



The Bear Facts

Celebrating 66 Years of Early Childhood Education

MARCH 2024



Dear Parents,

Thank you to Autumn Balentine for her vision, time, and talent. She transformed Memorial Hall into the high school prom Carolyn always dreamt of attending. In case you missed the fun, Carolyn was crowned prom queen, we danced the night away to music from the ever talented ilyAIMY, and through the generosity of friends and families we raised over \$10,000 for the Alla Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund. It was an absolute success!

March Madness at BHP CNS!

Get ready to make your predictions and complete a NCAA Men's College Basketball bracket! All proceeds will go towards the purchase of new softer and safer floor mats for our Rainy Day Room. For more information see page 2.

Summer Camp planning is well 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 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 \$85 fee. Click [here](#) for the camp application or see page 8 for more details.

MCPS Kindergarten Sign-Up.

If you have a child who will turn 5 before September 1, 2024, they are eligible to attend Montgomery County Public Schools, (MCPS) in September. Now is the time to register your child and check your local schools for Parent Orientation events. See page 9 for additional details.

As a friendly reminder, there will be no STAY + PLAY Programming on March 22nd.

The March winds are blowing. We will have warm days, cool days, windy days, wet days, and everything in between. Please continue to send your child(ren) to school with weather appropriate clothing, including boots, as our play areas can get muddy. Be sure to label everything! Sending in an extra pair of dry pants would be helpful too.

Happy March Everyone!


Liz
Liz Sobrino
Director BHP CNS

March 1st

- Tuition Due

March 4th

- Sibling Relationships
[Coffee with GROWING MINDS](#)
9:15-10:45 am (Church Library)

March 4th, 7th, & 8th

- Picture Days

March 13th & 14th

- Hearing Screenings

March 14th & 15th

- St. Patrick's Day Party
14th TTh Classes
15th MWF & MTWThF Classes

March 19th

- Brackets with Bradley Bear

March 20th

- Board Meeting
7:30pm

March 21st & 22nd

- Easter Party
21st TTh Classes
22nd MWF and MTWThF Classes

March 22nd

- NO STAY & PLAY
- Spring Break Begins
Classes Resume April 2nd

March 31st

- Happy Easter

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STAY
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Thank you to our sponsors and friends whose generosity raised over \$10,000 for BHP CNS' Alla Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund which provides much needed tuition assistance to families in our community.

At Bradley Bear's Enchanted Prom we celebrated 66 years of early childhood education. But, most of all, we celebrated Carolyn. For the past 27 years, Carolyn's tireless work and steadfast commitment have made BHP CNS the most wonderful place for children to PLAY, GROW, & LEARN. We can't imagine BHP CNS without her warm smile, wealth of knowledge, honest guidance, hilarious anecdotes, and generous heart.

We are excited for Carolyn and her well deserved retirement at the end of this school year; but we are going to miss her dearly.

UPCOMING EVENTS

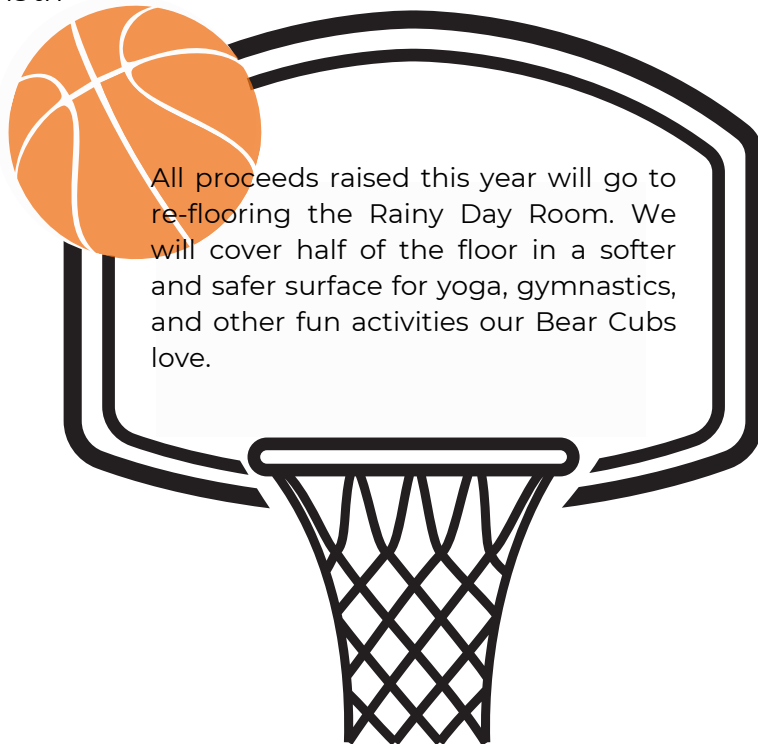
MARCH MADNESS BRACKETS with BRADLEY BEAR

