Nov. 30.)

### School-Age

1/2 day Nov. 30: A.M. school only  
The school-age groups will combine for an in-school field trip at 2 p.m. Cranbrook Institute will present The Insect Predators Program. Cost is \$5.00. Children will be entertained with Insect eating bats, a screech owl, a flying squirrel, a frog and a sugar glider, to name a few of the visitors.

## PRE-K NEWS, DATES AND REMINDERS

### November Themes:

Nov. 2-6: Native Americans

Nov. 9-13: Pilgrims & Being Thankful

Nov. 16-20: Turkeys

Nov. 23-27: Bats

Nov. 30-4th: Woodland Animals

-Parent/Teacher conferences  
Nov. 9

-Please assure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing (hats, coats, mittens, boots)

-Check out the paper turkey feather in your mailbox.

Decorate and return by  
Nov.11 for the bulletin board.

### CLASS FUNDRAISER

Self-Portrait t-shirts by *Santa Claus Publishing*. Please see the classroom news for T-Shirt example and order form.

# Bemis Farms Photo

The Purple Group takes a break after trunk-or-treating at Bemis Farms!



Sean Spooner explores the inside of a pumpkin in the Infant/Toddler Room.



Maddix McMullin picked out his perfect pumpkin on the Pre-K field trip!



Joeldyn and his mom before trunk-or-treating in the Green Group!



McKenna stands and waits to trunk-or-treat with the rest of the Blue Group!



Chloe and Abigail get some treats as they walk through the Blue Group for trunk-or-treating!

The School-Age children play some board games to pass the time.



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



Happy Fall To Everyone At Bemis!