

The Barclay Early Childhood Center

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Karen Rockhill, Principal

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Dear Families:

Happy New Year to all! We look forward to seeing the students back at school on Wednesday, January 2, 2019!

Just a reminder that Cherry Hill Schools are closed on Monday, January 21st. Barclay Early Childhood Center will participate in the Dr. Martin Luther King Day of Service on Thursday, January 17th. Students will engage in a Service Learning Project. Parents are welcome to help out in the classroom. Please see your child's teacher for details.

Barclay is pleased to welcome guest readers from the JCC's Raab/Goodwin Guest Reader Program. Volunteer Guest Readers will read books on themes of kindness, acceptance, tolerance and respect. We are thrilled that we have been selected for this program and feel that it is a great way to celebrate the message of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Readers will be here on January 9 and January 15. Teachers will inform you of their designated date.

Barclay is proud to host a second Parent Power Workshop for this year. Parents are invited to learn about the PECS program that is used for many of our students. PECS stands for Picture Exchange Communication System and is a research-based method for students with verbal communication issues to be able to communicate to others. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, January 8th from 1:30 – 2:30 and will be presented by our friends at Interactive Kids. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. 429-7283 ext. 4010.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE - PLEASE READ:

The January PTA meeting (1/10 at 7:00 PM) will have a guest speaker from the CAP Program, which will be offered to every student at Barclay. CAP stands for Child Assault Prevention. Parents are encouraged to come out to hear about what will be presented to your child during this program. CAP is a project of the New Jersey Department of Children and Families and is a comprehensive primary prevention program which includes strategies on self-assertion, peer support, effective communication and reporting skills. CAP programs are presented with a view of assault as a violation of basic human right. Their motto is all children deserve to be Safe, Strong and Free. Please note: there is an "opt-out" for this program.

See you in 2019!

Sincerely,

**Karen Rockhill
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