March 19th

BHPCNS is going to get lucky in March by asking families and relatives of the school to participate in our very own March Madness pool: Brackets with Bradley Bear!! For those who are new to BHPCNS this year: this is always such a fun way to engage the whole family, win bragging rights and small prizes, while also supporting the school.

Our bracket is through CBS Sports and will be named Brackets with Bradley Bear. It is easy to participate whether you are a basketball fan or not and fun to track your progress!

Be on the lookout for emails from the Parents' Group to get your brackets locked in, follow our wall tracker to see if your picks are advancing, wear your favorite jersey on our jersey days and track your brackets online in hope of a winning prize - we can't wait to kick things off in the coming weeks!



PAJAMA BREAKFAST

April 16th & 17th from 8:30am - 8:55am

All BHPCNS students + ONE special guest are invited to join the Parents' Group for bagels and coffee before drop off in your fave pjs!

Tuesday, April 16th RSVP [HERE](#)



Wednesday, April 17th RSVP [HERE](#)



SUMMER SEND-OFF PARTY

May 22nd from 5:30-7:00 pm

We will carry on a few of our annual traditions: picnic style dinner, Fred's Ice-Cream Truck, music by John Henry for the kids, and more.

Mark your calendars now.
More information will be provided closer to the date.

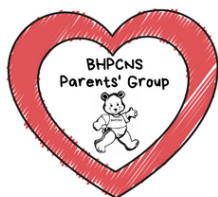
Please RSVP [HERE](#)



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We want to thank everyone one more time for supporting this year's first-ever Scholastic Book Fair. We greatly exceeded Scholastic's expectations for a school of our size, and raised over \$1,700 in funds which will greatly impact our library! We will use this money to purchase new books, purchase additional copies of popular titles, and pay for our annual online card cataloging system. As a reminder, our library is open to all our families and students. Please stop by and check out a book or two. We have resources for parents too. We look forward to hosting another book fair next January!

We are so grateful to everyone who came by and made memories with their kiddos. We are also incredibly grateful to our volunteers who made time to make it happen each day. THANK YOU Jan Hauck for chairing this with me and to Amanda Munson, Autumn Trevisan, Erin Penfold, Guin Seaward, Katie Harb, Kathryn Boothe, Lauren Murphy, Melissa Zarych, Molly Natelli, Rachel Davis, Rosanna Morrison, and Stephanie Rosen - we couldn't have pulled this off without you.



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Parents' Group Co-Chairs

BHPCNS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Parents,

Thank you for supporting two new events BHPCNS held during February. New events are especially heavy lifts, and we are grateful to everyone who made these events successful.

The school's first Scholastic Book Fair was so much fun and exceeded everyone's expectations. The BHPCNS Board is thankful for Kaeli Duggan's and Jan Hauck's leadership and organization skills in running a wonderful book fair. Thank you to everyone who supported the book fair.

