

# April 2018 Newsletter

## *The Bear Facts*

Celebrating 60 Years of Early Childhood Education

Dear Parents,

Welcome back from Spring Break. I hope you had a safe and happy Easter holiday.

Our Pizza and John Henry event was a HUGE success. Thank you to everyone who helped set-up, distributed dinner, and cleaned-up. Over 230 children, parents, teachers, came to eat, sing, and dance. A special "Thank You" to Ashley Schneider and Mary Dunmire, our amazing Parents' Group Presidents, for organizing the evening. A special thank you to all the parents who helped setup and cleanup.

Upcoming April highlights include:

- **Summer Time/Fun Times: How simple strategies will help you save your sanity!** Join Dr. Rebecca Hertzman on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 in the BHPC library for this informative parenting conversation. Details on page 5.
- **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jubilee Celebration** on April 14<sup>th</sup> between 7:30 pm and 10:30 pm. Full details on page 3!
- **"Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About MCPS Kindergarten"** evening on April 19<sup>th</sup>. This informative session will feature Maura Backenstoe, an MCPS kindergarten teacher and conversations with families currently enrolled in kindergarten classes.
- BHPCNS Book Club will be meeting in May. Get your copies of either **Scoop the Poop** or **The Self-Driven Child** and start reading. Details on page 5.
- Our annual Parent Satisfaction Survey will be landing in your inboxes during April. Please complete the survey. Your opinions and comments are important to me as I strive to make BHPCNS the best possible pre-school for you and your family.

In addition to the information you provide on the Parent Survey, please know that the office door is always open. Or call me on my cell at 301-642-8166 or email me at [Lsobrino@bhpcns.org](mailto:Lsobrino@bhpcns.org) any time to talk about all things BHPCNS.

Liz  
Liz Sobrino  
Director BHPCNS



### JUMPIN' JELLYFISH BHPCNS' UNDER THE SEA SUMMER CAMP



Camp flyers with registration details have been sent home. If you need another one they are in the bin outside the office.

This year our campers will be exploring all things related to the oceans and beach. Our Jumpin' Jellyfish with Bradley Bear will run daily Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 am and 12:30 pm. There will be early morning drop off available. Camp will be held the following 3 weeks:

**June 11 through the 14th**  
**June 18 through the 21th**  
**June 25 through the 28th**

All currently enrolled BHPCNS children are eligible to attend camp. Camp is \$200 per week.

**NEW: Rising 3 year old campers, who are not completely potty trained, are eligible to attend camp for an additional \$50 fee. Details available by calling the office at 301-365-2909.**

## PARENTS' GROUP NEWSLETTER

Happy spring! Thank you to everyone who came to our pizza and John Henry night! It was so much fun eating dinner and dancing with friends. A big thank you goes to everyone who helped set up Memorial Hall and delivered pizzas! We are also very grateful to everyone who helped pitch in to cleanup the fun.

If you have a four-year-old and Kindergarten is in your future, you'll want to mark your calendar for April 18<sup>th</sup>, our **Kindergarten** meeting. We will have a MCPS Kindergarten teacher share an overview of MCPS Kindergarten and answer any questions you have regarding Kindergarten readiness. If you are a bit more experienced and already have a Kindergartener, we would love to have you attend as well. We love hearing about the individual schools, transitioning to Kindergarten, and Kindergarten overall from a parent perspective.

We are blessed with such wonderful teachers and staff at BHCNS. It's nice to take a moment to thank them for all that they do for our children, and us as parents! Please look for information from us regarding Teacher Appreciation Week in early May.

We'll need some help filling committee chair positions next year. Look for a separate email and flyer sent home detailing some of the responsibilities of each position. Contact Ashley if you're willing to help with our Welcome Back Picnic, leading the Sunshine Committee, organizing monthly teacher snacks, organizing fundraisers, organizing family dine-out nights, selling totes and t-shirts during the Parent Open House, or other special events.

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## SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATES

### ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING:

BHCNS staff participated in Active Shooter Training on March 19<sup>th</sup>. It was a highly informative and productive training program for the staff. The instructors walked the staff through what to do in the event of an emergency in the school. The skills they presented are also beneficial for any type of physical threat situation. Not only was there classroom lecture type instruction, the staff practiced how to disarm a person intending to do harm. At the staffs request we will be holding another training in the fall on how to safely care for the children in the event of an emergency situation. I am happy to discuss the training with you, just call.

