

The Burr Community Afterschool Program, Inc. (617) 965-1518

BCAP is the after-school program located at the Burr School. BCAP is a private, parent-run, non-profit corporation. It was started by Williams School parents (the program recently changed its name from the Williams Extended Day Program) in 1980. Over 100 Burr children from over 90 families are enrolled in the program. Some children attend the program five days a week and others, one to four days per week. On any single day up to 80 children attend the program. Daily attendance is limited by state licensing requirements.

BCAP is open on all days school is in session. The program is closed when the Newton Public Schools are closed. The program begins on the first day of school and ends the last day of school. February and April school vacation weeks are run as separate programs. There is a separate registration process and fee structure for these weeks.

Every day children have the opportunity for free play inside and out, to participate in several teacher-led activities, to do homework, or to just relax with a book or a friend. Small and large group field trips are scheduled throughout the year, and trips and special theme days are planned for vacation weeks.

BCAP shares space with the school's Music program. In order to meet the department of Early Education and Care licensing requirements, BCAP also uses additional space - the gym (you can imagine how much space the kids need to run off their excess energy after school!), and the Cafetorium, where part of our kindergarten program takes place and where 2nd-3rd graders check in. This is also the location of our 4th and 5th grade OK Club (Older Kids). At the end of the day this space is used for homework. The Cafetorium is also used for theatre lessons, board games, and rehearsals for BCAP's annual Creative Convention.

The BCAP Board of Directors and Liz Kennedy (BCAP's director) are working with Cindy Bencal and the PTO to find more ways to share, increase, and improve the school facilities used by the program.

The Burr community is lucky to have BCAP in their school. It gives many working parents peace of mind, knowing that their children are attending an exceptional neighborhood after-school program, in the familiar building where most attend school. BCAP helps to make Burr one of the most desirable schools in Newton. Please stop by some day after school to see it in action!