November 2026

Sandbox News



Building Blocks Learning Academy's Newsletter

November is

Child Safety and Protection Month

November is a reminder to keep our children safe at home, at school, and in the community. Take time to check home safety measures, review online boundaries, and talk with your child about personal safety.

This month highlights various safety measures, including home safety (like securing chemicals and hot water), vehicle safety (proper car seat use), and preventing accidents in areas like water, fire, and the street.



AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

A time to recognize and celebrate the dedication of our educators, staff, and families who play an important role in supporting our children's growth and development.

In honor of this special week, we will also be hosting a **Spirit Week** with themed dress-up days to encourage school pride, participation, and community. Please look at the school calendar for details.

We look forward to celebrating this week with our students and families!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

will take place during the first week of November (Nov. 2-6). This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate achievements, and work together to support their continued growth and development.

Please connect with your child's teacher to discuss their progress and schedule your conference.



~Gathering Gratitude: November News & Updates~

ANNUAL FAMILY THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

Thanksgiving began as a harvest celebration in 1621, when the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag people came together to share a meal of gratitude for the season's bounty. Over time, this tradition grew into a national holiday that honors thankfulness, community, and togetherness. Today, families across the country gather each November to share food, reflect on their blessings, and celebrate the spirit of gratitude that started centuries ago.

Building Blocks is excited to invite your family to join us for our Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. This special tradition brings our school community together to share a delicious meal, celebrate gratitude, and enjoy time with one another. We look forward to celebrating together and making new memories around the table!

Date: Tuesday Nov. 24th

Time: 12:30 PM



Your Vote, Your Voice, Your Future!

Remember to head to the polls on Election Day, **Tuesday, November 3, 2026**. Check your voter registration, confirm your polling location, and make a plan to vote. Every voice matters!

Voting allows you to have a voice in decisions that affect our communities. Families can check their voter registration status or register to vote online at Vote.gov. Take a few minutes to get registered and make your voice heard!



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Family Involvement Matters!

We encourage all families to get involved by volunteering, participating in school activities, or even participating for story time. Interested in volunteering or reading a story to our students? Please speak with your child's teacher or contact the office to learn about upcoming opportunities. Your time and involvement make a difference, and we would love to have you be part of our school community!



SCHOOLHOUSE REMINDERS

- The chilly weather is upon us! Please bring a sweater or jacket for your child/ren to use on the playground.
- All students MUST be dropped off by **9AM** and **MUST** be picked up by no later than **6PM**. Staying on schedule helps our teachers keep their students on track with their day for maximum productivity.
- If you are running late for drop off (**anytime after 9AM**), please call the school to let us know your ETA—we want to ensure every child is receiving breakfast.
- Please ensure that your child/ren have at least two pairs of clothing for accidents, diapers, wipes and formula (if it applies).
- Please ensure that all phone numbers and addresses are current so families may be contacted in the case of an emergency.
- If your child is sick, you will have to provide a doctor's note specifying when they can return to school.

Little Voices Matters

Little Voices is a program we provide that helps children understand and manage their emotions, build healthy coping skills, and navigate challenging experiences in a safe and supportive environment. We warmly encourage all families to participate in this meaningful program. Together, we can help every child feel heard, valued, and supported!

This month, we have Parent Workshops led by Ms. Lakeshia (LSW). We encourage everyone to participate in our free sessions.

When: Nov. 18: Communication & Conflict—Parents vs. Children

Nov. 30: Empathy

Time: All sessions will be held from 5-6 PM

Location: Building Blocks Learning Academy (check in to see how you may join virtually)

PICTURE DAY

NOVEMBER 19: INFANTS/ TODDLERS/ 2A/ 3A

NOVEMBER 20: 3B/ 4A/ 4B/ KG



Kindergarten Korner

SAVE THE DATE!!! November 12, 2026 5-6 PM

As we approach graduation, students have begun practicing songs, routines, and activities for their special day. We want to prepare families for their child's next big milestone. **This meeting is mandatory for all Kindergarten parents**, as we will be discussing their progress and their future.

We encourage everyone to maintain regular attendance so students can participate in all preparations. We look forward to celebrating this important milestone with our families!

All Kindergarteners are still expected to arrive in uniform every day. Our uniform consists of a **Canary yellow polo and navy blue bottoms**.



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Important Dates

November 1st: Tuition is Due

November 6th: Tuition is Late

November 2-6th: Parent Teacher Conference

November 11: Dental Van Visit

November 19-20th: Picture Day!

November 16-20th: National American Education Week

November 24th: Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon

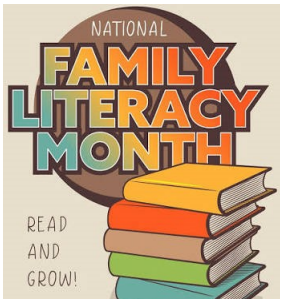
November 25th: Half Day **(Closed at 1:00 PM)**

November 26th: Happy Thanksgiving! **School is Closed**

November 27th: **School is Closed**

National Family Literacy Month

is celebrated in November and highlights the importance of reading and learning together as a family. We encourage families to make time for reading at home to help build language skills, strengthen family bonds, and foster a lifelong love of learning.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

We are excited to introduce **Ms. Zakiya Russell** to our school community!

Ms. Russell is a qualified early childhood educator who holds a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential in Infant and Toddler Care. She has been working with young children since 2022 and brings a genuine passion for teaching and nurturing young minds.

Please join us in giving **Ms. Russell** a warm welcome to our school family!



School Matters!

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

We want to remind you how important your role is in helping our future leaders succeed. Regular school attendance is one of the most critical factors in a student's academic success and overall development.

When students attend school consistently, they build strong routines, stay engaged with their learning, and form valuable relationships with their peers and teachers. Every day in the classroom is a step toward a brighter future.

Let's work together to make sure our children are present, prepared, and ready to grow.

Your support makes all the difference!

Thank you for being a vital part of our school community.



Congratulations to our Contest Winners! Thank you to all of our families who participated and helped make our contest a success. We appreciate your creativity, enthusiasm, and support!

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Pumpkin Contest

3. Chanel Store
2. Beetlejuice
1. Under the Sea



Costume Contest

3. Ms. Kina
2. Ms. Nia
1. Ms. Dalia

KG Costume Contest Winner

Mason K.



KG Pumpkin Contest Winner

Mariah S.