### SAFETY INSPECTION of BHPC and BHCNS:

An independent firm has conducted a thorough safety inspection of the property. BHCNS will be adding signage altering families to the possible of slipping on stairs when it's wet. Please use caution on wet days when entering and leaving the building. If you have any questions about the report, I am happy to talk with you.

## PIZZA NIGHT WITH JOHN HENRY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS! THANK YOU!

Pizza and John Henry was so much fun! Thank you to the Parents' Group for funding John Henry for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to Ashley Schneider and Mary Dunmire for coordinating the event. The evening was a wonderful opportunity to introduce several new incoming families to the BHCNS community. The evening would never have happened without our amazing volunteers. Thank you to everyone who helped! Last but not least, thank you to everyone who helped break down and clean up at the end of the evening. You made cleanup really easy!



AND



**Join BHP CNS as we celebrate our  
Diamond Jubilee on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Between 7:30 and 10:30 pm in Memorial Hall**

All future, current and past BHP CNS families, alumni, teachers, friends, new families enrolling in BHP CNS are welcome to attend. Older teenagers are welcome with parents.

Dinner will be provided by Saffron Gourmet and Frenchman Food Trucks.

Justin Trawick & the Common Good will provide live music for dancing.

Open Bar with beer, wine, and soft drinks.

Cost: Nothing (Donations gratefully accepted.)

RSVP ASAP!

Attire: Smart Casual.

Help us spread the word. Call 301-365-2909 to RSVP or with questions.

**WINE & SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS WELCOME:**

Sponsorship forms are available in the office. Please consider becoming a sponsor and/or donating a bottle of wine, or two valued at \$20 or more a bottle to our Wall of Wine raffle. Our goal is 100 bottles of wine to raffle off to lucky winners. Raffle tickets are available in the office and at the event.

**ANNIVERSARY MURAL:**

We are calling all alumni to add their handprints to the mural in the Rainy Day Room. We have 4 beautiful trees filled with children, teacher, and alumni handprints. Thank you to Nancy McCullough for creating this lasting memory for BHP CNS.

**The Diamond Jubilee  
is an adult & older  
teenagers only event.**



**Thank you to our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sponsors!!!!!!**

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## WALL OF WINE RAFFLE TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE



**100 Bottles of Wine Raffle!**

### The Wall of Wine Raffle!

In celebration of our 60<sup>th</sup> year we are holding a MYSTERY “WALL OF WINE” Raffle to be drawn on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. There will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners.

- 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will receive 1/2 of our Wall of Wine – 50 mystery bottles\*!
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner– 30 mystery bottles\*!
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 20 mystery bottles\*!

Winner need not be present to win.

**Tickets are \$10.00 each or 5 tickets for \$40**

Raffle forms are available outside of the office.

If you have any questions or would like a stack of tickets to sell to your friends, please contact Carolyn at [CMccauley@BHPCNS.org](mailto:CMccauley@BHPCNS.org).  
\*the majority of the mystery bottles have a minimum value of \$20.00 or more.

## EVERYTHING YOU’VE EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT KINDERGARTEN: APRIL 18 7:30 PM

Kindergarten is a big transition for your child and your whole family.

- Do you have questions or concerns about Kindergarten?
- Questions will be answered at our **Kindergarten Information Event** on April 18th at 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm.
  - A current MCPS Kindergarten teacher will be on hand to share her insights about Kindergarten readiness and what to expect come September.
  - Parents of current or recent Kindergarteners will be attending for breakout, by elementary school, round table discussions. (If you have a child or have had a child recently attend kindergarten and are interested in leading/facilitating one of our breakout groups, please email me [lsobrino@bhpcns.org](mailto:lsobrino@bhpcns.org).)
- If you have friends or neighbors who might be interested in attending, they are welcome to come as well.
- RSVP by emailing us at [info@bhpcns.org](mailto:info@bhpcns.org) or calling the school office, 301-365-2909 or sign-up on the clipboard outside of the office. This is an adult only event and childcare will not be provided.



### MCPS Kindergarten Registration is Happening Now!

MCPS elementary schools need to know if your child will be attending their school in September 2018. 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 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

Chevy Chase: 301-657-4994  
Garrett Park: 240-740-0700  
Kensington Parkwood: 301-571-6949  
Seven Locks: 240-740-0940  
Wood Acres: 240-740-1120  
Wyngate: 240-740-108

When contacting your local elementary school ask if they are hosting any informational meetings for parents. 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.

