

# May 2017 Newsletter

## *The Bear Facts*

Dear Parents,

Happy month of May! The 2016-2017 school year has flown by and BHP CNS is gearing up for our end of school celebrations and our Preschoolers Guide to the Galaxy Summer Camp.

After a relaxing spring break we came back to enjoy Mr. Wilson's "Under the Sea" show, where we all touched many sea creatures. The warm weather has provided us with lots of outdoor play time! In May in addition to our regularly scheduled programming, we will have field trips for our 3s and 4s, the 3s' Jamboree, 100 days of school celebrations for our MWF 4s.

We continue to accept camp registrations. Camp is open to all children ages 3 through 5. Friends, cousins, neighbors are all welcome. Campers do not need to be currently enrolled BHP CNS students. Campers do need to be potty trained. Registration forms are available on our website, [www.bhpcns.org](http://www.bhpcns.org).

In May, we recognize teachers and mothers. I want to thank my amazing staff of women here at BHP CNS who are teachers and mothers. They make each day a joy for me and your children.

To all the Moms who are part of the BHP CNS family I want to wish you a wonderful Mother's Day with your little ones. They've been busy crafting special surprises for you. ☺

As May comes to an end, may your Memorial Day be meaningful! Read on for information on how to pay tribute to our military men, women, and their families.

Upcoming events:

Muffins with Mom: May 11th and May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Transportation Days: May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Dance Recital on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Last Stay and Play Day will be May 25<sup>th</sup>.

BHP CNS closed on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Happy Memorial Day to everyone.

Special Stay and Play classes as a Parents' Group fundraiser.

Summer time "Where in the World is Bradley Bear" program.

Liz

Liz Sobrino

BHP CNS Director



### UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

#### Under the Sea Performance



The Bradley Hills Dance Troupe will present **Selections from the Little Mermaid!** at 1:45 in Memorial Hall on May 24. All are welcome to attend this delightful performance of mermaids, crabs, and other amazing sea creatures. After the performance there will be refreshments.



#### 3 & 4 YEAR OLD SING ALONGS:

On **Tuesday, June 6**, our Tuesday/Thursday 3s' class will perform a selection of their favorite school songs in Covenant Hall. The program will begin at 9:30 am.

On **Wednesday, June 7** our Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 3s and 4s and our Monday through Friday 3s and 4s will perform in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am.

Following the singing performances there will be parties in the classrooms. Children will be dismissed after their party between 10:30 and 11:00 from their classrooms.

**All performances will be professionally recorded. DVDs are available for \$20 per DVD.**

**Recordings of the shows make wonderful gifts for family and friends who cannot attend the fun!**

## PARENTS' GROUP NEWSLETTER

Happy spring! It's hard to believe we are approaching the end of another school year. Summer camps, vacations, swimming pools, and adventures are just around the corner. As we reflect on the past year, we want to take a moment to thank all of the parents for the support you have provided throughout the year. A special thank you to those who have served as committee chairs this year as well as a big thank you to those of you who volunteered as room parents this year. As we thank all of our volunteers we are looking for some fresh faces to help us next year. Please contact Ashley Schneider at [absilver@comcast.net](mailto:absilver@comcast.net) if you are interested in chairing or helping on any of the following committees: totes and tees, picnic, spiritwear, teacher snacks, sunshine committee, restaurant fundraiser, and especially our Casino Night and auction committee.

Teacher Appreciation Week begins the week of May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Parents' Group will recognize our wonderful teachers, but this is a great opportunity to show your appreciation for them as well. Consider sending in a card, note, flowers, or a small treat/gift letting your teachers know how important they are. Please look for additional information from the Parents' Group regarding our plans for this week. We will need your help showing our teachers our appreciation!

Consider continuing to support the Parents' Group by signing your child up for one of our special activities offered the week after stay and play ends. These classes are \$30 and it will all go towards the Parents' Group as our wonderful teachers are donating their time to our children. There is something for everyone: Movies and Munchies, Fun and Games, Baking with Bradley Bear, Spanish, and Art with Bradley Bear are sure to please.

