

Spring Garden Buzz

May 2026

Five weeks of school left!



Your children are this close to summer and their next grade level! We are going to make every day count as they continue to learn and have fun.

Here's what you need to know this month:

- **This week, we honor our phenomenal Spring Garden teachers and nurses** during Teacher Appreciation Week. We've collaborated with our PTO to set up some special fun and treats for our talented faculty this week. Thank you, SG teachers, and thank you to our PTO for honoring them!
- **We can't wait to see you at our carnival on Friday, May 8, 4:30-8 pm.** This truly takes a village and we are so thankful for our parent and staff volunteers!
- We don't accept teacher requests, but [we welcome family input](#) if there is anything you'd like us to consider as we put together our class rosters for next year. We start this work in the spring and will send out homeroom teacher details in August.
- Our **last day of school is Friday, June 5**
- Our big public events are always posted on our [school website's calendar](#). We will also keep you posted through ClassDojo. Lots of fun ahead!

We love our Spring Garden teachers!

We know our SG teachers are the best...help us recognize them!

The Bethlehem Educational Scholastic Trust (B.E.S.T.) awards reward excellence in teaching at the K-12 levels in the Bethlehem Area School District. All recipients of the B.E.S.T. Award receive a certificate, a monetary award, and are recognized at the BASD convocation in August.

I know we all know more than one teacher at Spring Garden who deserves this recognition! Would you [please share your nominations here so we can publicly recognize our incredible SG teaching professionals](#)? Thank you!

**Recognize our
fantastic
Spring Garden
teachers!**

Key dates in May

- May 4-8: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 4: Incoming Kindergarten Welcome Day
- May 7: PSSA Assembly Celebration for grades 3-5
- May 19: No school, primary election day
- May 19, 7: [PTO meeting, zoom only](#)
- May 20, 9:30 am: Grades 4 & 5 Orchestra & Band concert for families
- May 22, 6:35 pm: [SG night out at IronPigs](#)
- May 25: No school, Memorial Day
- May 27, 9:30 am: K, 1, 2, 5 vocal music concert for families
- June 1: Freedom & Liberty class of 2026 graduates return to SG
- June 3: Field Day
- June 4: End of year assembly
- June 5: Last day of school, talent show



SG Carnival: Come one, come all!

Bring your kids, your friends, your family, your neighbors to our annual carnival on Friday, May 8, 4:30-8pm. Thank you to all the parents and staff who work all year to put this huge event together!



Help shape the future of BASD

We are facing pressures of enrollment & finances in BASD. The district has formed a [group to plan for the future](#), and they are looking for your [input through this survey. Please make your voice heard!](#)

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026

SG community yard sale

If you have items to sell, set them up at SG this summer as part of our community yard sale! You will keep 100% of your sales. [Fee to reserve a spot is \\$20](#). See the flyer below for more details.



June 13 Community Yard Sale flyer

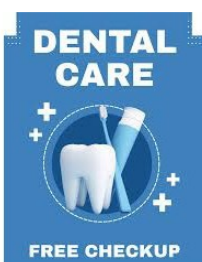
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SG Night at the IronPigs

Come on out to Coca-Cola Park on Friday, May 22nd to see the Lehigh Valley IronPigs take on the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Railriders! [Each ticket includes \\$2 ballpark credit](#) for food, drinks, or merchandise.



Free dental clinic

Come to a [free dental clinic in the Agri-Plex of the Allentown Fairgrounds on May 29th and May 30th](#) -- no appointment needed! This clinic will serve children and adults.



Summer soccer at Liberty HS

If your child is in grades K-7 and heading to Northeast/Liberty, they are eligible to participate in the [LHS soccer summer camp the week of June 15!](#)



Bookmobile visits near SG

Did you know the [Bethlehem Area Public Library's Bookmobile](#) visits a spot right down the street from SG on Thursdays? They stop at the SG Townhouses on North Boulevard most Thursdays from 3:00-4:15 -- perfect for a quick book stop after school!