The Board is also grateful to Autumn Balentine Trevisan who imagined and created the inaugural Enchanted Forest Prom, followed by the family Pajama Breakfast the next morning. From the children-made tissue paper corsages to the crowning of the Prom Queen and King, Carolyn and Ken McCauley, to children dancing in their pjs, the weekend was a fun way to honor Carolyn's 27 years of service to the school and raise money for the Alla Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund. Thank you also to Kim Goodstein, Ilene Jones, Carolyn McCauley, and Liz Sobrino for administrative support and to the Rosen family for providing the photo booth to capture the memories.

The next Board meeting will be on March 20 at 7:30 pm. If there are any topics you would like added to the agenda, please email 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. Throughout the school year, please feel free to reach out to the Board with your questions, concerns, or thoughts about the school via this email address.

Spring Break and Easter are early this year. Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church (BHPC) invites any interested families to the church's Easter services and annual egg hunt on March 31. More information can be found at bradleyhillschurch.org and at the end of this newsletter.

The BHPCNS Board and BHPC wish everyone a fun-filled Spring Break!



Rosanna Morrison, BHPCNS Board Chair

Gail Polser-Brown, BHPCNS Board Vice Chair

PARENT COFFEE with GROWING MINDS

Monday, March 5th from 9:15-10:30am

Promoting Siblings/Social Relationships

GROWING MINDS & BHPCNS COFFEE & *Parent Gatherings*

Do your children bicker?



Do they sometimes push each other's buttons?

Are you looking for ways to help your child be a good friend/sibling?

If yes, join other parents and Growing Minds to discuss techniques that encourage positive relationships.

NEW DATE:
MONDAY, MARCH 4TH
9:15-10:30 AM
BHPC LIBRARY

All are welcome to attend. Childcare will be provided in the adjoining nursery.

HEARING, SPEECH & OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SCREENINGS

Classroom observations, ASQs, and parent requests are used to recommend a Speech or Occupational Therapy screening to help determine if a child's skills are age appropriate. BHPCNS works with experts in our area to conduct Speech and OT screenings twice a year and Vision and Hearing screenings once a year. These screenings are all provided at no additional cost to parents. BHPCNS feels strongly that early intervention can have an enormous positive impact on a child's immediate and long-term development.

The Speech and Occupational Therapy Screenings, while a snapshot in time, help BHPCNS identify whether a child's skills are age-appropriate, should be reassessed in 6 months, or should be examined more comprehensively. BHPCNS does not receive compensation for referrals made to outside organizations for more comprehensive assessments. We value the feedback from screenings and assessments and use this information to make adjustments to our programming to better meet the needs of every child in our program.

HEARING SCREENINGS

- March 12th & 13th for all 3-year-old and Pre-K Classes

SPEECH SCREENINGS

- April 23rd for all ages
- Volunteer to help [HERE](#)



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SCREENINGS

- April 22nd, 23rd, & 24th
- Volunteer to help [HERE](#)



Teachers and parents will recommend students for speech and OT screenings. Parents will be notified in advance and a signed permission slip will be required for all speech and OT screenings. Many of the screenings are recommended rescreens from those completed this past fall.

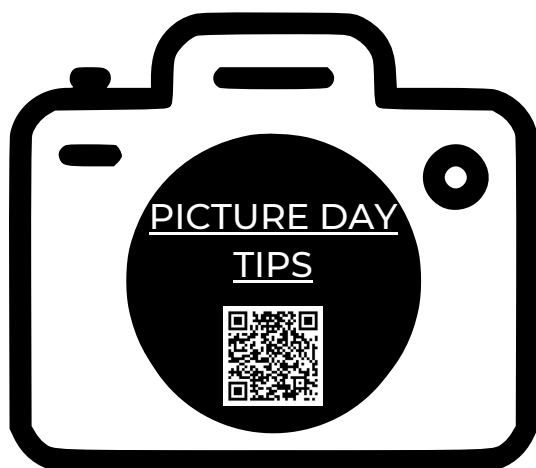
PICTURE DAYS

March 4th, 7th, & 8th

We are excited to be working with Stone Photography again. Individual, classroom, and sibling photos will be taken. Sibling photos (*for siblings ages 1 and up*) will begin at 9:15am each day. Please email Mrs. Jones at jjones@bhpcns.org if you'd like to have sibling photos taken.

