

March 2019 Newsletter

The Bear Facts

Celebrating 61 Years of Early Childhood Education

Dear Parents,

The **Winter Gala** is only a week away on March 8! Packets chocked full of information will be coming home on Monday. Check your child's tote bag for all the details. You do not want to miss this incredible fundraiser for our Outdoor Learning Center. Thank you to the many parents for donations of time, talent, and treasure that we have already received.

School picture makeups will be scheduled if we have 20 children requesting retakes. If you are unhappy with your child's picture contact the office or pop in and we will add your child's name to the list for retakes.

Upcoming Events:

March 14th: Mark your calendar for **Family Pizza and John Henry England Night!** The Nursery School and Parents' Group are hosting an evening filled with fun on Thursday, March 14th. We are looking forward to a great turnout of current and new BHP CNS families. Order Pizza or Bring Your Own Picnic. 5:30 to 7:00 pm. More details on page 5.

March 26th: **Parent Education Event.** This adult only event will answer many childhood development questions. Details can be found on page 5.

April 1: **Financial Aid Applications** can be found on the BHP CNS website or by [clicking here](#). All applications must be submitted by April 1st for consideration for the 2019-2020 school year. See page 8.

April 4th Our **Kindergarten Information Event** at 7:30 pm. This adult only event will answer your questions and concerns about what to expect when your child starts kindergarten. More details on page 7.

Camp planning is underway. We are currently accepting camp registrations. Camp is open to all children currently enrolled in our 2s' program and ages 3 through rising 1st graders. Friends, cousins, neighbors are all welcome. Campers do not need to be currently enrolled BHP CNS students (with the exception of 2-year-olds.) Current students who are not potty trained may attend camp for an additional \$75 fee. Additional details on page 8.

Happy, almost spring everyone!

Liz

Liz Sobrino, Director BHP CNS



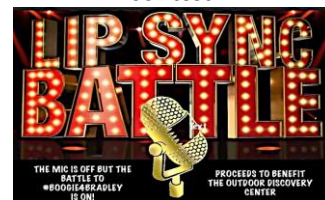
WINTER GALA



Bradley Bear's friends will be gathering at Bethesda Country Club on March 8th for a fun-filled evening and to raise money for our

NEW OUTDOOR DISCOVERY CENTER!

There will be food, beer, wine, dancing, a live auction, a silent auction, and a **BATTLE OF THE BANDS** featuring BHP CNS teachers. Winners will be determined by votes cast during the contest.



If you can't make it to the event, there are still many ways to support our fundraiser. Consider:

- Making a cash donation
- Becoming a sponsor
- Donating wine to the wine auction

For more details see page 2 of the newsletter or contact our Gala Chairmen Claire Adams or Brigitte Koch.

PARENTS' GROUP NEWS



The Parents' Group would like to thank Claire Adams and Brigitte Koch for their hard work over the last several months organizing the upcoming Winter Gala! We are so excited to dance the night away with all of you while raising money for the Outdoor Discovery Center!

Spring is a busy time at BHP CNS! First up is Family Night on March 14th. Come at 5:30 for dinner and stay for songs, fun, and games with John Henry. Don't forget to preorder your Potomac Pizza dinner by March 8th.



We will be hosting a Parent Education Seminar on March 26th at 7pm. Join us for a fascinating conversation on OT led by two therapists from Stepping Stones Therapy. We'll also hear from a mental health expert on tactics for addressing childhood anxiety. Stay tuned for information on how to RSVP, along with bios and information about our wonderful presenters.

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8 DAYS AND COUNTING UNTIL THE 2019 WINTER GALA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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Winter Gala

FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH
7:00 - 11:00 PM
BETHESDA COUNTRY CLUB

Cocktail Attire

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TO THE
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FOR DONATING FLOWERS
FOR THE EVENING



TICKET SALES CLOSE SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD!

LET'S BOOGIE FOR BRADLEY.....

We hope you will join us for an evening to remember. Your ticket includes food, beer and wine as well as dancing with DJ Adam. Silent and live auction items are ready to preview on www.bradley.givesmart.com. Check out the fun getaways, a great Zucchini birthday party, a signed Stanley cup 2018 championship team jersey, a meet and greet with the Caps, a catered cocktail party, Botox, special teacher surprises, and much, much, more!

WINTER GALA FUN CONTINUED!