## ADDITIONAL PARENT RESOURCES:

**NAEYC or the National Association for the Education of Young Children**, <http://www.naeyc.org/> is an organization for people involved in early childhood education. While designed as a resource for those in the industry it is full of parenting advice and tips on all kinds of information. Want to know more about the Common Core or the benefits of play-based education, click on their Topics tab. There you will find articles and information on all types of topics relevant to raising children in today's fast paced society. Highlighted articles on the website from NAEYC's publications are terrific resources on many child development topics.

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>

**WETA KIDS**, <http://www.weta.org/kids> is an entire channel dedicated to providing quality programming such as Sesame Street, Curious George, Wondergirl, for children. These programs promote academic, social, and emotional growth in a fun, engaging, and developmentally appropriate manner.

## PARENT COFFEE: REBECCA HERTZMAN CHILD PSYCHOLOGIST-APRIL 6 AT 9:15



### Summer Time/Fun Times: How simple strategies will help you save your sanity!

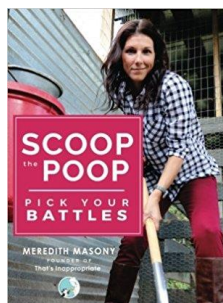
This informative parent education session will be presented by Dr. Rebecca Hertzman on April 6th. Her hour long, parent education/discussion event will begin at 9:15 after drop off in Covenant Hall. Come to discuss how consistency, routines, and traditions, at home and at school, encourage secure attachment and emotional growth in children and help parents save their sanity. Have your parenting questions answered. Another benefit of Rebecca's talks is that you realize that you are not alone with your parenting challenges. Other families have the same toileting, sleep, discipline, and more challenges as your family. RSVP by calling 301-365-2909 or signing up outside the office.

**Children don't come with a rulebook. Join fellow parents and Dr. Hertzman for an informal discussion on child rearing!**



**How will you  
save your  
sanity?**

## BHPCNS PARENT BOOK CLUB: MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:15 AM OR MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 PM



**Scoop the Poop** author, Meredith Masony writes: "I am a Mom. I had babies, not a lobotomy. I am here to tell stories about my life, my family, my struggles, and my joy. I try to find the humor in all things. I am on a quest to obtain my dreams. life. I want to share my voice, my stories, my humor, my tale. I believe that real life is dirty and exhausting but we find joy despite the monotony of the daily grind. I have been working towards creating a community of "Real Moms" who talk about the good, the bad, and the ugly side of parenting."

### **Scoop the Poop Book Discussions**

**May 3<sup>th</sup>**

**9:15 am or 7:00 pm**

**RSVP:**

**[Lsobrino@bhpcns.org](mailto:Lsobrino@bhpcns.org)**

**Or on clipboard by  
office**

### **The Self-Driven Child**

**Book Discussions**

**May 9<sup>th</sup>**

**9:15 am or 7:00 pm**

**RSVP:**

**[Lsobrino@BHPCNS.org](mailto:Lsobrino@BHPCNS.org)**

**Or on clipboard by  
office**

**The Self-Driven Child** offers a combination of cutting-edge brain science, the latest discoveries in behavioral therapy, and case studies drawn from the thousands of kids and teens Bill Stixrud and Ned Johnson have helped over the years to teach you how to set your child on the real road to success. As parents, we can only drive our kids so far. At some point, they will have to take the wheel and map out their own path. But there is a lot you can do before then to help them find their passion and tackle the road ahead with courage and imagination.

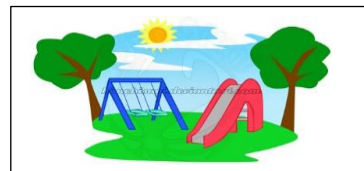
**The  
Self-Driven  
Child**

THE SCIENCE and SENSE of  
GIVING YOUR KIDS MORE  
CONTROL OVER THEIR LIVES

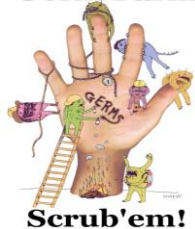
WILLIAM STIXRUD, Ph.D.,  
and NED JOHNSON

## BHPCNS REMINDERS AND UPDATES:

**BHPCNS Playgrounds:** The BHPCNS playgrounds are open to the public. We love that our cubs play on the playgrounds throughout the year. We ask that you return the playground the way you found it, covering sandboxes and putting away the sand toys is very much appreciated.