PICTURE DAY SCHEDULE:

- CUB CLUB Mrs. Colonna - Thursday, March 7th
- ROOM 102 Ms. Vargas - Friday, March 8th
- ROOM 103 MWF Mrs. Choi - Monday, March 4th
- ROOM 103 TTh Mrs. Choi - Thursday, March 7th
- ROOM 104 MWF Mrs. Barnett - Friday, March 8th
- ROOM 104 TTh Ms. Frid - Thursday, March 7th
- ROOM 105 Mrs. Biggs - Friday, March 8th
- ROOM 107 Mrs. Quijada - Friday, March 8th
- ROOM 108 MWF Mrs. Cardoni - Monday, March 4th
- ROOM 108 TTh Mrs. Lakas - Thursday, March 7th
- ROOM 111 Mrs. Juhaszne - Monday, March 4th
- ROOM 113 Mrs. Kebler - Monday, March 4th
- ROOM 117 Mrs. Richards - Monday, March 4th



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Eleanora Eng
Nicholas Cocoros
Sophie Boyer
Linnea Kim
Jemma Desai
Molly Monaghan
William Monaghan
Jack Schindler



James Thomas
Anna Kildea
George Eyler
Scotty Sherman
Nikka Mauro
Sebastian Sanders
Beau Grubb
Griffin Young

When sending in birthday treats, please send in small cupcakes, mini muffins, fruit kabobs, etc. Keep classroom food allergies in mind. We share birthday treats at snack time. There is a snack ingredient form outside the office and on our website. Please complete the allergen form or send in a list of ingredients so we can be aware of any possible allergens. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher or the office.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

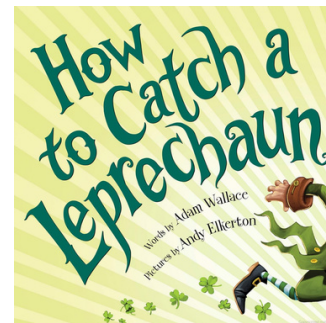
March 14th & 15th

March 14th - TTh Classes

March 15th - MWF & MTWThF Classes

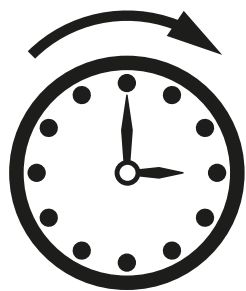
St. Patrick's Day is celebrated at BHPCNS with a "Can you catch a leprechaun?" activity. This is a fun and easy activity to do at home. Find an old shoebox, some string, pipe cleaners, maybe something golden, markers, etc. and have your child(ren) design a leprechaun trap. Then set your trap and wait to see what happens. We've never caught a leprechaun here, but they always come by and mess up our classrooms and leave a surprise!

[HERE](#) is a wonderful book to inspire your leprechaun hunt.



SPRING AHEAD

Sunday, March 10th at 3:00am



Spring Forward for an extra hour of daylight!

A good night's sleep is so important to having a successful day. As wonderful as it is to have an extra hour of day light, it can wreak havoc on a child's sleep schedule. Click [here](#) for more information on how to gradually prepare your little one for this change to their schedule.



SCHOOL ROUTINES

Morning Drop-Off: Children are welcome in classrooms at 8:55am. Do not drop your child off before 8:55am as teachers are still preparing for the day.

Handwashing at Morning Drop-Off: All children are to be taken to the bathroom by a caregiver to have their hands washed upon arriving at school and before entering their classroom. This simple task cuts down on the transmission of germs and allergens and keeps everyone healthier.

Pick-up Times: Please be prompt when picking up your child at the end of the school day. We allow for a 10 minute grace period, but after that time, your child will be waiting in the office for you to pick them up. You may be charged a late fee if you are chronically late to pick up your child.

