



The Bear Facts

Celebrating 67 Years of Early Childhood Education



Dear Parents,

In May, we celebrate the people we love the most. Thank you to all the amazing moms who are part of the BHPCNS extended community. Thank you to the best staff imaginable. And thank you to the men and women who have served, and continue to serve, our country.

Our last day of school is Friday, May 23rd. BHPCNS will close after our sing-along and goodbye parties to prepare for camp. We are looking forward to wet and wild water fun as Bradley Bear Goes Camping for Session 1 starting June 2nd. Session 2 begins on June 16th. There are still a few spots remaining in both sessions if you'd like to register-but hurry-they are going fast! New this summer, we are offering Cub Club during Summer Camp Sessions. See page 5 for details.

I want to give a special shout-out to our Parents' Group co-chairs, Cass Price and Amanda Munson, for all their time, energy, and enthusiasm throughout the year. They have done so much to support our staff and school, create a welcoming community for our parents, help others in need, and organize events we will forever remember. We are excited to welcome Andrea Brown as the new co-chair of the Parents' Group. She will replace Cass in the fall of 2025-26 school year.

We have had another awesome year at Bradley Hills! We celebrated our first ever Alumni Day, together we raised \$13,370 during our first ever Annual Giving Campaign, enjoyed another visit from the Bugman, watched four chicks hatch and grow, climbed on some spectacular vehicles during Transportation Days, cared for our butterflies until they could be released, grew tomatoes from seed and planted them in our Children's Garden, and so much more!

On behalf of everyone at BHPCNS, I want to thank you for trusting us to provide a loving school environment for your child(ren)! We have one last month to play, grow, and learn together.

We will miss those families not returning next year and hope they will add BHPCNS to their holiday card list or drop us a note now and again. We love to receive updates from all our alumni families. For many families, we look forward to seeing you again during summer camp or when school resumes in September. I wish everyone a safe, healthy and fun-filled summer!

Liz
Liz Sobrino
BHPCNS Director

May 1st

- Tuition Due

May 5th-8th

- Field Trips to Woodend Sanctuary

May 5th - 9th

- Teacher Appreciation Week

May 11th

- Mother's Day

May 12th & 13th

- Ice-Cream Party!

May 14th

- Dance Recital
1:45 pm in Memorial Hall
- Board Meeting
7:30pm

May 21st

- Summer Send-Off
5:30-7:00 pm on BHPCNS Field

May 22nd

- Last Day of School Parties
TTh Classes

May 23rd

- Last Day of School Parties
MF, MWF & MTWThF Classes

May 26th - 30th

- BHPCNS Closed
Summer Camp Prep

June 2nd - 12th

- Summer Camp Session 1

June 16th - 27th

- Summer Camp Session 2
No camp June 19th

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STAY
CONNECTED



UPCOMING EVENTS

TEACHER /STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

May 5th thru 9th



We're so grateful for our teachers and their love and commitment to our children.

A huge thank you to all Bradley Bear staff from our parents' group community.

Thank you to all of our parents who are chipping in! Tell us how you can help [HERE](#).



ANNUAL SUMMER SEND-OFF PARTY

Wednesday, May 21st from 5:30-7:00pm

Join us for a memorable evening marking the end of a wonderful year. There will be entertainment by the famous John Henry, Clayboys Shaved Ice truck, pizza from Timber Pizza and more. All family members are welcome! More details on pre-ordering pizzas coming soon.



BRACKETS with BRADLEY BEAR

Thank you! Together, we raised nearly \$2,000 for Parents' Group events and outreach.

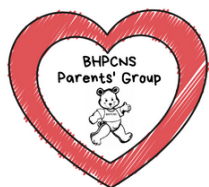
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS:

Men's Pool First Place: Bill Todd
Second Place: Joe Kildea

Women's Pool First Place: Kaeli Duggan
Second Place: Amanda Munson & Christie Flanagan Schrader

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Thank you parents for a wonderful year! We are grateful for your contributions to fundraising efforts; your attendance and assistance at social, educational and community-building events; your time and energy as room parents; and your generosity and support of our amazing teachers. You are one of the MANY reasons BHP CNS is so special!

Cass Price & Amanda Munson
Parents' Group Co-Chairs

BHP CNS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Parents,

The 2024-25 school year has flown by! Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church joins the Board in thanking the wonderful BHP CNS staff for another great year helping the children you entrust in our care to Play... Grow... Learn.

