

# BEACH BABIES TOWNSEND

## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



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### February

Even though it is the middle of a VERY cold winter, we have sweet sunshine on our minds! We are putting the finishing touches on our summer camp planning! We are looking forward to opening registration in March. Registration will first be open to our currently enrolled School Age students and our Pre-K graduates. The next phase of registration will be open to siblings of our currently enrolled students. Lastly, we will open registration to the public. Stay tuned for the registration dates so you don't miss out on a fun-filled summer with us! This month we will be hosting a Love Pop Sale during Valentine's Week. All proceeds will go directly to our Summer Camp!



### Valentine's Day Parties

Class Valentine's Day Parties are on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. We will be using sign-up sheets outside of the classrooms for parents to sign-up for party items. Children may bring Valentine's cards or treats to hand out to their classmates. Class lists will be provided!

### Dental Health Month

We are looking forward to not one but two dental visits this month! Pediatric Dentistry of Middletown will be visiting our Infants- Pre-K children on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>! Westown Dental will be visiting our School Ageds on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>!



Your little ones will learn how to keep a healthy smile!



## February Events

- 3<sup>rd</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> Guess How Many Candy Hearts
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>: Love Pop Sale
- 4<sup>th</sup>- Mardi Gras (Wear purple, green, gold)
- 7<sup>th</sup>: Sports Jersey Day for Super Bowl Weekend!
- 11<sup>th</sup>: Black History Month: Celebrate Famous Inventors
- 13<sup>th</sup>: National Galentine's Day (Wear something fancy)
- 14<sup>th</sup>: Valentine's Parties
- 14<sup>th</sup>: Colors of Love Day (Wear red, purple, and pink)
- 17<sup>th</sup>: Appoquinimink In-Service Day, President's Day
- 21<sup>st</sup>: Dental Visit (Infant- Pre-K)
- 27<sup>th</sup>: Appoquinimink In-Service Day
- 27<sup>th</sup>: National Retro Day (Wear clothes from another decade)
- 28<sup>th</sup>: Dental Visit (School Age)
- 28<sup>th</sup>: Appoquinimink In-Service Day

## Love Pops!

Send lots of love with a lollipop and a note to your child, your child's peers or teachers! Love Pops are fifty cents each and will be on sale **February 3<sup>rd</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup>**. They will be delivered on the 14<sup>th</sup> during the Valentine's Day parties.  
(CASH ONLY)



## Black History Month Activity Ideas

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Talk about what you know about Black History Month and famous African Americans from history to the present day.
- Chat with friends about similarities and differences, diversity and inclusion. Explore with mirrors. Look closely at yourself and describe your features. What makes you unique?
- Martin Luther King had a dream...what is yours? Share or draw your hopes, dreams and ambitions for the world.
- Watch some Black History video clips and animations.



### Communication and Language

- Create a Black History Month display. Include drawings or photographs of influential figures, items to celebrate cultural diversity and annotate with inspirational quotes.
- Play Black History Guess Who - Make 2 sets of playing cards with photos of famous African Americans. With a friend, choose a card each then take turns to ask questions and try to guess each other's character.
- Lewis Latimer contributed to the invention of the telephone. Play games with toy phones or explore other ways to communicate messages.



### Expressive Arts and Design

- Cut up some coloured paper pieces to make colourful mosaics inspired by African art.
- Make a traffic light snack. What foods can you think of to represent all the colours?
- Dress up with some African style clothes or make a traditional headband.
- Listen and dance to different styles of Black and African American music.

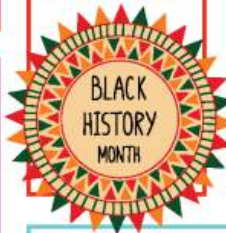


### Physical Development

- Black History's famous inventor Garrett Morgan invented the traffic lights. Play a game of Red Light, Yellow Light, Green Light. How quickly can you run on green, walk on yellow or stop on red?
- Learn about Black History sports heroes and famous athletes then practice your own athletic moves!
- Thread some beads or coloured pasta to make a Kwanzaa necklace.



### THEME / TOPIC



### Literacy

- Go to the library to read some Black History Stories or watch some Read Alouds.
  - Read or listen to some Black History poems
  - Look at books and read stories about cultural diversity
  - Write a list of inclusive vocabulary words
  - Find some black history quotes. Make a quote of the day board to inspire everyone
- Try writing your own inspirational phrase.



### Mathematics

- Alfred Cralle invented the ice-cream scoop. Using different colours and sizes of pom poms, explore scooping, emptying and filling containers. Sort into ice cream flavours - how many scoops of each flavour do you have?
- Follow an African recipe. Count or measure ingredients, check cooking times.
- Make a Black History timeline. Put in order important events and figures in Black history.

