

Early Education - May 2025 Newsletter

Featured staff of the month



Our featured staff of the month of May is Miss Kim. Kim has been working with BCLC for 17 years now. She works with both our Out-of-School-Time program and our Early Education program. Kim has been an integral part of our team for all the years she has devoted to us. She is very creative and always brings new expressive art mediums to the classrooms. She has built wonderful relationships with all the families she has encountered over her 17 years of work with BCLC. We appreciate all the hard work and dedication Kim has given to us and couldn't be happier to still have her to be a part of our team! Thank you, Kim!

May Birthdays

Ava 5/6  
Kwincy 5/9  
Charlie 5/16  
Mirai 5/16



School Announcements

- We are a nature-based learning center and will utilize our natural playground each day in all types of weather. As the weather gets warmer, it is time to switch our snow gear for summer supplies! Please make sure your kids have at least 2 changes of weather appropriate clothes (please label) and have the following items to keep at school for the summer: bathing suit, towel, and water shoes.
- Check your child's cubby weekly for artwork, notices, and dirty clothes!
- Please call the front desk (978) 927-1269 prior to 9am (Early Education) and 10am (School Age) if your child will not be attending BCLC. This avoids confusion at pickup and gives us an accurate number of children for mealtimes.

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## Important Dates

- ⇒ May 10, 2025 - Green Team Cleanup Day 9am-12pm @ BCLC
- ⇒ May 12, 2025 - Professional development day for our staff - CLOSED
- ⇒ May 19, 2025 - Community Family Adult Closet 7am-9am in the BCLC Gym
- ⇒ May 26, 2025 - Memorial Day - CLOSED

## BCLC's Green Team Cleanup Day

Join us on May 10, 2025 from 9am-12pm for a BCLC cleanup day. Our BCLC staff and families will be volunteering to tidy up and refresh the outdoor play space and are looking for help any way possible. We will be joined by The Kiwanis Club but are always looking for more volunteers.



## BCLC's 1st Community Family Adult Closet

We will have our 1st free community adult closet on May 19, 2025 from 7am - 9am in the gym. Come take a look at what we have to offer and take what you would like. Please bring your own bags!



## BCLC's Annual Art Show

Our annual Art Show will be on Thursday, May 29th from 6pm-7:30pm at BCLC. Families are invited to view all the artwork and projects the children have been creating throughout the year. The exhibits will be displayed in each of the classrooms throughout the building, ranging from infant through school age. Dinner will be provided for all who attend. Watch for an invitation to RSVP in the upcoming weeks.



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**Moved or changed  
phone numbers?  
Please be sure to let  
us know.**

### BCLC Management Team

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| Judy Cody        | Executive Director X203                            |
| Lisa Deschenes   | Director, Education & Children's Services X202     |
| Cynthia Grinnell | Director, Early Education Programs X225            |
| Pam Caldwell     | Director, Family Child Care & Transportation, X206 |
| Aimee Provencher | Director, School Age Child Care Program X207       |
| Kyle Silva       | ASOST Site Coordinator X219                        |
| Alexandria Dunn  | Early Education Site Coordinator X218              |
| LyCha Miville    | School Social Worker X204                          |

The BCLC Educators and Staff are dedicated to the safety and wellbeing of all the children in our program. Please take a moment to get to know who we are and what we do here at BCLC. We would be happy to meet with you at any time.

Please take a minute to review your children's information in Brightwheel. Phone numbers, addresses, and pick-up authorizations should be current.

### A message from Lisa, Director of Education & Children's Services

Dear Families,  
Spring is finally here, and the rain is showering in the many beautiful blooms! We are hoping by mid-to-late May that Zones A and B of the playscape will be re-opened, while work begins in Zone C. This will be just in time for us to open the renovated splash pads for the summer!

On Monday, May 5, we will be welcoming Cythia Grinnell, our new Early Education Program Director. Please be sure to say hello when you see her. She will be learning lots of names as she gets to meet each of you in the upcoming weeks. I hope to see all of you at our annual art show later this month. Be sure to watch for the invite so that you can reserve your spot! Thank you, Lisa



**Pre1** – This month’s curriculum is all about spring! Our class will focus on plants growing, birds we see, changes in the weather, and what kind of bugs we can find. For music and movement, we will use calm yoga & meditation and focus on being peaceful while listening to the world around us. We will read *We Are Growing* by Laurie Keller, *And Then It’s Spring* by Julie Fogliano, and *Planting A Rainbow* by Lois Ehlert. For expressive art, we will be using materials found outside to explore different textures and patterns. For sensory we will use shredded paper, feathers, cotton balls, and sticks to experience our own birds’ nests. Thank you, Miss Bella & Miss Willy