SPRING BREAK

March 25th- April 1st

BHPCNS will close Friday, March 22nd at 12:30 pm. There will be Early Morning and Lunch Bunch on Friday, the 22nd, but no Stay + Play. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 2nd. Early Morning, Lunch Bunch, and Stay & Play will be held on April 2nd.

OPEN DOOR POLICY AT BHPCNS

BHPCNS Open Door Policy: Thank you to everyone who has popped into the office with a question or concern! If at any time during the school year, you have a concern, complaint, an idea, or suggestion, please email, text, come to the office, or call us. We truly want to know your thoughts. Your ideas, suggestions, and critiques provide us with vital information that we can use to improve our programming. No issue is too small.

DENTIST DR. MARKO VISITS BRADLEY HILLS



A BIG THANK YOU to Dr. Marko from Smiles of Chevy Chase for coming to Bradley Hills and teaching all our cubs about dental hygiene.

We learned all about our teeth:

- How, why and when to brush.
- Why we go to the dentist.
- How many teeth we have as children.
- How many teeth we have as an adult.



We scrubbed sugar bugs off teeth, practiced flossing playdough from between teeth, painted with electric toothbrushes, and made smiles out of mini marshmallows.



ALWAYS learning through PLAY at Bradley Hills!

2024 SUMMER CAMP: BRADLEY BEAR'S GOING TO THE BEACH!

TWO SESSIONS OF SUMMER CAMP:

*Camp sessions are
filling up fast!*

JUNE 3 - 13**JUNE 17- 28** *no camp June 19th***\$495* PER SESSION****9:00 am -12:30 pm****Campers will be served a mid-morning snack provided by BHPCNS.****Campers should bring a lunch from home.****Early Drop-off:****Campers may be dropped off at 8:00 am for an additional \$150 per camp session.****Stay & Play:****Campers may stay until 2:30 pm for an additional \$280 per camp session.****Ages:****Two-year-olds******Three, Four & Five-year-olds****Rising Kindergartners & First Graders for Fall 2024**

*An additional \$85 fee for any child who is not fully toilet trained. BHPCNS 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 BHPCNS for the 23-24 school year and two by December 31, 2023.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

IMPORTANT KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION

MCPS Kindergarten Registration is Beginning March 18th

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

Ashburton: 240-740-1300
 Bannockburn: 240-740-1270
 Bells Mill: 240-740-0480
 Bethesda: 240-204-5300
 Beverly Farms: 240-740-0200
 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: 240-740-3700
 Ritchie Park: 240-740-6310

Rosemary Hills: 301-920-9990
 Seven Locks: 240-740-0940
 Somerset: 240-740-1100
 Westbrook: 240-740-1040
 Wood Acres: 240-740-1127
 Wyngate: 240-740-1080

**Liz's
Kindergarten
Tips:**

When contacting your local elementary school ask if they are hosting any informational kindergarten meetings for parents. Schools should be offering tours or parent coffees.

For more information about MCPS and Kindergarten, visit the MCPS website by clicking [here](#).



PRE-WRITING SKILLS

From NAEYC, the National Association for the Education of Young Children,
4 Tips Every Kindergarten Teacher Wants You to Know

Pre-writing skills are the lines and strokes kids need to master and know BEFORE learning how to print the alphabet. Each of these lines are developed in a sequence, based on how old the child is.



This developmental sequence is:

- Vertical Line – Age 2 imitates, age 3 copies/masters
- Horizontal Line – Age 2 1/2 imitates, age 3 copies/masters
- Circle Shape – Age 2 1/2 imitates, 3 copies/masters
- Cross Shape (+) – Age 3 1/2 imitates, age 4 copies/masters
- Square Shape – Age 4
- Right/Left Diagonal Line – Age 4 1/2
- X Shape – Age 5
- Triangle – Age 5

Fun Ways to Work on Pre-Writing Skills

Since the typical age for children working on pre-writing lines is ages 2-5, it is a good idea to focus on fine motor skills that promote learning these lines and shapes instead of using paper and pencils/crayons. Your child will need the fine motor strength these activities provide in order to have good pre-writing lines and later good letter formations.