### Germ Farm



**Hand Washing Prevents the Spread of Germs:** A quick reminder to wash your child's hands as they enter school every morning. We had a lot of sick children and staff in March. Many cases of the flu and strep have been reported to the office. Please help keep everyone healthy by washing your child's hands when you enter the school. Thank you! If your child is sick, please contact the office in the morning. Reminder, a child must be healthy, without pain medication or fever reducing medicine, for 24 hours before they are allowed to return to school to prevent the spread of germs.

**No Parking in the Fire Lane:** The yellow line between the sidewalk and the driveway is to keep cars from drifting onto the sidewalk. This is also a fire lane. Parking is not allowed on this strip of pavement. Please park in a parking space when dropping children off in the morning or collecting them in the afternoon. Please share this information with everyone who drives your child.



**Boots for Outdoor Playtime:** Please continue to send your children to school with boots that can be worn outside to the playgrounds. Muddy playgrounds will not be keeping us indoors as the temperature rises!

**Lost and Found Bin:** The Lost and Found bin, by Room 117, is getting filled with warm jackets, hair bows, sweaters, and other lost items. Please check the bin for any missing belongings. Uncollected items will be donated to needy children in April.



## BHPCNS VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BEST!

BHPCNS welcomes all parents, caregivers, nannies, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, and even family pets into our classrooms. If you or someone your child loves has a special talent, a favorite book, a family tradition, a cultural experience, a craft, a love of unique creatures, a hobby, please check with your child's teacher about a time to come to school and treat the class to a special event. This year we've had families share their Chinese/Lunar New Year traditions, their Hanukkah traditions; numerous siblings and grandparents have come to read to their brother or sister's class, and even a puppy came to school one day.

If you are interested in volunteering to assist with school events, that would be wonderful too! Just pop into the office to discuss options.



**Thank you to all our volunteers,  
past, present, and future!**

**The children and the school benefit  
from your support!**

## BOOTS, CLEATS, SHOES, SWAP COMING TO BHPCNS: APRIL 24TH TO MAY 5TH



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

Begins April 16<sup>th</sup> through April 27<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.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING BHPCNS EVENTS!



### Transportation Days

May 14 and May 15

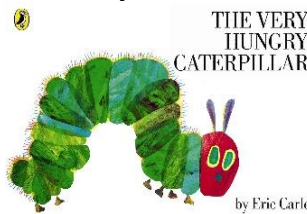
If you have a vehicle to share contact the office at 301-365-2909.

We love trucks, construction equipment, fancy cars, etc...

Friends and family are welcome to come and see the vehicles.

### Bradley Bear Dance Troupe Spring Performance

May 23 at 1:45



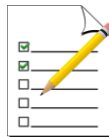
Everyone is invited to our show!



Everything You've Ever  
Wanted to Know about  
Kindergarten!

April 18<sup>th</sup> 7:30 to 9:00 pm

Please Take My  
Survey



Parent Satisfaction Survey will be emailed to all families in April. Completing the survey really lets us know how we can improve our school and programming.

### Muffins with Mom in May!

Everyone's favorite breakfast is back! May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup> all moms, and/or other important person in your child's life are invited for breakfast starting at 8:15 in Memorial Hall.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING BHPCNS EVENTS!

April 6: Parent Education Coffee with Dr. Rebecca Hertzman at 9:15 in Covenant Hall

April 14: 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Party!!!! Between 7:30 and 10:30 pm in Memorial Hall

April 18: Everything You've Ever Wanted to Know About Kindergarten at 7:30 pm in Covenant Hall

May 3 and May 4: Muffins with Mom at 8:30 am in Memorial Hall

May 3: Book Club Discussion: Scoop the Poop at 9:15 am or 7:00 pm in the BHPC Library

May 9: Book Club Discussion: The Self-Driven Child at 9:15 am or 7:00 pm in the BHPC Library

May 14 and May 15 Transportation Days Outside on the parking lots

May 23: Dance Recital at 1:45 pm in Memorial Hall

June 5: End of Year Festivities for Tuesday/Thursday Classes

June 6: End of Year Festivities for Monday/Wednesday/Friday and Monday – Friday Classes

## A LITTLE APRIL HUMOR!

April showers bring May flowers. What do May flowers bring?

What noise does spring make?

Answer can be found under April Birthdays!



## DID YOU KNOW??????



### Bradley Bear is now on Instagram!!!!

Follow us @Bradley\_Hill\_Bear or search Bradley Hills Nursery School  
Join to see photos, updates, and more....  
Another way to keep informed about all things nursery school.  
Share with family and friends!