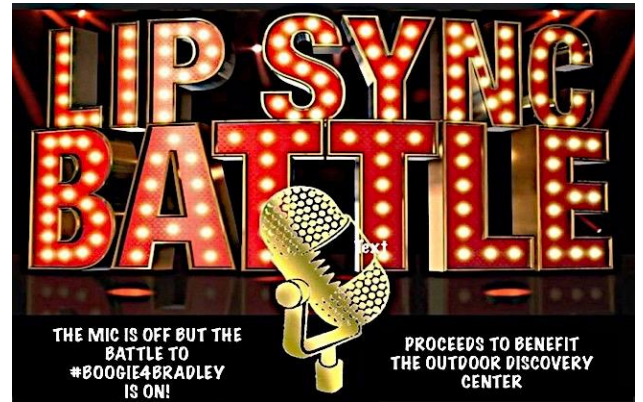


HAVE YOU ENTERED THE TUITION RAFFLE?

1 lucky winner will receive **\$1500 deposited into their BHPNS account on April 1st** – will it be YOU? Today is the last day the Parent's Group will be selling tuition raffle tickets. Only 50 will be sold so you have a **1 in 50** chance of winning if you purchase a ticket. You can purchase more than one – however, they are selling quickly so get them fast! Limited quantities remaining. Visit www.bradley.givesmart.com to purchase!

BATTLE OF THE BANDS.....

Get ready for **Battle of the Bands** put on by BHPNS very own fabulous teachers! Have you seen the **Mamma Mia** practice video on www.bradley.givesmart.com? If not, check it out with your kiddos – they will love it! Make sure you are in the audience to see the acts live and vote for the winning teacher team! We promise you won't want to miss it...



WINTER GALA WONDERS

A big **THANK YOU** to our fabulous sponsors!

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Donations as of February 28, 2019

COLLECTING WINE BOTTLES FOR THE WINTER GALA!



The Wall of Wine Auction Item!

WINE DONATIONS, (bottles of \$35 or more) are needed by March 6th, to make this auction item a reality. Please bring your wine donations to the office asap.

The Winter Wonderland Gala is fast approaching. You won't want to miss this amazing evening of dinner, dancing, Battle of the Bands, Silent and Live Auctions all put together by our amazing Parents' Group. Thank you to Brigitte Koch and Claire Adams for chairing this big school fundraiser!

You don't have to be present to bid on Silent Auction items. Simply visit www.bradley.givesmart.com for more details.

BHPCNS BOARD REPORT

Hi BHPCNS Families –

I am pleased to announce my new role as Chairman of the Nursery School Board. Please join me in thanking Souheil Inati for his time as Chairman. We are very grateful him and all of his work.

As many of you know, I am a Nursery School parent with two children currently enrolled in school, a Church member, and I have served as Vice Chairman of the Board for the last two years. I am very excited for this new role! In addition to me, the new Executive Committee of the Board will include Ed Hauck as Vice Chair and Brooke Rickett as Secretary. We are currently looking to fill an open Board position that, per the bylaws, needs to be a member of BHPC. If you, or someone you know, fits this requirement and is interested in joining the Board please let us know! Additional information on the Board members can be found on the Nursery School website. I encourage you all to feel free to reach out to me directly at missy.banashak@gmail.com. If you'd prefer to contact the Board anonymously you can fill out an online form on the Board portion of the school website. You can also email Board@bhpcns.org.

Our next Board meeting is March 28th at 7:00pm. Parents are welcome to join for these meetings. If you are planning to join please let me know. I look forward to working with all of you moving forward as I take on this new role.

Missy Banashak
Missy.Banashak@gmail.com

THANK
YOU!

BHPCNS BOARD MEMBER NEEDED!
If interested contact Missy Banashak!
New member must be a member of BHPC.

DIRECTOR'S COFFEE WITH LIZ SOBRINO: MARCH 7TH AFTER DROP-OFF AT 9:15 AM



Join Liz for an hour of conversation, coffee, and treats. This informal gathering will provide parents with an opportunity to chat with each other and Liz about all things related to BHPCNS. It's a terrific opportunity to share ideas, concerns, and have your questions answered. Toys and snacks will be provided for any children who attend.

March 7th in the Library beginning at 9:15 am.

Please rsvp to 301-365-2909 or [click here to rsvp](#).

PARENT EDUCATION: MARCH 26TH OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY & CHILDHOOD ANXIETY



Parent Education Program
Learning and growing together.

