



NEWSLETTER

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DECEMBER



December Delights at A House on Beekman!

Get ready for a month filled with festive cheer and heartwarming activities at A House on Beekman. As we embrace the holiday spirit, we have an exciting lineup of events and experiences for you and your family. From holiday craft workshops and cookie decorating sessions to cozy storytime gatherings and joyful sing-alongs, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Join us in creating lasting memories and spreading joy this December. Stay tuned for more details and get ready to celebrate the season together!

Fact of The Day



Fact of the Day: In many cultures around the world, the winter solstice, which typically occurs around December 21st, is celebrated as a time of renewal and light. It marks the shortest day and longest night of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. Festivals and traditions, such as Yule, Dongzhi, and Inti Raymi, embrace the solstice as a turning point, symbolizing the return of light and the promise of longer, brighter days ahead. As we embrace the winter season, let's find joy in the symbolism of the solstice and the anticipation of the sun's gradual return.

DECEMBER HEALTH TIP:

PRIORITIZE SELF-CARE AMIDST THE HOLIDAY RUSH. TAKE TIME FOR RELAXATION, EXERCISE, AND REST. NURTURE YOUR WELL-BEING TO ENJOY A HEALTHY AND JOYFUL SEASON.

"The Joy of brightening other lives, bearing each others' burdens, easing each other's loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of the holidays." -W. C. Jones

Meet The Team...

FAVORITE MOVIE: FAST AND FURIOUS - FUELED BY A LOVE FOR ACTION AND CARS. *Lesly Castillo*

PREFERRED TRAVEL DESTINATION: THE ENCHANTING LANDSCAPES OF MEXICO HOLD A SPECIAL PLACE IN LESLY'S HEART.

MUSIC OF CHOICE: INDIE-FOLK TUNES THAT COMPLEMENT HER UNIQUE STYLE.

FAVORITE COLOR: RED - A VIBRANT HUE THAT MIRRORS HER ENERGY.

GO-TO FOOD: DUNKIN DONUTS, BECAUSE WHO CAN RESIST THOSE DELICIOUS TREATS?

BOOKWORM ALERT: LESLY IS A CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT WITH A HUNGER FOR KNOWLEDGE.

DREAM SUPERPOWER: TIME CONTROL - A DESIRE TO SHAPE MOMENTS AT WILL.

FAVORITE QUOTE: "THIS TOO SHALL PASS" - A MANTRA OF RESILIENCE.

FUTURE ASPIRATIONS: LEARNING A NEW LANGUAGE, WITH PORTUGUESE AS A POTENTIAL CONQUEST.

LESLY'S POSITIVITY AND COMMITMENT MAKE HER AN INVALUABLE ASSET TO OUR TEAM. LET'S CELEBRATE HER JOURNEY AND THE VIBRANT SPIRIT SHE BRINGS TO AHOB!



Join us in shining a light on Lesly Castillo, a dedicated member of our AHOB family for the past two years! Lesly's journey began in August 2021, and her passion for our little ones has made her an invaluable part of our team.





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Program Highlights



The Babies - 2 Program This month we are blessed to say that in November our Babies-2 families had the joy to come together and enjoy a potluck, where they interacted, played games, ate delicious food that each of them made to share with one another and most importantly they shared why they were thankful for. For December we are looking forward to a blessed and joyful holiday season for each of our families!. **Paola Matutue Program Coordinator**

The Preschool Program As we are approaching the holiday season, we are proud to say that in November we had our Thanksgiving breakfast and our CPR course. Families enjoyed going inside of the classrooms, having breakfast with their child and writing a letter to Santa. Many parents were happy not only having breakfast with their children but also mingling with other parents. The CPR Course was also amazing as many parents never done or seen a CPR training. **Frances Nieves Program Director**

The Primary Program November was such a HUGE success and we had such a great turn out for our Thanksgiving Dinner! The room was filled with lots of good food, smiles and laughter. We are looking for all that December has in store -- especially celebrating Christmas all around the world. The students will spend time learning the true meaning of Christmas, as well as how other cultures celebrate Christmas. This year over winter break we will have a special two-day winter camp with our friends from Earle Street Baptist Church in South Carolina. **Amber Howell-Program Director**

The Community Engagement Program In November, our Saturday Creative Arts Program blossomed with creativity as we crafted stunning art from natural materials like leaves, transforming them into vibrant expressions of the season. The month brought not only artistic exploration but also the joy of new connections, with a steady flow of enthusiastic volunteers joining our community. A heartwarming family potluck marked the culmination of November, where we shared delicious meals and gratitude, reinforcing the sense of togetherness that makes our Saturdays truly special. **Stephany Polanco-Community Engagement Coordinator**

Message From our Executive Director..

I wanted to take this time to wish all of you a very joyful holiday season. I'm so thankful for our incredible community at Beekman and especially to those of you who entrust your children to us on a daily basis. As we look toward Christmas, one of the greatest gifts I know we have is our extended Beekman family. Thank you for being a part and I pray all of you have a blessed season of joy, rest, and hope!

Tracy Thornton - Tracy@AHouseonBeekman.org

Upcoming Events

- December 14th 2023 AHOB Fundariser
- December 15th, 2023 Half Day for 3K/Pre-K
- December 16th, 2023 AHOB x HFNY His Toy Store Event
- December 23rd, 2023 No Saturday Programming
- December 25th, 2023 - January 1st 2023 - Winter Break!

January 2nd, 2023 Programming Resumes, Welcome Back!