Thank you again for your continual support. You are the Parents' Group and we are so thrilled to work with you. Enjoy your summer!

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## NEWS FROM THE BHPCNS BOARD

It feels as though this school year has flown by. It's hard to believe that it is May already. Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers. And in recognition of Memorial Day, I would also like to pay tribute and say thank you to all of our active duty and former military men and women as well as their families.

I want to thank Trish Sutherland for her years of serving as a teacher's representative to the Board as well as Emily Guiffre for her contributions as a teacher's representative this year.

Our last Board meeting for the 2016-2017 school year was on Wednesday, May 3rd. Board meetings are open to all members of the school community with 48 hours advance notice. Contact Board Chair Julie Hunter at [bjahunter@aol.com](mailto:bjahunter@aol.com) for more information about the BHPCNS Board.

## PARENT SURVEYS

**Parent Satisfaction Survey:** Thank you to everyone who completed our annual Parent Survey. The results are in and the good news is overwhelmingly you are pleased with our program. Thank you for your lovely testimonials. We will be using your kind words in our marketing materials. Also your insightful suggestions on ways to improve our programming are very beneficial. Thanks to your input we look forward to continuing to provide our bear cubs with the best possible play-based preschool programming!

If you are interested in seeing the results, copies of the reports are available in the office.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR END OF YEAR & UPCOMING EVENTS



### MUFFINS WITH MOM: May 11 and May 12

All moms or other important person in your child's life are invited to attend Muffins with Mom in Memorial Hall between 8:30 and 9:00 am. Bring your Bradley Bear and come to enjoy coffee, juice, muffins, and fresh fruit. Please rsvp on the clipboard outside the office.

### 3s' JAMBOREE: May 18 and May 19 **Volunteers Needed!**

On May 10 the T/TH 3s and the M-F 3s will be having their 3's Jamboree. On May 11 the MWF 3s' classes will be having their Jamboree. We are looking for parent volunteers to help with the fun times. If you have a couple of hours to volunteer, please call the office at 301-365-2909. We will train all volunteers. It's always a fun and festive day!



### Transportation Days

**May 15 and May 16**  
**Come one and all!**

### TRANSPORTATION DAYS: May 15 and May 16

All our classes will have an opportunity to visit trucks, and vehicles of all shapes and sizes in our parking lots between 9:30 and 11:30 am on May 15 and May 16.

BHPCNS families and their friends are welcome to visit with the trucks even if it's not a school day. Just come on by!

Mrs. Reidy has been handling all the details. If you have a fun vehicle that you'd like to share with the kiddos, contact her at [sreidy@bhpcns.org](mailto:sreidy@bhpcns.org).

### Under the Sea: on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:45

The Bradley Hills Dance Troupe will present Selections from the Little Mermaid! at 1:45 pm in Memorial Hall on May 24. Doors will open at approximately 1:30.

All are welcome to attend this delightful performance of mermaids, crabs, and other under the sea creatures! After the performance there will be refreshments.



### Under the Sea Performance



### End of Year SING ALONGS 3s and 4s classes

### END OF YEAR SING ALONGS & PARTIES:

#### 3S AND 4S CLASSES: June 7 & June 8

On **Tuesday, June 6**, our Tuesday/Thursday 3s class will perform a selection of their favorite school songs in Covenant Hall. The program will begin at 9:30 am.

On **Wednesday, June 7**, our Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 3s and 4s and our Monday through Friday 3s and 4s will perform their favorite songs in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am.

Following the performances there will be an end of year party in your child's classrooms. Children will be dismissed after their party between 10:30 and 11:00. Family members are invited to attend the sing alongs and the parties.



Show DVDs

### DVDs Available of Sing Alongs & Dance Performance

Both the June 6 and June 7, Sing Alongs will be professionally recorded. DVDs of the dance performances will be given to every dancer. Additional copies may be purchased in the office or at the shows for \$20 per DVD. The DVDs make amazing keep sakes for your family and wonderful gifts for relatives who can't be at the shows.