The BHP CNS Parents' Group is pleased to announce a Parent Education Program on March 26th at 7:30 pm in BHP CNS's Covenant Hall. This informative evening will include:

- Two Occupational Therapists sharing information about the benefits of OT in supporting a child's development. OT can help with, spatial awareness, gross and fine motor strength, eating challenges, social-emotional challenges, play skills, and so much more. For more information about OT [click here](#).
- A pediatric mental health consultant who will address challenging behaviors, what the impact of anxiety can mean for a child's development, and how to support your child's overall mental health development. For more information [click here](#).

If you have questions or concerns about your child's development, you won't want to miss this event! This adult only event is open to the community. Friends, family, neighbors are welcome to attend.

Watch for fliers and more details in the next week. A link to sign-up will be sent home too.

FAMILY NIGHT AND JOHN HENRY ON MARCH 14TH



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Join us for a fun-filled evening of pizza or a picnic dinner from home, & music.

Who: BHP CNS students and their families. This is not a drop off event. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

When: March 14th, 2019

Dinner Picnic: Pre-purchased Pizza or Dinner Brought From Home between 5:30 and 6:15 pm

John Henry performs between 6:15 and 7:00 pm on the stage.

Where: Memorial Hall

What: Pre-order from Potomac Pizza, (order forms available outside the office or attached to the email that included this newsletter) or pack a picnic dinner from home. BHP CNS will provide lemonade, water, and ice cream sundaes for dessert.

Wanted: Volunteers to:

1. set up Memorial Hall on Thursday afternoon
2. to assist with the distribution of dinner
3. to serve ice cream sundaes
4. to clean up

If you have questions, please contact Liz or Carolyn at 301-365-2909.

To volunteer to help set-up please [click here](#).

BHPCNS IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW STAFF MEMBERS!



Do you love children? Do you love to play? Are you looking for a fun, exciting, rewarding, part-time job, then you are in luck. BHPCNS may be hiring teachers for the 2019-2020 school year. We are also looking for wonderful substitutes if you do not want a regular/consistent classroom assignment. Requirements are a love of children and a willingness to learn. If you or someone you know is interested in working at BHPCNS, have them contact Liz at lsobrino@bhpcns.org or 301-365-2909.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

March 7: Director's Coffee at 9:15 am
March 8: BHPCNS Winter Wonderland Gala 7:00 pm Bethesda Country Club
March 11th: Speech Screening Assessments. If you would like your child's speech screened, contact the office.
March 14: Family Night between 5:30 and 7:00 pm in Memorial Hall
March 14 and March 15: St. Patrick's Day classroom parties
March 26: Parent Education Event at 7:30 pm in Covenant Hall
April 4: Everything You've Ever Wanted to Know About Kindergarten at 7:30 pm in Covenant Hall
April 11 and 12: Classroom Easter Parties
April 12: No Stay and Play Classes
April 15 through April 22: Spring Break
May 13 and May 14: Transportation Days
May 16 and May 17: Muffins with Mom at 8:30 am in Memorial Hall
June 5 Dance Recital at 1:45 pm in Memorial Hall
June 12: End of Year Festivities for Monday/Wednesday and Friday classes
June 13: End of Year Festivities for Monday through Friday classes and Tuesday/Thursday classes

ANIMAL AMBASSADORS ARE COMING TO BHPCNS MARCH 20, 21, AND 22



SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES



If your child's school picture is not quite as cute as you'd like it to be.
Or if their hair is sticking up funny in their school photo.
Or their outfit doesn't look quite right, let the office know.
Or your child was absent and missed the fun.
We need at least 20 children to have a picture make-up day.
Contact the office ASAP and we will add your child's name to the list of retakes. We currently have only 6 names on our list.

IS THERE A RISING MCPS KINDERGARTENER IN YOUR HOUSE?

BHPCNS Kindergarten Information Night: April 4th from 7:30 to 9:00 pm in Covenant Hall

Kindergarten is a big transition for your child and your whole family. Do you have questions or concerns about what MCPS Kindergarten is all about?

- To find out more, attend our **Kindergarten Information Night** on April 4th at 7:30 pm. A current MCPS Kindergarten teacher, Maura Backenstoe from Burning Tree Elementary School, will be on hand to share her insights about Kindergarten readiness and what to expect come September.
- Parents of current or recent MCPS Kindergarteners will be attending for breakout, by elementary school, round table discussions. (If you have a child or have had a child recently attend a MCPS kindergarten and are interested in leading/facilitating one of our breakout groups, please email me at lsobrino@bhpcns.org.)
- If you have friends or neighbors who might be interested in attending, they are welcome to come as well.
- RSVP by [clicking here](#). Please share with us the names of attendees and the elementary school the child will be attending. This is an adult only event.