Summer swimming at city pools

The Bethlehem city swim team continues to grow and has options for our young swimmers. Check the flyer below or visit the [Bethlehem Tides website](#) for details.

Bethlehem Tides Summer Swimming

ONE TEAM. PROGRAMS FOR EVERY SWIMMER.



Two programs. One team. A summer swim pathway for every swimmer.

Register at BethlehemTidesSwimTeam.com

TIDES RIPPLES

Developmental Pre-Swim Team

Where Future Tides Begin

Ages 5-10

- Completed swim lessons
- Can swim one lap
- Small-group instruction
- Pathway into the Swim Team

Westside Pool
June 16 - July 10 (4 weeks)
Tu/W/Th | 9-10 am

\$100 | City Pool Pass Included

TIDES SUMMER SWIM TEAM

Full Team Program

Ages 6-18

- M-F Daily practices
- Meets & team events
- Swim 1 length of Free & 1 length of Back
- Dryland training
- Scholarships available

Memorial Pool
June 10 - July 18 (6 weeks)

From \$210 | City Pool Pass Included



Register at bethlehemtidesswimteam.com

New Swimmer Evaluations: April 13 - 5:30 pm or April 23 - 6:00 pm
Liberty High School

Questions? bethlehemtides@gmail.com | Follow us @tidesswimteam

Plan now for summer fun

[BASD summer camps, events, and other community signups are always gathered here on the district website.](#) Here are a few to highlight!



SUMMER CAMPS/ PROGRAMS

Summer programs via the **BASD Website- "Sign Ups-Athletics":**

<https://www.basdschools.org/our-district/basd-community-events>

Classic Day Summer Camps:

Bethlehem YMCA; <https://www.ymcarivercrossing.org/camp/bethlehem>

- Grades 1-6, full summer (June-August)
- Swimming, field games, crafts, team-building
- Structured but very **social + friendship-focused**
- One of the most popular local choices

Bethlehem Camp at a Glance

- ✓ **Location:** 430 East Broad Street, Bethlehem PA
- ✓ **Age Range:** Grades 1-6
- ✓ **Weeks available:** June 9 to August 21
- ✓ **Schedules available:** Five days per week
- ✓ **Regular Camp Day:** 9AM-4PM
- ✓ **Extended Day Hours Available:** 6:30-9AM and 4-6PM
- ✓ **Breakfast included:** Yes, with AM extended care
- ✓ **Lunch included:** Yes,
- ✓ **Weekly activities:** sports, games, art and music, swimming, science, Pizza Friday
- ✓ **Swimming:** Yes, everyday
- ✓ **Private Swim Lessons:** Yes, add on available
- ✓ **Preschool Camp for ages 3-5** available with *Growing Up Wild*
- ✓ **Financial Assistance:** Available
- ✓ **ELRC accepted:** Yes, must apply in financial assistance

[Register Online Now](#)

Classic Day Summer Camps Continued:

BASD Childcare Summer Program

- STEM, splash zones, and field trips
- How to Register: For more information or to secure your spot, please contact Judy Becker at jbecker@basdschools.org or call 610-868-8501.

BASD SUMMER 2026 CHILD CARE HAPPENINGS

LOCATIONS: Governor Wolf, Hanover and Lincoln

SPACE AVAILABLE: for information contact jbecker@basdschools.org ☎ 610-868-8501 🌐 basdschools.org