## 2 YEAR OLD CLASSES END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

### END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS FOR 2s' CLASSES:

**Come join us for a sing along, special snack and lots of goodbye hugs!**

**Tuesday/Thursday:** Mrs. Jacob, Ms. Allen, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Barnett, and Mrs. Quijada's classes, End of Year Celebrations will be on June 6 at 11:00 Children will be dismissed 11:30.

**Monday/Wednesday/Friday,** Mrs. Sutherland and Mrs. Quijada's classes, End of Year Celebrations, will begin at 10:00 am on June 7. Dismissal will be 10:30.

**Monday/Wednesday,** Mrs. Sobrino's class, End of the Year Celebration will begin 10:00 am on June 7 in your child's classroom.



## THANK YOU TO OUR PARENT VOLUNTEERS

### We love our parent volunteers!

Thank you to all the Room Parents and Parents Volunteers for filling our school year with wonderful community events and making our special classroom parties so much fun! A special thank you for the wonderful treats during teacher appreciation week. Everyone appreciated your generosity!



## PARENTING INFORMATION FOR MAY

BHPCNS is on many mailing lists that keep the school informed and often invite our parents to attend events. Upcoming parenting events that may be of interest to you include:

**MAY IS BETTER SPEECH AND HEARING MONTH AT TLC:** Throughout the month of May, TLC, (The Treatment and Learning Centers) will be holding free speech and hearing screenings for children ages 3-9. To schedule a FREE Speech-Language Screening for your child between the ages of 3 and 9, call 301-424-5200 ext. 6923. To schedule a FREE Hearing Screenings for children ages 4 and older call 301-738-1415. For more information visit the TLC website at <http://tlc.org/2013/04/bhsm/>.

**PARENT INFORMATION BOARD:** For more information on Parenting Events check the Parents Information News located by Rooms 102 and 103. We use this space to share events, flyers, information, calendars, etc. with parents. If you have an event or fundraiser you'd like us to promote, bring us a flyer and we will hang it up.

**PEP: PARENT ENCOURAGEMENT PROGRAM:** Why should you sign-up for PEP's spring programming? Because parenting education will help you help your child to grow and develop in a kind and loving way. For more info go to: <http://pepparent.org/why-parenting-education/> to learn how to be the best parent you can be!



The Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood estimates that, on average, preschoolers spend 32 hours a week with screen media. This year Screen Free Week is between May 2 and May 8. For details, and ideas on how to be screen free for a week visit: [www.screenfree.org](http://www.screenfree.org).



## MAY IS INTERNATIONAL MONTH

Calling all international families. BHP CNS would love to have you come and present your native country and culture to our children. Throughout May you are invited to participate in our International Celebrations. We'd love to see your beautiful native costumes, to eat your yummy international snacks, to learn how to say hello and good bye in your native language. If you are interested in speaking to your child's class, please contact your child's teacher for additional information and to arrange a date.



## THANK YOU FOR AND A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL DONATIONS



**Quijada Family Update:** Thank you to all the families who have so generously supported Mrs. Quijada, aka Mrs. Q, and her family after the fire in their home. Your generous donations have helped them replace some basic necessities as they get settled in their temporary home. Donations are still being accepted. If you would like to donate you may:

1. Drop a check, made out to BHP CNS with a note in the memo field that says Quijada in the office or
2. Make a donation online by [clicking here](#).

Thank you for helping the family! They are most appreciative of all the love and support from the BHP CNS community during this challenging time.

**Donations to help Alzheimer's patients.** Throughout the school year BHP CNS has been partnering with the Friends Club, on various intergenerational projects. The gentlemen of the Friends Club and the children have all benefited from these activities. We have been asked to support a baby doll drive to provide baby dolls to Alzheimer's patients. We are accepting donations of new or gently used dolls, doll clothing, blankets, etc. in the office.



## MAY BIRTHDAYS



### May Birthdays:

Liam McGovern  
Braden Salcetti  
Will Woven  
Luke Swanzey  
Nora Matelis  
Molly Bergmann  
Russell Kirkpatrick  
Vievey Shin

**Summer Birthdays:** If your child has a summer birthday that you would like to celebrate at BHP CNS, please talk with your child's teacher about having a birthday celebration.