### Free OT Screenings

Between April 16<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup>, TLC, will be offering FREE, Occupational Therapy Screenings. Limited appointments are available. To schedule an appointment call 301-424-5200. OT screenings and therapy are wonderful for children who cover their ears with loud noises, who are always on the go or fidgety, bothered by tags, cuffs, socks, annoyed by messy hands, is clumsy, and has challenges with large or small motor tasks. Screenings are available for children of all ages and take 30 minutes. Call today for more information.

## Spring Parenting Classes at PEP

To kick off its Spring season, the Parent Encouragement Program ([PEP](#)) is offering several FREE workshops in the District/Maryland/Virginia. Please register in advance.

[Why Don't My Kids Listen to Me?](#) A free introduction to PEP's parenting approach.

- April 7 in Kensington and McLean
- April 16 in NE DC
- April 23 in Alexandria

Online: [Motivated and Resilient: How Parents Can Raise Self-Driven Children](#)

- April 9 with book authors Dr. William Stixrud and Ned Johnson

[Power Tools for Power Struggles](#) in partnership with the MCPS Parent Academy

- April 11 at Tilden Middle School in Rockville

Online: [The Good News About Bad Behavior](#) -- May 3 with book author Katherine Reynolds Lewis

**Save 15% off any PEP parenting core class through April 8 by using code PEPCORE18SP.** Get insights and tools so your home is more loving, more harmonious, and more joyful.

- If you have preschoolers: <http://pepparent.org/classes-programs/parenting-young-children/>.

[PEP](#) is a local nonprofit dedicated to building strong, family relationships through parenting education, skills training and support.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Sydney Koch  
Michael Bross  
Clara Callahan  
Patrick Burton  
Tyler Burton  
Klara Mydlarz  
Eduardo Sousa  
Keegan Coakley  
Leela Anand



Avery Brandaleone  
Keegan O'Brien  
Elinor Supple  
Summer Bolla  
Kenzie Bolla  
Avery Maloy  
Natalie Schaefer  
Michael DeLellis

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

## A LITTLE APRIL HUMOR ANSWER!

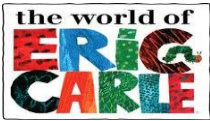


Mayflowers bring pilgrims!



BOING!  
BOING!  
BOING!

## STAY AND PLAY UPDATES



### **Mondays: The Artist's Corner** By Mrs. McCullough

In the month of April, Art class will appreciate the talents of Author/illustrator Eric Carle. We'll use his technique of paint texture on paper to create our favorite animals. Our finished masterpieces will be hanging in the hallways for everyone to admire!

Bradley bear's chefs will welcome April showers by making comfort foods such as banana oatmeal, grilled cheese sandwich with tomato soup, Tutti- Frutti Muesli, and egg-salad sandwiches. The children will practice dicing, mixing, measuring, mashing, spreading, peeling and chopping while making their comfort foods!

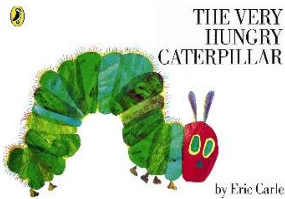
### **Mondays: In the Kitchen** By Mrs. Senarathne



### **Tuesdays: Wigglin' Wizards** By Mrs. Meyer



After enjoying the late March snowstorm, our scientists are gearing up to celebrate spring!  
April = Spring = Earth Day. Using our developing skills in hypothesis and observation, our Wigglin' Wizards will conduct experiments that emphasize the importance of conserving our world and respecting our place in it. To highlight this month that celebrates our earth, we will learn about the life cycle of plants and trees, water filtration, the role of soil and its animals and the importance of conservation of our resources.



### **Tuesdays & Wednesdays: Bradley Bear Dance Co.** By Colleen Snyder

The Bradley Bears Dance Team has been hard at work practicing for their upcoming performance in May. This spring we are creating a new story ballet based on an adaptation of Eric Carle's, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* using music from the soundtrack of Disney's, *A Bug's Life*. The dancers use both creative movement and fundamentals of ballet in their story telling dances. The dancers are most excited to show off their butterfly wings, leaps, and twirls during the finale!

In the month of April, our friends in Wacky Wednesday, we will learn about animal habitats in a pond with. The children will learn about Lilly Pads, Turtles, Frogs, & Fish. Everyone will work together to make an indoor pond as a fun and educational sensory activity.