We also want to extend our thanks for your ongoing support of the school's scholarship fund. Money raised this year and in previous years allowed the school to provide 11 children this school year with a quality preschool experience by providing partial scholarships totaling just under \$33,000.

Each year, the BHP CNS Executive Board meets with Mrs. Sobrino to review her performance over the past year. Parent input is a key component of the review process. Please check your brightwheel account for a mailing from the Executive Board with a link to a survey where you can reflect on the 2024-25 school year and share your thoughts. The survey is completely anonymous unless you choose to provide identifying information. Survey results and comments are compiled by the Executive Board and shared with Mrs. Sobrino in an aggregate manner without parent names attached. We appreciate you completing the parent survey by Sunday, May 11.

The last regularly-scheduled Board meeting for the year will be on May 14 at 7:30 pm. If you have any topics you would like included on the meeting agenda, please contact the Board at board@bhpcns.org Board meetings are open to anyone with notification to the Board Chair through this email address at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Best wishes from the Board to BHP CNS families and staff for a summer of rest and time together and new adventures!

Rosanna Morrison, BHP CNS Board Chair
Scott Allshouse, BHP CNS Board Vice Chair



BHP CNS ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES



FIELD TRIPS Woodend Sanctuary



MONDAY, MAY 5th

- Mrs. Cardoni (108 MWF) & Mrs. Kebler (113)

TUESDAY, MAY 6th

- Mrs. Biggs (105) & Ms. Wilson (108 TTh)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7th

- Mrs. Barnett (104 MWF) & Mrs. Juhasz (111)

THURSDAY, MAY 9th

- Mrs. Richards (117) & Mrs. Vargas (102)

FIELD TRIP REMINDERS

- Wear your red BHP CNS t-shirt
- Dress for the weather - we go rain (rainboots) or shine!
- Be on time (we must leave promptly and need to have enough time for you to install your child's car seat)
- Label your car seat with your name
- Make sure to call the school if your child is going to be absent (301-365-2909)
- Sorry, no siblings allowed

ICE-CREAM PARTY!!!!

Monday & Tuesday, May 12th & 13th

Thank you to all our parents for completing our annual survey. Your honest feedback is so valuable to us and helps us plan for the future.

Over 75% of our parents took the time to complete the survey. We will celebrate together with an ice-cream party!!!

MONDAY, MAY 12th

Rooms 102, 103 MWF, 104,
105, 108 MWF, 117, 201

TUESDAY, MAY 13th

Rooms 103 TTh, 107,
108 TTh, 111, 113



DANCE RECITAL

Wednesday, May 14th at 1:45pm

The Bradley Hills Dance Troupe will present **Bradley Bear's Under the Sea** dance performance at 1:45 pm in Memorial Hall. Doors will open at approximately 1:30 pm. All are welcome to attend this delightful performance complete with all sorts of magical sea creatures!

Dancers and their families are invited to stay after the performance for refreshments.



END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

TTh CLASSES

2 Year-Old Classes will have their end of year celebrations on Thursday, May 22nd at 11:00 in your child's classroom. There will be singing, a special end of the year party, and lots of hugs. Family members are invited to attend. Children will be dismissed at 11:30.

Lunch Bunch will be held.

Stay + Play will be held.

3 Year-Old Classes will perform a selection of their favorite songs on Thursday, May 22nd in our classroom. The program will begin at 11:30 am. Following the performance, there will be a party in the classroom. Family members are invited to attend.

Children will be dismissed after their party at 12:30.

Stay + Play will be held.

MF, MWF & MTWThF CLASSES

2 Year-Old Classes will have their end of year celebrations at 10:00 on Friday, May 23rd at your child's classroom. There will be songs, an end of the year party, and lots of hugs! Family members are invited to attend.

Children will be dismissed after their party between 10:30 and 11:00.

Lunch Bunch and Stay + Play will not be held.

3 Year-Old & Pre-K Classes will perform their favorite songs in the church sanctuary at 9:30 am on Friday, May 23rd. Following the performance, there will be class parties. Family members are invited to attend.

Children will be dismissed after their party between 10:30 and 11:00.

There will be no Stay + Play.

The May 14th Dance Performance and both the May 22nd & May 23rd Sing-Alongs will be professionally recorded. Downloadable links will be sent out mid-June for everyone to revisit the end of year fun.

