

# THE BUZZ



### Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord...

ECEC Education Rallies coming soon to a location near you, in New York and Massachusetts.



### What's buzzing?

*Hello,*

*Brrr... It has been a long winter, but, at long last, spring is on its way. The weather is still a little unpredictable, so be prepared for come what may. Many special events happen in spring. You have celebrated the national Week of the Young Child, Earth Day, and National Turn-off the TV Week. Mother's Day and Teacher Appreciation Week are coming soon. Take the time to enjoy each moment as we march forward to warmer and brighter days.*

*Yours in His Service,*

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**“You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives.”—Clay P. Bedford**

Do you like to write? The Atlantic Union Conference Teacher Bulletin is always looking for early childhood writers. If you are interested, please call (978) 368-8333 ext. 3022 or send an e-mail to [malvarez@atlanticunion.org](mailto:malvarez@atlanticunion.org)



## ECEC NEWS

### ECEC Advisory

The ECEC family welcomes the new advisory voted by the Board of Education. Your representatives are: Joelle Williams, Bermuda; Lorna Sterling, GNYC; Kim Kaiser, NYC; Ena Richards, NEC; Leilani Gepford, NNEC; Olga Slocum, SNEC. The first phone conference meeting was held on December 16, 2013. At this meeting, the advisory members received news from NAD about the Affordable Care Act, Curriculum updates, the AUC ECEC code book for review, and a presentation from Learning Genie. The next phone conference is scheduled for May 1, 2014. Please contact your area representative if you would like to share information or to have an item placed on the agenda for discussion. Speak up and get involved. Together the system will be stronger.



### School Closings

It is with great sadness I inform you that two of our programs have closed. Sandy Creek in the New York Conference and The Little Berries in the Southern New England Conference. Let us continue to keep the teachers, families, and children affected by those closures in our prayers.



### Curriculum Committee

In February the Atlantic Union Conference Curriculum Committee met. During one of the breakout sessions early childhood representatives met to go over the curriculum. We reviewed several very interesting curricula. We are gathering information on the Teddy Bear Curriculum because it has several features that we felt would meet the needs of the students and the parents.



Kaplan now offers a curriculum for infants, toddlers, and two's. It is the same format as the one that you have now. It is still really easy to use and adapt. The best part is, the price is still affordable. If you choose to purchase this, remember to order it through the Atlantic Union to benefit from further discounts.



## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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## The Busy Bees of Atlantic Union Conference



### RESOURCES: Recipe

#### Carrot-Shaped Calzones

- ◆ 2 tubes of store pizza dough (or make own!)

#### Filling:

- ◆ 3/4 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- ◆ 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- ◆ 1 package of vegetarian pepperoni
- ◆ 2 tsp. garlic
- ◆ 3 tsp. Italian seasoning
- ◆ 1/4 c sundried tomatoes
- ◆ Shredded fresh spinach



Roll out dough into a triangle shape. Spoon filling into middle of triangle and spread out with scraper. Fold one half of triangle over and add more filling. Fold other half of triangle over to create a carrot shape. Brush with orange food coloring before baking. Bake for 30-35 minutes at 350 degrees. Garnish with parsley stems before serving.

#### Thoughts for the Journey

"We all have ability. The difference is how we use it."—Stevie Wonder

"Each person must live their life as a model for others."—Rosa Parks

Your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."—Isaiah 30:21, NIV.

"I find that doing the will of God leaves me with no time for disputing about His plans."—George MacDonald



#### A Little Birdie told me....

**NAEYC:** November 5-8, 2014, Annual Early Childhood Conference and Expo in Dallas, Texas. Further information is available at: [www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org).



**New York:** May 7, 2014, New York State Early Learning Trainer Credentials Webinar, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Information is available at [www.nysaeyc.org](http://www.nysaeyc.org)

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#### Just for laughs:

Early one morning, a mother went in to wake up her son. "Wake up, son. It's time to go to school!" "But why, Mom? I don't want to go." "Give me two reasons why you don't want to go." "Well the kids hate me for one, and the teachers hate me, too!" "Oh, that's no reason not to go to school. Come on now and get ready." "Give me two reasons why I should go to school."



"Well, for one, you're 52 years old. And for another, you're the principal!"

Laughter is good for the heart.