MCPS Kindergarten Registration is Happening Now!

MCPS elementary schools need to know if your child will be attending their school in September. To register your child, call your local elementary school. It is very helpful to the elementary schools to know the number of children attending in the fall as soon as possible. Based on projected enrollments your child's elementary school may need to add another class, add another teacher, increase class size, and/or close a class. While your child won't start school until September the elementary schools are already making their staffing projections for the fall.

Local MCPS Elementary Schools and their phone numbers:

Ashburton: 240-740-1300

Bannockburn: 240-740-1270

Bethesda: 240-204-5300

Bradley Hills: 240-204-5210

Burning Tree: 240-740-1750

Carderock Springs: 240-740-0540

Rosemary Hills: 301-9209990

Garrett Park: 240-740-0700

Kensington Parkwood: 240-740-3700

Seven Locks: 240-740-0940

Wood Acres: 240-740-1120

Wyngate: 240-740-1080

Bells Mill: 240.740.0480

Beverly Farm: 301-469-1050

Richie Park: 301-279-8475

Westbrook: 240-740-1040

Somerset: 240-740-1100

When contacting your local elementary school ask if they are hosting any informational kindergarten meetings for parents. These events are a great way to learn more about your child's transition to your neighborhood school. For more information about MCPS and Kindergarten, visit the MCPS website by clicking [here](#). Kindergarten orientation dates are available on the MCPS website as well.

From NAEYC, the National Association for the Education of Young Children, 4 Tips Every Kindergarten Teachers Wants You to Know: <http://families.naeyc.org/learning-and-development/4-things-kindergarten-teachers-want-you-know>.

Friends and neighbors are welcome to attend our Kindergarten evening. RSVP by [clicking here](#). Please share this link with family and friends who may want to attend too!

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR BHP CNS FAMILIES

Speech Screenings March 11, 2019

We will be conducting free speech screenings at BHP CNS on March 11th. The screenings are conducted by ASHA certified speech pathologists who conduct a brief 10 to 15 minute screening with your child. Are you concerned about your child mispronouncing words, or is there a letter or two they can't pronounce? Let us know and we will add your child's name to our list to be screened. Please email Liz at Lsobrino@bhpcns.org with your child's name, birthdate and your concern.

Financial Aid Requests for 2019 - 2020 School Year:

If you are in need of financial aid for next school year, the paperwork can be found on the BHP CNS website under tuition or by [clicking here](#). Applications for financial aid are due April 1, 2019 and will be reviewed at the BHP CNS April Finance Committee meeting. Applicants will be notified shortly thereafter. Please contact the office if you have any questions.



Sick Kids: Thankfully the flu season seems to be winding down. However, over the past few weeks many children in our program have been diagnosed with the flu, strep throat, conjunctivitis, and other communicable diseases. If your child is ill, running a fever, throwing up, has pink eye, etc. they may not return to school until they have been symptom free for 24 hours. If your child requires Tylenol or Motrin to keep their fever down to attend school, they MAY NOT be at school until they have been fever free, without medication for 24 hours. If your child will be absent, please notify the school office by phone or email.

Lunch at BHP CNS: Just a reminder that the State of Maryland Department of Education requires us to put out a child's lunch in its entirety. If your child has a cookie or a piece of candy in their lunch bag we are not allowed to tell them to eat their healthy foods first. If you would like your child to eat their "growing" foods first, I'd suggest saving the treat until after school. Reminder: Lunches must be in soft bags. Bento Boxes do not fit in our refrigerators. Thank you.



On March 17th everyone is a little bit Irish at BHP CNS. This year St. Patrick's Day falls on Sunday. To not miss out on a party we will be celebrating on 3-14 and 3-15.



Tuesday-Thursday classes will have parties on 3-14. Monday-Wednesday-Friday and Monday through Friday classes will have their parties on 3-15. Details to follow. Everyone is invited to wear **GREEN!**



The Dentist is coming to BHP CNS.

Dr. Marko, an alumni parent, and a family dentist is coming to BHP CNS to teach the our 3s and 4s all about their teeth and good dental hygiene. The children will have lots of fun with this hands on experience. Watch for a goodie bag filled with dental devices to keep your kiddos teeth clean. Dr. Marko will be at school on March 7th and 8th!

BHP CNS Spring Break:

BHP CNS will be closed from Monday, April 15th through Monday, April 22nd for Spring Break.

Stay and Play will be cancelled on Friday, April 12th.

