Bloom Buzz

June 2026

Summer has been full of laughter, learning, and unforgettable memories at Bloom! In this edition of the Bloom Buzz, we're looking back at the fun from our Family Fun Festival, Chalk Fest, exciting field trips, and all the ways our kiddos enjoyed the great outdoors this summer. You'll also find a delicious recipe from our Food Program Manager, and more highlights celebrating the joy, growth, and community that makes Bloom so special. We hope you enjoy this glimpse into all that's been happening at Bloom!

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Family Fun Festival

On July 30, Bloom hosted our second annual Family Fun Festival, a family-friendly community celebration that also served as our annual meeting. Last year, we reimagined our annual meeting as an opportunity to bring our Bloom families, staff, supporters, and community members together, and we were thrilled to continue the tradition this year!

The evening was filled with laughter, connection, and fun for all ages. Families enjoyed bounce houses, a dunk tank, a magician, games and activities, delicious food, and time spent together as a community. We also shared a brief annual meeting program highlighting Bloom’s impact and accomplishments over the past year, along with an overview of our 2025 Annual Report.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make this event such a success. We are grateful for the incredible Bloom community that continues to support our mission and make moments like these possible!



Straight from the Classroom

Our Pre-K classroom is traveling around the world before heading off to their next big adventure: Kindergarten!

Our latest stop was India, where the kiddos explored the beautiful fabrics and traditions of the country. They learned about the colorful sari, and their wonderful teacher, Mrs. Raziya, brought in traditional clothing from India for everyone to see and try on. The kiddos also practiced basic embroidery using string, plastic needles, and burlap, strengthening their fine motor skills while learning about the intricate designs often found on saris. It was a fun, hands-on way to experience another culture.

Take a look at our young travelers exploring India below! You'll also see some of the beautiful artwork they created as they "traveled" to other countries, learning about different cultures and traditions along the way. We are so proud of their creativity, curiosity, and excitement for discovering our world!








PARIS
FRANCE
KENDYL


I love India.
Fill the colours orange, white ,and green in this map
I love India.



Virtue of the Month

The Virtues Project is a very important tool we use at our centers to model positive behavior and help children cultivate these traits within themselves. It emphasizes basic values that build character and responsibility. Each month focuses on a different virtue. This month's virtue is **Peace.**

Peace is a virtue that we practice every day. It is reflected in our words, our actions, and the way we care for ourselves and others. In our classrooms, we talk about what peace feels like and the words and actions that help create a peaceful environment. With our older children, we also explore what it means to make peace with others by showing kindness, understanding, and respect.

Take a moment to think about a place or activity that brings you peace, then share it with your little one. Whether it's taking a walk, reading a book, listening to music, or spending time together, these conversations help children build their own understanding and connection to the virtue of peace.



Chalk Fest

At Bloom, we love finding creative ways to keep our children active, engaged, and enjoying the great outdoors all summer long! From water days and wheels days to exciting field trips and outdoor adventures, there's always something fun happening.

One of our biggest summer favorites is Chalk Fest! Armed with colorful chalk and lots of imagination, the kiddos transformed the sidewalks into vibrant masterpieces. From rainbows and animals to games and creative designs, every piece of artwork reflected the creativity and joy that make Bloom so special. It's amazing what a little chalk, fresh air, and big imaginations can create!



Fall Pre-K Enrollment Now Open

Bloom Early Learning is now enrolling for Fall Pre-K! Our Pre-K program helps children build the academic, social, and emotional skills they need for a successful transition to kindergarten. Through hands-on learning, play-based experiences, and nurturing teacher guidance, children develop confidence, independence, and a love of learning.

As our recent graduates prepare for kindergarten, we are excited to welcome a new group of Pre-K learners this fall. Limited openings are available at our centers, and families are encouraged to inquire early to reserve a spot.

To learn more about our Pre-K program or schedule a tour, please email office@bloomearlylearning.org.