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| WEEK 1 June 11 & 12 SUMMER KICKOFF DAYS | WEEK 2 June 15-19 LET THE GAMES BEGIN • Kids in race, friendship park sign • Splash zone, foam party at Hanover, at picnic basket, soccer balls |
| WEEK 3 June 22-26 ENGINEERING EXPLORATIONS PART 1 • Friendship Park & Splash Zone • DaVinci Science Center truck • Museum of Industrial History coop • Kids with building blocks and robots • STEAM activities | WEEK 4 June 29-July 3 PARTY IN THE USA • Friendship Park & Splash Zone • DaVinci Science, fireworks • American flags, kids marching • Cops 'n' Kids car for Gov Wolf |
| WEEK 5 July 6-10 GRAVITY EXPLORERS • Friendship Park & Splash Zone • DaVinci Science • Kids jumping at Parkour Academy with mats | WEEK 6 July 13-17 GALACTIC EXPLORERS • Friendship Park & Splash Zone • DaVinci Science • Kids in space, kids • Immersive Learning Center FHS |
| WEEK 7 July 20-24 MUSEUM MANIA • Trip to Museum of Industrial History, old steam engines • Kids sketching | WEEK 8 July 27-31 CREEPLY CRAWLEY CRITTERS • Friendship Park & Splash Zone • Critter Connection visit • Kids looking at bugs with magnifying glasses, butterflies, lizards |
| WEEK 9 August 3-7 SHIPWRECKED • Pirate ship at Lincoln • Captain Jack Sparrow & First Mate Morgan • Kids doing pirate oath and magic • Cops 'n' Kids for Hanovers & Lincoln | WEEK 10 August 10-14 ENGINEERING EXPLORATIONS PART 2 • Museum of Industrial History visit • Complex structures, robots • Kids thinking, STEAM challenges |
| | WEEK 11 August 17-19 IT'S THE FINAL COUNTDOWN • Foam party at Governor Wolf • Giant bubbles, kids cheering • Final picnic, balloons |

Classic Day Summer Camps Continued:

ArtsQuest Summer Art Camps; <https://www.artsquest.org/education/camps/>

- @ Moravian University
- Runs for seven weeks in summer 2026, with K-2 and older grade bands
- Nice fit for kids who like creative, hands-on activities in a smaller group



Horizons for Youth (Bethlehem summer programs);

<https://www.northampton.edu/business-and-community/community-education/horizons-for-youth/>

- @ Northampton Community College
- Has 2026 Bethlehem summer programming plus a catalog/class schedule
- Youth camps are for grades K-8 with lots of theme options like art, STEM, sports, cooking, and storytelling.



Pennsylvania Youth Theatre (Bethlehem); <https://123pyt.org/school-of-performing-arts/summerstage/adventure-camp/>



**PENNSYLVANIA
YOUTH THEATRE**
It all starts here.

PYT Quick Links

- Dance Division
- Drama Division



Adventure Camp

Summer Camps with Social Skills Focus:

KidsPeace - Sarah's Smile After School/Summer Program

<https://www.kidspeace.org/bethlehem-afterschool-sarahs-smile/>



KidsPeace Bethlehem Group Services Afterschool and Sarah's Smile Summer Program

KidsPeace Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) Group Applied Behavior Analysis (GABA) Program for Autistic children, teens and young adults

Location: 1620 Broadway, Bethlehem, PA 18015

Ages: 6-20

Purpose: To develop independence, communication skills, social skills, problem solving skills, and work towards the life that your child hopes for

Requirements:

- Autism diagnosis required
- Must be a resident of Lehigh or Northampton County
- Must be able to communicate wants and needs
- Must be able to participate in group activities
- Must be able to thrive in a 3:1 client to 1 staff ratio, 1:1 is not available
- Must have active Medical Assistance
- Clients cannot have severe or dangerous problem behavior
- Limited transportation from school to program available depending on location and availability, clients must be picked up from program

Program hours: Monday through Friday, year round (clients can attend between 2 and 5 days per week, depending on needs and insurance approval). 3:15 PM to 6:15 PM during the school year; 8:30AM - 1PM during the summer months

Contact Danielle Nase for more information or to make a referral! 610-799-7798



- Ages ~6-20 (autism diagnosis required)
- Focus areas:
 - Social skills
 - Communication
 - Problem-solving
 - Confidence building
- Smaller staff-to-student ratio → more support

Structured Social Skills Groups (Therapy-Based)

Breathe Easy Therapy; <https://breatheeasytherapy.com/service/social-skills-development>

- Individual + group-based social skills development therapy
- Uses role-play and real-life practice scenarios to build confidence
- More personalized vs. camp-style



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