School will resume on Tuesday, April 23rd.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday.



BHPCNS MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Rosie Moss
Whitney Lunn
Miori Nishikawa
Ellie McGovern
Evan Orchin
Tessa Cavallo



John Shooshan
Jackson "Jack" Williams
Hudson Hong
Juliana Arefi
Nathan Brossard
Michael Greissing

Wish these Bradley Bear Cubs a happy day!!!!

Reminder: If sending in birthday treats or special snacks for a celebration, please send in **small** cupcakes, mini muffins, fruit kabobs, etc., keeping classroom food allergies in mind. We share birthday treats at snack time!

TRANSPORTATION DAYS ARE MAY 13 AND MAY 14

BHPCNS IS LOOKING FOR VEHICLES OF ALL KINDS!



Transportation Days are some of the most exciting days at BHPCNS! To make this year's event the best ever, we are looking for all types of vehicles. **Do you have a cool sports car in your garage? Does your firm have some big or small trucks? Are there kayaks taking up space in your garage?** We would love to have any and all vehicles parked in our lots for the kids to explore.

Call the office at 301-365-2909 or contact Sue Reidy at Sreidy@BHPCNS.org for more information or if you have a vehicle to lend! And mark your calendar to bring friends, neighbors, younger siblings, cousins to this annual event everyone loves!

BOOT AND SHOE SWAP



Boots, Shoes, & Cleat Swap

Have your Bradley Bear Cubs outgrown their boots, ballet slippers, dress shoes, sneakers, and/or cleats? Bring their outgrown footwear, toddler through children's sizes to BHPCNS

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.

We will line the hallways with boots and cleats for families to swap.

Boots, Cleats, Shoes Swap: March 4th through March 15th

STAY AND PLAY UPDATES

Monday: The Artist's Corner

By Mrs. Mac-n-Cheese



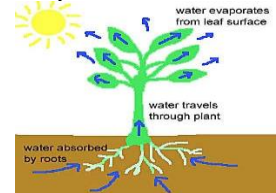
Spring has arrived in our ART Studio. Happily our artistic aptitudes are blossoming towards all things flower related. We wrapped up February making flower prints. As spring begins to arrive in March the children will be making a still life bouquet, a watercolor floral and some fantastic 3D cherry blossoms.

In March, we will begin the month by completing our Five Senses unit by exploring about the sense of hearing.

With spring right around the corner, we will learn about the life cycle of plants, transpiration (Transpiration is the process by which moisture is carried through plants from roots to small pores on the underside of leaves, where it changes to vapor and is released to the atmosphere), and plant beans to be planted in our Children's Garden by the back playground. .

Monday: Wigglin' Wizards

By Ms. Senarathne



Tuesday: In the Kitchen with Bradley Bear

By Mrs. Myers



We are looking forward to a busy month in the kitchen with our chefs, creating and making recipes for the various days of note in March. Our chefs will travel to New Orleans for Mardi Gras, baking our own version of the classic King Cake. From there, they will give a nod to the Ides of March and the delicious cuisine of Italy with mini lasagna cups. And what is March without a celebration of St. Patrick's Day and Irish soda bread? Our chefs will end the month with the BHP CNS classic, fruit and donut kabobs, in honor of "Something on a Stick" day, March 28! Who knew? Bon Appetite!

The Bradley Hills Creative Dance Company is busy preparing their circus themed performance. In addition to learning ballet and rhythmic choreography, the dancers are leaping through hoops and braving the balance beam. We continue to utilize elements of improvisation and structured play as we explore the music and movement styles featured at the circus. Mark your calendars for our next show on June 5th at 1:45 pm in Memorial Hall, where our amazing ringmasters and our funny clowns will dance the afternoon away!

Tuesday & Wednesday: Bradley Bear Dance Co.

By Ms. Lisa



Wednesday: Where in the World is Bradley Bear?

By Mrs. Michael



Where in the World is Bradley Bear?

We left ice-covered Antarctica and headed to the beautiful lush green fields of Ireland. With St. Patrick's Day in the middle of the month, March is the perfect month to learn about Ireland. For the next few weeks, our little world travelers will be exploring the Irish culture. We will learn about the flag, taste traditional Irish food, try to trap a leprechaun, and have a guest Irish Dancer from the Culin School of Traditional Irish Dance. We will stamp our passports, and get ready for our next adventure.