### **Wacky Wednesdays:** By Mrs. Senarathne



### **Thursdays: Where in the World is Bradley Bear?** By Mrs. Skoff

Our Bradley Bear explorers have enjoyed all of the places we have been visiting. March took us to Eritrea, a small, beautiful country in Africa. When we return from spring break, we will fly to our sixth continent, Australia. In the Land Down Under, we will learn about the animals that inhabit this country and make our very own kangaroo with a "joey" tucked in its pouch. We will snorkel the Great Barrier Reef and see all of the wonders below the water. We will visit the Outback where the original settlers, called Aborigines, used boomerangs for hunting. For such a small country, there are so many things to see and do.

Every week, our Yogi Bears explore new and familiar poses. In April, our yogis will pretend to be pirates, explore the desert, bend like dinosaurs, and really move our bodies as we act out different types of transportation. Each class ends with savasana, or relaxation, and we practice mindfulness during snack time. Our yogis are always rested, recharged, and ready to start the weekend after our Friday yoga class!

### **Yogi Bears** By Mrs. Leon



## MONTHLY SPECIAL CLASSES



**Music Class**  
2s, 3s, & 4s

### Ms. Beth Reports:

Happy Spring from the music classroom! Songs and activities this month are about bugs, bees, and butterflies! High and low sounds, as well as the octave scale are the focus musically. **"The Bee Song"** starts with "On my knee there is a bee..." and moves up the scale to "past my nose, to my head where my hair grows!"

We'll use the slide whistle to explore more about high and low, and moving our bodies and scarves with the sound's movement! Meanwhile, the **Eensy Weensy Spider** will join us along with **Little Green Fly**, who flies way up high, and **Little Black Bug**, who hides under the rug (Bug-ug-ug-ug!) [You can listen to the songs here.](#) (Tracks 8 and 11) Ask your child to show you the hand motions that go **with these songs.** Enjoy!

**Scientist Delfin Reports:** This month in Science, we will learn about electricity. We will play a game of nucleus, nucleus, electron in the form of the classic duck, duck, goose to help show that when electrons move between objects it creates static electricity. Then the fun stuff - we will do lots of static electricity experiments with balloons so don't be surprised if your child comes home with their hair standing straight up! We'll move on to circuit electricity in action with an experiment to light a lightbulb using aluminum foil and a battery and will test different materials to figure out what is a conductor and insulator. And finally, we will practice team work to light a special touch circuit!



**Science Class**  
3s & 4s



**Creative Movement**  
2s, 3s, & 4s

### Mrs. Stevens Reports:

This month in Creative Movement, the children became space unicorns and used the ribbons to "soar through the stars to deliver the rainbows all around the world." They bounced beach balls on the parachute to The Beach Boys song "Surfin' Safari". Finally, the children practiced their best surfing moves while shaking the parachute to the song "Surfing USA."

### Sra. Cardoni Reports:

We will begin the new month learning about the names of animals. We will sing the Itsy Bitsy Araña and Los Pollitos (the song sheet will be sent home). We will also begin learning verbs and mimic the movements to help remember the new words (saltar-jump, correr-run, caminar-walk, dormir-sleep). This is a multi-week lesson the children really enjoy. We will practice speaking to each other; what to say when meeting new people and how to ask their name and age. We will continue to review all of the words and songs we've learned thus far!



**Spanish 3s & 4s**



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

### Ms. Casey Reports:

Spring is finally here! The increased outdoor time and longer days mean the kids are bursting with enthusiasm during "Walking on Sunshine" and "Do You Wanna Dance" but need the added calm of slower songs like "It's A Wonderful World" and "Three Birds". The children always look forward to singing and dancing but shifting schedules mean that the daily playlist will adapt to their ever-changing energy levels. Never worry, there are songs for EVERY mood! (The "shuffle" feature is a handy tool for this at home and in the car.)

The new Two's have acclimated to the added classroom noise and are using body movement and mimicry to learn new songs. The older Two's have become dancing *gold* and have even taken to making requests for classics like "Itsy Bitsy Spider" and "The Wheels On The Bus" so that they can sing along! The Three's are combining hand gestures with melodies AND lyrics. This takes a great deal of coordination and strengthens both motor skills and memory. The Fours are learning more complex songs and why something called a "chorus" is easier to sing than something called a "verse". They even choreographed an entirely new song by brainstorming what gestures certain lyrics brought to mind. I'm so proud of them!