**Pre2** – This month’s curriculum will include gardening, nature walks, and bug finding. Our class will focus on spring cleaning. For music and movement, we will puddle jump, sing “Itsy Bitsy Spider”, “Rain, Rain, Go Away” and use movement tiles. We will read *Some Bugs* by Angela Diterlizzi and other books on animals and bugs. For expressive art we will finger paint and make paper mâché and we will walk in the woods for our outdoor experiences. Special request: We are limiting items from home to transitional rest-time objects, such as a small stuffed animal, in the classroom. There are plenty of toys and materials to engage the children in our classroom each day. Thank you, Mr. Josh & Miss Yani



**PreK** - This month Pre/K children will be learning about gardening and plants! We will spend time in our garden weeding and planting seeds for new plants to sprout. We will also learn all about caring for and tending to our garden and all about what our plants need. We are going to be using eggshells, pots, and jars to begin growing our seedlings. We are going to be growing lettuce, beans, and vegetables! We will also be introducing bins filled with beans, lentils, and or seeds as a fun sensory exploration activity. Some of the books we will be reading are *In my Garden* by National Geographic Kids and *Planting a Rainbow* by Lois Ehleret. Any donations of seeds will be appreciated! We are pulling back nap time and will soon be asking that you collect your child’s blanket and other nap-time items. Thank you, Miss Irena and Miss Michelle

**Infant** – This month’s curriculum will include Memorial Day, Mother’s Day, Cinco de Mayo, and May the Fourth be With You. Our class will focus on the life cycles of flowers & butterflies, social-emotional learning for mental health awareness month, and colors & rainbows. For music and movement, we will listen to music from *Star Wars* and Mexican music! We will read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. For expressive art, we will explore the colors of the rainbow with paint in Ziploc baggies. We will build a sensory bin and fill it with objects that represent the colors of the rainbow. Our outdoor experiences will take us on walks and will see the colors day by day of life. Thank you for all your support. Isa and Miss Hilary

**Infant/Toddler** – This month, with spring upon us we will be celebrating the longer hours of daylight as the earth tilts closer to the sun. We will sing and dance to “Mr. Golden Sun”. For expressive arts, we will have lots of sun and flower-colored materials for the children to explore their individual creativity. We will dig outdoors in the dirt, discovering worms and other insects, as we plant our flowers, fruits, and flowers. Miss Shauna & Miss Naya



**Toddler** - This month the toddler classroom will be doing many of our activities outdoors! We are going to be learning all about how to grow a garden. We will be digging in dirt, pulling up old weeds, and planting new seeds as well. We will also be learning how to take care of our new garden and will learn all about watering the plants. We will be listening to some spring tunes, including “One Seed” and “Umbrella” by Laurie Berkner. We will be gathering many natural materials from outside our classroom such as flowers and leaves and incorporating them into our art. We will be using natural materials to paint with and see how else we can use them in our art activities. We are going to be creating a mud kitchen out in our outdoor area for the kids to play in and have a fun sensory experience. We plan on spending as much time as possible outside so please make sure you pack appropriate clothing. Happy spring, Miss Mariah & Miss Mae

**Toddler/Pre** - This month’s curriculum is “Up in the Sky- Birds, Planes, & Surrounding Habitats!” Now that we’ve gotten more comfortable with incorporating nature into our daily routines, we will be learning about the many kinds of birds and habitats that we see around our school. For sensory, toddler/preschool will be utilizing our sensory trays and tables for some fun activities utilizing bird seed, dirt, and more. Our books this month will include *Counting is for the Birds* by Frank Mazzola Jr, *Five Little Ducks* by Pamela Paparone, and *Miss Twigly’s Tree* by Dorothea Warren Fox. We’ll be using bird puzzles, shape sorting games, and some exciting nature-based expressive art to work on our fine motor skills. The “Rockin’ Robin” song, Crawl like a Caterpillar dance, some nature inspired yoga, and our daily woods walks will help us work on our gross motor skills. Our woods walks will include collecting materials for our activities, exploring our trails, learning bird calls, and more! During circle time we’ll be working on name and color recognition, with some fun games and developing our social-emotion skills by working on sharing and understanding our friends’ feelings. Miss Gia & Miss Jael