**BHP CNS wishes all our Bradley Bear Cubs a happy day!**

Reminder: When sending in birthday treats, please send in **small** cupcakes, mini muffins, fruit kabobs, etc., keeping classroom food allergies in mind. We share birthday treats at snack time! There is a snack ingredient form outside the office. Please complete this form so we can be aware of any possible allergic complications. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher or the office.

## MAY SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

### Teacher Appreciation Week: May 1 – May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to the entire BHP CNS team of teachers. You are amazing! Thank you to the Parents' Group for making this week extra special for our staff.

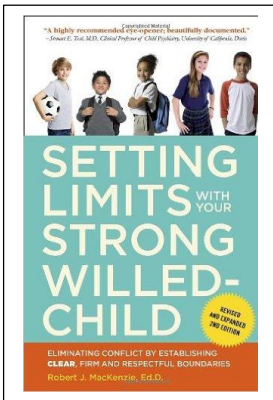


Wishing all our wonderful moms and their families a very happy Mother's Day on May 14<sup>th</sup>!

BHP CNS will be closed on May 29<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day. For information on ways your family can recognize American military soldiers and their families during the Memorial Day weekend and throughout the year, [click here](#).



## BHP CNS BOOK CLUB: COME TO DISCUSS [RAISING A STRONG WILLED CHILD](#)



### Join the BHP CNS Parent Book Club!

Our first book is Setting Limits with Your Strong Willed Child by Robert MacKenzie.

Connect with new people...

Learn new parenting methods....

And share ideas!

Join Liz Sobrino to discuss raising a strong willed child, (even if you haven't read the book)

May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am in the library or

May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the library

Signup on the clipboard outside the office or email us at [info@bhpcns.org](mailto:info@bhpcns.org).

## HURRY! HURRY! BOOT, CLEATS, SHOE SWAP ONLY UNTIL MAY 5TH!



### Boot, Cleats, Shoes, and Ballet Slipper Swap:

Begins April 24<sup>th</sup> through May 5<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your child's outgrown boots, cleats, shoes, and ballet shoes. You do not need to bring a pair to take a pair. And you don't need to take a pair to bring a pair. Questions, contact Liz or Carolyn in the office or call us at 301-365-2909.



**BOOT AND SHOE SWAP EXTENDED  
FOR AN EXTRA WEEK UNTIL MAY 12!**

## MAY MONTHLY SPECIALS & STAY AND PLAY UPDATES

Thank you to all our amazing specialists: Mr. Chip/Music, Mrs. Sutherland/Science, Mrs. Stevens/Creative Movement, Mrs. Cardoni/Spanish and Mrs. Casey/Singing! Thank you to our fabulous Stay and Play teachers too! Our teachers make every class fun, informative, and engaging! Our Bear Cubs love you! ❤️



**Thank You!**



**Music with Mr. Chip**  
2s, 3s, & 4s

### Mr. Chip Reports:

As we enter our final month of music classes, I am excited and a little sad. We have had a wonderful time creating joyous sounds and exploring ways to move and make music. In May, we will take a trip to the beach and explore some new songs. We will listen to and explore my wave drum and go for a ride in a boat that keeps getting bigger and bigger. We will also dance and jump in the hot sand at the beach and explore smooth and bumpy ways to play with beach balls. As always, we will dance and play and surprise ourselves with how musical we can be. I can't wait!

### Mrs. Cardoni Reports:

In Spanish, we are learning about places in our city; church-*iglesia*, school-*escuela*, library-*biblioteca*, shoe store-*zapatería*. We will be learning about Spanish words for types of transportation just in time for Transportation Week; car-*coche*, bus-*autobús*, bicycle-*bicicleta*, plane-*avión*, and many more! Finally we will take the last couple of weeks to review all of the vocabulary words we've learned this year; colors, animals, body parts, verbs, feelings, weather, clothing and food. We might even have a chance to dance to the Halloween *Monstruos* song again! I've had a wonderful time teaching your children a new language and hope they continue to build on this knowledge and sing the songs we learned throughout the year.