Our Farmers spent the winter learning all about farm animals and things that grow on a farm. Now that warmer weather is here, we will actually be farming! This month, we will be planting lettuce, radishes, carrots, and pumpkins! We will also see a demonstration of how plants 'drink' water and learn about different kinds of birds that live on farms. And to celebrate the arrival of spring later this month, we will go on a nature walk to look for signs of spring at Bradley Hills!

Thursday Bradley's Barnyard

By Mrs. Leon



Friday: Yogi Bears

By Mrs. Cardoni

Our Yogi Bears Awaken from Hibernation at the beginning of March by stretching and working through familiar poses and learning many new ones - seated stretch, pigeon pose and balancing table pose to name a few. We celebrate the arrival of Spring with themes including Outdoor Sports, St Patrick's Day, and end the month with Desert Animals and Springtime Animals. Weekly, we include stretches and poses to honor the uniqueness of each theme. Throughout the month our Yogi Bears continue their practice of gratefulness and mindfulness. We're happy to welcome the arrival of Spring! Namaste.

MONTHLY SPECIAL CLASSES AND GUEST PERFORMERS



Little Hands Music
2s, 3s, & 4s

Ms. Beth Sings:

This little wind blows silver rain, this little wind blows snow.

This little wind makes a whisper tune, this little wind moans low.

This little wind rocks baby bird, tenderly to and fro.

Windy weather songs like this one ([check out tracks 2, 3, and 4](#)) will be featured in March in Little Hands music classes! There will be lots of songs about birds flying, chirping and nesting, as well! ("[Here is a Nest](#)" and "[Little Swallow](#)" [Tracks 11, 12, and 13](#)) Notice the many wind and bird sights and sounds all around this month! Try the songs or poems from the Weather or Not album with your child at home. In music class, we'll be pretending to be swallows in nests and flying to find food, focusing on "place and space" movement, as well as the concept of smooth "legato" sounds like the wind.

Scientist Delfin Reports:

Water... water ...everywhere! This month in science we will learn about water and why it is so important to people, animals and the earth. We will explore the 3 forms of water through hands-on experiments and learn about the water cycle before we head outside to hunt for the different forms of water around our school. We will also investigate which everyday items float and sink in water.



Science Class
3s & 4s



Creative Movement
2s, 3s, & 4s

Mrs. Stevens Reports:

This month in Creative Movement, the children will jump, swim, gallop and splash to the song "I Feel Crazy so I Jump in my Soup." They will dance fast, slow, and silly to the "Silly Dance Contest" song. We will continue working on an important skill – crossing the midline. If you were to draw an imaginary line down the middle of your body, starting at your head, that is the midline. Each time you cross that line with either side of your body that is crossing the midline. This skill is needed for reading, writing, and other activities. One factor affecting handwriting is having a strong hand that controls the pencil. We practice crossing the midline when we disco dance during the "Freeze Dance". We, also, cross the midline when doing Wonder Woman Windmill as well as when we use our rainbow streamers and rhythm scarves.

Sra. Cardoni Reports:

This month in Spanish we continued to learn about feelings-sentimientos. We sing the song "If you're happy and you know it..." in Spanish and change the feelings to Happy-Feliz, Mad-Enojado, Sad-Triste, Silly-Tonto with coordinating body movements for each; Clap, Stomp, Cry and Shout. The kids get excited every time we sing it!!! As we wrap up Feelings, we begin our next lesson on daily routines; wake up in the morning and get out of bed-me despierto y me levanto de la cama, I put on my shirts and socks-Me pongo la camisa y los calcetines. Toward the end of the month we will start learning the names for all types of animals. We continue to review colors, body parts (we dance the Hokey Pokey in Spanish!), food, numbers, days of the week and the weather monkey.



Spanish for
the 3s & 4s



Music with Ms. Casey
2s, 3s & 4s

Ms. Casey Reports:

February was a month filled with love as we exchanged musical valentines and started to learn new songs. The smallest among us are finally hitting their stride and don't hesitate to voice their song requests (Let It Go, anyone?) The 3 year-olds are starting to learn some of our standards here at Bradley Hills. Song-wise, this will be their biggest learning year at Bradley Hills. And once the weather permits them to expend more of their joyous energy out of doors, the easier the task will become. The 4s are recalling all of the songs they were introduced to last year and are learning the finer points of singing as an ensemble. It's harder than you think to sing loud without shouting! - Although that's fun sometimes too... Mischief abounds in March as we do our best to root out those wily leprechauns. Parents, don't forget to turn it up to 11 and keep dancing around the living room in your pajamas! Like colds, music is contagious!