Activities to try at home:

- [10 Hands-On Ways to Work on Pre-Writing Lines](#)
- [6 Pre-Writing Activities for Kids](#)
- [12 Fun Ways to Practice Handwriting with Kids](#)
- [On The Farm Pre-Writing Packet for Preschoolers](#)
- [Basics of Pre-Writing Skills for Kids](#)



SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

WINTER PICKS from our LIBRARIAN - Mrs. Hauck

Librarian Hauck reports:

March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. Even though spring is just around the corner, we may still see snow. Several of our school library books beautifully illustrate the gradual transition from winter to spring.

So Much Snow by Kristen Schroeder – Lyrical text and sweet illustrations show several animals as a snowstorm slowly piles up from Monday to Sunday. The sun comes out and on the following Monday to Sunday, signs of spring gradually appear.

Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring by Kenard Pak – A boy and his dog enjoy a snowy winter night which gently transitions to a morning filled with signs of spring.

Hello Spring! by Shelley Rotner -- Simple text and beautiful photographs of nature illustrate the gradual shift from winter to spring.

Your children occasionally visit the library with their teachers and borrow a book to take home. Parents, grandparents, and caretakers are also welcome to visit the BHP CNS Library. Please see the office staff for assistance if you wish to borrow a book.

Questions? Feel free to email me: jbhauck@bhpcns.org.

-Jan Hauck
Librarian



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (3-year-old & Pre-K) with Mrs. Goodstein

In March we are headed to the Farm and sing Old Mrs. Goodstein had a farm. E-I-E-I-O. The E-I-E-I-O is like a tongue twister for your fingers. We will see who can master it by the end of the song.

After we learn all the animals who live on the farm, we will head to the Zoo.

Animal signs are SO MUCH fun to learn!



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



In February, our artists will follow the ingenuity of Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque and try their hands at cubism. This form of art dates back to early 19th century bringing different views of objects or figures together in the same picture.

Our cubs will study an object from all sides and use sponges to create their masterpieces.

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

We'll be reciting "Brownie's Dog House" (exploration of hand gestures and LOTS of "B" words!) Identifying words with the same beginning consonant, especially in the context of something familiar, is a great pre-literacy exercise for preschoolers. Look for this repeated initial consonant also in the alliterative names in the "Bow Wow Wow" song where "Tommy Tucker" and his friends, "Susie Summers," "Bobby Baker," and more lose their dogs and are reunited at the end at the park ("after dark"). Rhyming is also a fun and helpful pre-literacy game to play with young children.



The well known and fun "This Old Man" (Knick Knack) song gives children a chance to practice counting AND rhyming, and more "rolling" home - a great hand gesture that connects both sides of the brain and body at the "midline!"

"This Old Man"

This old man, he played one. He played knick-knack on my thumb,
With a knick-knack Paddywack, give a dog a bone
This old man came rolling home!

Two - shoe, three - knee, four-floor, five - high, six- like sticks, seven to heaven, eight like a gate,
nine - all the time, ten - do it again!

Here's a link to the whole [Winter session playlist](#) in different formats, as well as a video "shorts" playlist with some of the songs and books we've been enjoying in classes with the Bradley Bears!



Little Hands Ponies, Piggies, and Pups Playlist on YouTubeMusic

Little Hands Ponies, Piggies, and Pups Playlist on Spotify



SCIENCE with Mrs. Mac 'N' Cheese



Our cubs will begin a study of the five senses. We will start in March with our sense of touch. We will be blindfolded and BRAVE as we reach into mystery boxes to touch and feel the hard, soft, slimy, sticky, and smooth objects inside.