SUMMER CAMP - REGISTER NOW - LIMITED OPENINGS

BHP CNS SUMMER CUB CLUB

JUNE BUGS GO CAMPING

	MONDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
SESSION #1	JUNE 2nd & 9th	June 4th & 11th
SESSION #2	JUNE 16th & 23rd	June 18th & 25th

This is a great opportunity for both caregivers and children to play together with peers:

Unstructured Play Storytime Music Creative Movement Arts & Crafts Water Play

**Recommended for Children ages 12-24 months old.
No more than two children per caregiver.
Limited spaces!
Enroll TODAY on brightwheel!!!**

BHP CNS SUMMER CAMP 2025

BRADLEY BEAR GOES CAMPING!

Ages** Children enrolled in our 2, 3, and Pre-K programs are invited to attend (as well as, recent BHP CNS graduates).

TWO NINE DAY SESSIONS OF SUMMER CAMP:
JUNE 2 - 12
JUNE 16- 27 *no camp June 19th*

\$495* PER SESSION

REGISTER ON BRIGHTWHEEL

9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Campers will be served a mid-morning snack provided by BHP CNS.
Campers bring a lunch from home.

Early Drop-off:
Campers may be dropped off at 8:00 am for an additional \$150 per camp session.
Drop-in rate is \$20/day. Light snack provided by BHP CNS.

Stay & Play:
Campers may stay until 2:30 pm for an additional \$280 per camp session.
Drop-in rate is \$35/day. Light snack provided by BHP CNS.

*An additional \$85 fee for any child who is not fully toilet trained. BHP CNS considers a child fully potty-trained when the child is able to articulate their need to go to the bathroom, can manage their clothing, and does not have recurring accidents at school.

** Must be currently enrolled at BHP CNS for the 24-25 school year and two by December 31, 2024.

CUB CLUB WILL RETURN FOR 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

Starting in September 2025 from 9:00am-10:30am
with Ms. Colonna



Come and spend the morning with Bradley Bear! This is a great opportunity for both caregivers and children to play with peers in a comfortable setting together.

- Unstructured play
- Storytime
- Music
- Creative Movement
- Arts & Crafts

One caregiver per child.
Enrollment is limited to 10 students.

Application available [HERE](#).



FALL SESSION

September 8th - November 20th
Mondays & Thursdays

WINTER SESSION

December 1st - February 24th
Mondays & Tuesdays

SPRING SESSION

March 2nd - May 19th
Mondays & Tuesdays

YOUNG TWOS RETURN IN JANUARY OF 2026!

Wenesdays & Fridays from 9:00am-11:30am

We are offering the Young Twos Program again next year. This class is drop-off and is a great introduction to Bradley Hills for any child who will turn two between September 2, 2025 and December 31, 2025.

Enrollment will be limited to 12 students.

Application available [HERE](#).



SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

MAY

JUN

JUL

AUG

Arav Garg
Aurora Einstein
William Natelli
Julia Sharbaugh
Mateo Arce Gualana
Kian Dewan
Piper Jones
Graham Lieberman
Ruby Rosen
Sarah Swanzey
Ryan Penfold
Mina Patel
Teddy Dixon
Serafina Munson
Hank Wallace
Jack Rosner
Suzutaka Nakamura
Naomi Mackey
Mia Walker
Athena Brevil
Cyrus Odulio
Mylo Alexandrovich

Sydney Leininger
Teddy Barker
Louie Duggan
Luke Meltzer
Graham Price-McDonald
Grayson Rickett
Weeks White
Phoenix Brevil
Yuhi Mori
Gemma Bottegai
Christian Santo
Jordy Fornal
Yui Yamashita
Clara Orlikowski
Honoka Mori
Nora Toufanian
Adalyn Quane
Esmae Quane
Reid Sepsakos
Lometa Dunn
Emi Fleming
Ruby Parker

Elizabeth Joly
Rhodes Case
Ruby Sciolli
Josephine Munson
Wyatt Sloan
Graham Jacob
Leo Zarrin
Cecelia Brown

Kinsley Fauquier
Will Forbes
Caroline Kroner
Melina Waldo
Alivia Esema
Decky Meltzer
Alma Einstein
Brooks Roach
Jiah Denis
Dean Peterson

PLAYGROUND ATTIRE & TIPS

As the weather gets warmer, our cubs spend more and more time outdoors enjoying our fabulous campus.