**Spanish**  
for the 4s



**Music with Ms. Casey**  
2s, 3s and 4s

### Ms. Casey Reports:

Hello music lovers! It's hard to believe that May is already here and the end of the school year right around the corner! This month we'll be enjoying songs that celebrate the warmer weather and begin preparing for the year end performance. As was the case with the holiday concert, the concerts represent a periodic shift from integrating music into playtime to actually working towards a goal. In a way it is homework in its earliest form and I am always proud to see how hard the kids work! Don't be surprised if you hear your child singing around the house a little more than usual. Lastly, thank you for sharing your music stories outside of school hours. It makes sharing the arts that much more rewarding for everyone!

## STAY AND PLAY WITH BRADLEY BEAR IN MAY



**ART**  
Mondays

### Mrs. Mac-n-Cheese Reports:

Art Stay and Play will begin the month with a salute to our loving mothers. A surprise with a beautiful center will honor "Mom". The last two weeks will celebrate Jackson Pollack, an American artist who knew how to throw paint.

**Mrs. Skoff Reports:**

Spring break made April a short month in science. Appropriately, the common theme was water. We learned about the water cycle and how we must conserve the supply of water on our planet. We planted two little trees we grew from acorns in honor of Earth Day and we did an experiment with paper flowers to show they need water to grow. In May, we will spend more time outside. We will dig for earthworms and discuss how important they are for the soil. We will talk about their body parts and learn about their habitat. The following week we will do our unit on the sun. It is the closest star to earth and the center of our solar system. We will observe how a traced shadow in the morning has "moved" in the afternoon and why this occurred. We will also make sun art with solar print paper. The last two weeks will involve fun tricks with baking soda and vinegar. We'll end the year in style with a party filled with huge bubbles, mentos and soda and alka seltzer rockets. We've thoroughly enjoyed all of the children and have had loads of fun.



**Tuesday's  
Wigglin'  
Wizards**



**Wednesday:  
In the Kitchen  
with Bradley Bear**

**Mrs. Myers Reports:**

It is already May and our Bradley Bears have spent a fun and fulfilling year in the kitchen – slicing, measuring, cutting, threading and counting while being ever so mindful of safety while preparing meals. With summer just around the corner, we are going to put unique twists on a few summertime classics. From hot dog octopi to cool and creamy yogurt parfaits, cinnamon pinwheel cookies, s'mores on a stick and finally, Guyanese boiled corn on the cob, our Bradley Bears will be ready to contribute to any summertime cookout!

**Mrs. Senarathne Reports:**

Last month in Geography stay and play, we had a wonderful visit to Poland with three special guests (Mrs Mylardz, Mrs. Hauck and Mr. Bill) and learned so many fun facts. Our last trip will be to the "Pearl of Africa" Uganda. Mrs. Rowell (Fionn's mom in room 104) will share her experiences about the life in Uganda with us. The children will enjoy Ugandan snacks, make Ugandan crafts and go on a safari to explore the wild life in Uganda. We will play games and have a party for our last Geography stay and play session.



**Thursday's  
Where in the World is  
Bradley Bear?**



**Bradley Hills Dance Troupe  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays**

**Ms. Chelsea Reports:**

The month of May is all about show preparation. Our crabs are pinching, mermaids are swimming, and the fish are singing away! Our dancers have been working hard to learn all of their choreography this year, and will be doing technical and dress rehearsals leading up to our show! The Bradley Bears will be presenting "Under the Sea" on Wednesday, May 24th at 1:45 p.m. In addition to their wonderful dancing, the Bradley Bears' art work will be featured in the set design. We look forward to seeing you!

**Mrs. Leon Reports:**

During our "Fun Friday" Stay and Plays in May we will be taking full advantage of the beautiful spring weather to play, explore, cook, and have lots of fun. We kick off the month with fun Cinco de Mayo celebrations! Hope you'll be able to join us!



**Fun  
Fridays!**

**It's Friday**

## ADDITIONAL STAY AND PLAY FUNDRAISER!

Information and schedule on additional Stay and Plays being added to the schedule after Memorial Day!!!!!!