SINGING with Ms. Casey (*all ages*)

Spring is right around the corner! While the love from February will last us year round (Make New Friends, Skidamarink) it's time to put songs of snowmen and groundhogs behind us. This month we'll start to sing about ways spring is peeking through the winter chill (Flower Garden, Fuzzy Little Caterpillar, You Are My Sunshine) and keep an eye out for small tricksters in green top hats (Catch Him If You Can, The Leprechauns Are Marching). We'll also start gearing up for the end of year concert so mark your calendars now! Of course music time will always be interspersed with dancing (Walking on Sunshine, Blue Suede Shoes, Do You Wanna Dance) which is a great way to use up some of the energy we have as hibernation gives way to warmer and longer days. Enjoy!



STAY & PLAY PROGRAMMING

TWO-YEAR OLD STAY + PLAY

READY TO EXTEND THE DAY?

WE THINK SO!

LUNCH BUNCH 11:30-12:30

STAY & PLAY* 12:30-2:30

*FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE ALREADY TURNED 3,
YOU CAN CHOOSE DANCE STAY & PLAY ON TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY

CALL THE OFFICE TO REGISTER

301-365-2909

MONDAYS

sports & games

Coach Cardoni Shares:

We enter March dancing (line dancing that is) before we transition to a new unit on Hockey. We will be working on drills to improve hand eye coordination with the hockey stick and "pucks" through dribbling skills and shooting techniques. Throughout the month we will work on teamwork, strength and agility.



TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

dance

Dance Instructor Ms. Colleen Shares: Our dancers are having a wonderful time dancing the weeks away! As they leap, spin, twist, and practice their moves, they are preparing for our spring Under the Sea show.

When our dancers aren't dancing they are busy crafting to create the most amazing under the sea scene!



TUESDAYS

science

Scientist Schweitzer Reports:

As our Wigglin' Wizards eagerly March into spring we'll examine different weather patterns and perform weather related experiments that explore cause and effect concepts. Our exciting hands-on experiments that include Rain in a Jar, Funnel Clouds in a Bottle, and Fast Flying Kites will be super fun and help us learn more about the clouds, rain, and wind. As we finish the month and head into our spring break, we'll have lots of laughs making some sticky but yummy edible peeps playdough of our very own! Can't wait to get busy in our lab!



WEDNESDAYS

cooking



Our chefs are marching right along picking up all sorts of kitchen skills! We are so proud not only of the techniques that they've mastered, but their willingness to sample everything they make. Granted, not every recipe is a "keeper" but we are having fun trying and making them all! This month we'll be rolling and dropping and we make Nutella & Jam Crescent rolls, Buttermilk Drop Biscuits and Ham & Cheese Crescent Roll-Ups. Bon appetit!

THURSDAYS

geography

Travel Agent Biggs Shares:

We are heading to Ireland! We are doing to see the pink dolphins in the River Shannon, to walk the streets of Dublin, make delicious Irish Soda Bread, and learn traditional Irish songs.

And, of course, we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day!



FRIDAYS

yoga



Yogi Cardoni Reports:

Our Yogi Bears will continue to practice mindfulness while flowing through poses that celebrate the joys of spring. Our March practices will focus on the Life Cycle of a Butterfly, Springtime and St. Patrick's Day. After a long winter, we are ready to embrace the delights of the new season. Namaste

BRADLEY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We invite you and your family to join us as we celebrate spring break and Easter at the end of March. During MOCO Spring Break, March 25-29, the Children's and Family Ministry at BHPC will be hosting several weekday field trips and play dates during the day for families who are not traveling during the break and looking for something to do with their kiddos! Activities will include a fun family hike, a picnic and play date at the playground at BHPC, and perhaps even a trip to one of our fabulous museums! Look for flyers and emails about specific dates, times, and locations around mid-March!

On Easter Sunday, March 31, we will have a short family worship time and egg hunt outside beginning in the Labyrinth at 10:30 and concluding around 11:00 am. We look forward to having time outside with everyone and enjoying one of our favorite Easter activities for children and families!

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. The food is provided by Manna Food Center, a nonprofit striving to end hunger in Montgomery County.

BETHESDA JEWISH CONGREGATION