Shoes and Socks

To be able to run and play on the playgrounds children need to have on closed toed shoes with socks to keep the mulch and sand out and their feet from getting hurt.

Shorts under Dresses and Skirts

When wearing dresses and skirts, children should wear shorts underneath for modesty sake when climbing and swinging. Shorts also make it more comfortable when playing in the sandbox or mulch.

Sunscreen and Bug Spray

Warm weather also brings sunburns and bug bites. Protect your child by applying sunscreen and bug spray before coming to school. If you would like us to re-apply, complete this [FORM](#).

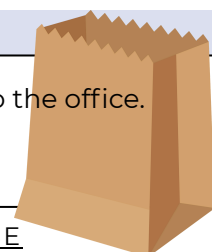
Ticks

Our cubs sometimes play in wooded areas. Please check for ticks daily.



DON'T THROW IT AWAY!

We are collecting brown paper grocery bags for summer camp. Please bring any you have to the office.
Thank you!



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS



Summer office hours will be Monday through Thursday between 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. The office will be closed most Fridays during July and August. Amanda and Liz will be checking phones, email, brightwheel messages, and snail mail throughout the summer. If you have an urgent matter to discuss, please don't hesitate to call or message Liz directly on her cell phone at 301-642-8166.

Throughout the summer, the office will be sending out information about the upcoming school year and forms that need to be completed via brightwheel. Please check your child's feed often.

Returning students do not need to complete new medical forms unless they've received additional immunizations. They will need to complete new allergy forms if they have any allergies.

LAVERNE & SHIRLEY NEED A HOME FOR THE SUMMER



Laverne & Shirley are looking for a home for the summer. These two guinea pigs are packed with personality and enjoy being handled. Their tiny squeaks bring joy and laughter. They are messy but adorable!

If you are interested in having them in your home for all (or part) of the summer, please let Liz or the office know.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS BRADLEY BEAR?

Be on the lookout for "Flat Bradley".

He will be coming home in your child's tote bag soon.

Going to Grandma and Grandpa's? Going to the pool? Going across the country, the world? Take "Flat Bradley" with you! Send us pictures of your family or child with Bradley Bear enjoying your summer. We will print and post the pictures in our hallway for everyone to see when school resumes in September.

Feel free to post your pictures on Facebook and Instagram, too (tag Bradley Bear!) Email your photos to kgoodstein@bhpcns.org.



1,000 BOOKS TO READ BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Montgomery County Public Libraries: 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. Many of these titles are favorites of our Bradley Bear cubs. Books are a wonderful way to teach children about the world around them and to start meaningful discussions at home. These titles are new and old favorites for kids and adults. Happy Reading!

For additional resources visit [HERE](#).



SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

ART (*all ages*) with Mrs. Mac 'N Cheese

Our last art project of the year will be extra special. We will be making self portraits. Our two-year old classes will talk about having two eyes, one nose, a mouth, teeth, etc. Our three-year old classes will look at a mirror to help them draw their self portraits. Our Pre-K classes will use half a photo of themselves and draw the missing half.

They are sure to be keepsakes!

MUSIC (*3-year-old & Pre-K*) with Little Hands

Almost everyone loves a Teddy Bear - especially the Bradley Bears! In May Little Hands Music classes we'll hug, bounce, sing, and dance with all kinds of Teddy Bears!

We'll sing about spinning tops, bean bags, and bouncing balls, all while concentrating on the concepts of quiet and loud, fast and slow, and long and short sounds. Instruments will include shakers and drums, large and small. "Hand, hand, fingers, thumb! This is how I play my drum!"

A favorite is "The Toy Song" where we pretend to be toys on a shelf that come to life, then go to sleep again, based on the lyrics and musical cues. "At the end of the day, I put my toys away...and later on they - come - out - to - PLAY....I've got toys, they like to dance!" (Why is it that children are always happy to pretend to go to sleep, except at bedtime!) :) You'll find the songs from class on this playlist, or contact Ms Beth at bfrook@littlehands.com for more access information.



It's been a wonderful school year at Bradley Hills - I'm so grateful to be included in your community!

SINGING with Ms. Casey (*all ages*)

And suddenly it's May! I never understood the passage of time until I watched children grow. I'm so proud of everyone and how they've changed this year. Our twos have gone from silently observing to singing and dancing, from playing on their own to interacting with their classmates. Our threes have learned so many brand new songs with LOTS of lyrics (it's a heavy lift!) And our fours have become leaders themselves. As the oldest kids in the school they've embraced being role models for their younger peers as we prepare for the year-end performance. The concert is more than just a celebration of the end of the school year, it's a tangible expression of how we've grown. I can't thank you enough for sharing your children with me this year.