What's Cooking?

Did you know that at Bloom, we prepare every meal from scratch? Our Food Program team works hard to create fresh, nutritious meals that fuel our children for a

day of learning, exploring, and playing—and our kids love them!

This month, we're excited to share one of our Food Program Manager Austin Kurth's favorite recipes: **Beef Stroganoff Chuck Roast**. This hearty and comforting meal is a favorite at Bloom, and we hope your family enjoys trying it at home!

A note from Austin: This recipe is written for our Bloom centers, so the serving size is much larger than a typical family recipe. Feel free to adjust the quantities as needed to fit your family's needs.

CACFP Beef Stroganoff (Chuck Roast Version)

Servings: 40 Children
Meal Pattern Contribution (per serving):
- 2 oz M/MA: Chuck roast (cooked)
- ¼ cup grain: Enriched egg noodles (cooked)

Ingredients

Chuck roast, raw (trimmed) - 10 lbs (yields ~5.5 lbs cooked)
Enriched egg noodles (dry) - 2.5 lbs (40 oz)
Low-sodium beef broth - 6 cups
Fresh onions, diced - 2 cups
Fresh mushrooms, sliced - 4 cups
Low-fat sour cream - 2 cups
Olive oil - ¼ cup
Garlic powder - 2 tsp
Black pepper - 2 tsp
Paprika - 2 tsp
Corn Starch - ½ cup (for thickening)
Water (for slurry) - ½ cup

Instructions

1. Cook Chuck Roast:
    - Cut roast into 1-inch cubes. Trim visible fat. Season meat. Dice the fat up and render.
    - Strain.
    - In a large skillet, sear meat in rendered Chuck Fat and some olive oil until brown on each side. Remove from skillet
    - Add mushrooms. Sauté till water is mostly removed then add onions, continue cooking until mushrooms are golden brown 5 min.
    - Place meat into a stock pot, then add the mushrooms and onion mixture. Deglaze previous skillet with some beef broth. Whisk to get all the goodness off the pan. Pour into stock pot along with the rest of the beef broth, garlic powder, pepper, and paprika.
    - Bring to boil then quickly reduce heat to a simmer
    - Cover and simmer on low heat for 1.5–2 hours, until beef is fork-tender and internal temp is 165°F+.
2. Thicken Sauce: (I prefer using a Roux, but slurry is what I have in this recipe)
    - Make the slurry
    - Stir into simmering beef mixture and cook for 5–10 minutes until thickened.
3. Stir in Sour Cream:
    - Remove from heat and gently stir in sour cream. Do not boil.

4. Cook Egg Noodles:
    - Prepare noodles according to package directions.
    - Drain and hold hot for service.
5. Assemble & Serve:
    - Serve 2 oz meat with sauce + ¼ cup noodles per child

Let us know if you make this delicious meal!



Upcoming Events

A FUN & EASY WAY TO HELP SUPPORT BLOOM EARLY LEARNING!

BLOOM
EARLY LEARNING & CHILD CARE

Holiday

BBQ LUNCH & CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

Thursday, August 13: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

BBQ LUNCH $5

Hamburger, Brat or Hotdog with chips & small drink

Car Wash: Basic $11, Book of 4 $29

Plymouth Holiday Station

16850 County Road 24, Plymouth, MN

ALL PROCEEDS FROM LUNCH AND CAR WASHES PURCHASED BETWEEN 11 AND 1 WILL GO TO BLOOM EARLY LEARNING



— Bloom Bash 2026 —

BLOOM TOGETHER

An evening of purpose, promise, & possibilities

Friday, September 18th

6:00 pm Reception & Activities | 8:00 pm Program

Dancing & Live Music Following

Medina Entertainment Center
500 Highway 55, Medina, MN

The Evening Includes

Heavy hors d'oeuvres • Dessert • Cash Beverage Bar
Interactive Activities • Prize Raffles

Cocktail Attire



Tickets

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