Hope to see you at our Year End Concert!

SPRINGTIME BOOKS from our Librarian - Mrs. Hauck



As the weather warms up and we are all eager to be outside enjoying fresh spring air, please check out these new books in the BHPCNS Library.

Nature Spy Guide by Shelley Rotner

Photographs and simple text show children exploring nature through their five senses and includes ideas for activities outside.

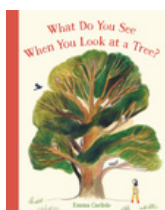


The Busy Tree by Jennifer Ward

Look at a tree and what do you see? Look beyond the leaves and branches and you may find ants climbing the trunk or an owl in a hollow. With colorful illustrations and rhyming text, this book shares with readers all the wonderful life that happens around a tree.

What Do You See When You Look at a Tree? by Emma Carlisle

Beautiful illustrations explore the wide variety of shapes, sizes, and colors among trees. Includes information on how trees communicate with one another.



We welcome all to visit the school library, a collection of close to 5000 books. Please see the office staff if you need assistance finding or borrowing a book. Also, please note that a \$10.00 replacement fee will be charged for all lost books.

If you have any questions, please contact Jan Hauck at jbhauck@bhpcns.org.



BRADLEY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

You may have noticed that the labyrinth in the front of the church has a new surface. You and your child(ren) are welcome to thoughtfully explore this spiritual meditation space. Please help the church maintain the new surface by treating it gently. We respectfully request no chalk, tag, hopscotch, or use of bikes/scooters on the new surface, as well as no attempts to remove any stones. We would appreciate your sharing this request with family members or child care providers who drop off or pick up your children. Thank you for your support!



It's hard to believe the school year is nearing its close. It was great to have several nursery school families participate in our spring break activities. We are happy to share some family-oriented end-of-year activities you may want to participate in!

Upcoming Events in May/June:

May 18th from 5:00-7:00 pm, on the church grounds. Bring your entire family and get to know members of all faith congregations that share our space at 6601 Bradley Blvd. Come to the Interfaith Family Food Truck Event and enjoy dinner together, games, face painting, and lively cultural discussions!

May 11th from 9:15-10:00 am, we are inviting all mothers (and the women who support them) to a delightful Mother's Day tea. Children are welcome too! At 9:15 children can make a craft and decorate cookies while parents are encouraged to join Adult Education in the Lounge. Then, from 10:00-10:30 we will host our Mother's Day Tea before the service on Mother's Day.

June 8th from 11:00am -1:30 pm, All Church Picnic. Kick off your summer at Bradley Hills' all-church BBQ. Enjoy good food and great company. Invite a friend! BHPC will provide the drinks, hotdogs, and hamburgers (vegan options too).

Monday, August 18th through Friday, August 22nd, we will have Vacation Bible School at BHPC. We will be partnering with Geneva Presbyterian Church. Cali Bronkema, Director of NextGen Ministries at Geneva, will co-lead the program with our Director of Christian Education, Rosanna Howard. We are encouraging early registration. Register [HERE](#).

Register by May 31st: \$65/child
 Register by June 30th: \$80/child
 Register by August 3rd: \$95/child



Scholarships are available for any family who needs one.
 Look for the flyers hanging in our hallways to register!

Service Opportunity for Families: We encourage all families who are attending church to consider volunteering to help the Smart Sacks Team which gathers in the hallway between Memorial Hall and the Lounge after church each Sunday. Volunteers put grocery items in bags for delivery to Weller and JoAnn Leleck Elementary Schools. Smart Sacks helps bridge the gap between Friday and Monday by providing nutritious foods for children and their families who might not have another meal until after the weekend. Manna Food Center, a nonprofit striving to end hunger in Montgomery County, provides the food.

Please reach out to Rosanna Howard rosanna@bradleyhillschurch.org if you would like to find out more about programs for young children at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church.



TRANSPORTATION DAYS WERE *fantastic!*

Special thanks to Mia Walker's uncle, Sean, for sharing his awesome camper and motorcycle with us, to Graham Jacob's dad, Joe, for letting us climb all over his speedy fishing boat and truck, and to Mrs. Martin for bringing her horse trailer for our cubs to explore.

