



# The Bear Facts

MARCH 2026

Celebrating 68 Years of Early Childhood Education



Dear Parents,

Serving as the Director of BHP CNS has been one of the most rewarding journeys of my life and like all journeys, the time has come to announce that I have decided to retire on July 31, 2027, at the conclusion of 2026-2027 school year. By that time, I will have had 14 wonderful years of watching our littlest learners play, grow, and learn. While I look ahead to this next chapter of my life, my heart is full of laughter, milestones, and 'aha!' moments we have shared in our classrooms, playgrounds, and hallways. It has been a profound honor to be entrusted with your children's early education and to partner with such a dedicated group of educators and families.

When I first stepped into the role of Director, my goal was to create a loving and welcoming space where every child felt safe, seen, and inspired to wonder. Looking around our program today, I feel immensely proud of the creative, nurturing, and loving environment we have built together. The friendships, memories, and joys I have experienced at BHP CNS will stay with me forever.

I want to reassure you that the stability and well-being of the children and you remain my top priority during this transitional period. I am working closely with the BHP leadership and BHP CNS Board to ensure a seamless transition to a new Director. I have chosen to announce my retirement now to allow for a thorough search process to hire and train a new director who will continue BHP CNS' long held tradition of being a program where all members of our community, current students, alumni, and their families are embraced and valued.

Because BHP CNS is a mission of BHP C, the church community will be spearheading the search for a new Director. The foundational pieces for hiring a new Director have begun. George Petrides, who led the search committee that hired me, will be chairing the search committee for the next Director. If you would like to be a member of the search committee, or know a potential candidate for the Director position, please reach out to George at [gpetridesjr@gmail.com](mailto:gpetridesjr@gmail.com).

Thank you for the privilege of being part of your children's lives. The next 18 months will be a busy time where I look ahead to making more wonderful memories with our amazing community. As always, if you have any questions, comments, suggestions, please reach out to me at any time.

With warmth and gratitude,

Liz Sobrino  
Director BHP CNS



## March 1st

- Tuition Due

## March 3rd, 4th, & 5th

- Picture Days

## March 11th & 12th

- Hearing Screenings

## March 12th & 13th

- Speech Screenings

## March 15th

- Parents' Group Brackets w/Bradley Bear Selection Sunday-make your picks!!!

## March 16th

- Kindergarten Coffee  
9:15-10:30am BHP C Covenant Hall
- St. Patrick's Day Parties  
MWF Classes
- Parents' Group Dine-Out Potomac Pizza  
4:00-8:00pm Potomac Location

## March 17th

- St. Patrick's Day Parties  
TTh & MTWThF Classes

## March 19th

- Parents' Group Brackets w/Bradley Bear  
Brackets DUE at 11:59am

## March 20th

- BHP CNS CLOSED  
Teacher Professional Day

## March 25th

- Board Meeting  
7:30pm

## March 30th-April 6th

- BHP CNS Closed  
Spring Break

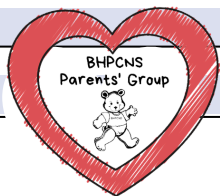
## April 7th

- Welcome Back from Spring Break!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

## MARCH MADNESS BRACKETS with BRADLEY BEAR

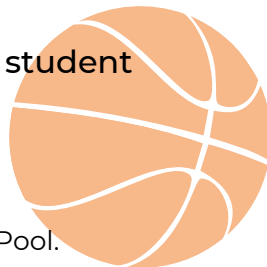
March 15th brackets open - Brackets must be completed by 11:59am on March 19th

March Madness' Brackets with Bradley is back! This is one of our biggest and most fun fundraisers of the year. 2026's tournament proceeds will go toward our grand end-of-year bash and the Alla Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund.

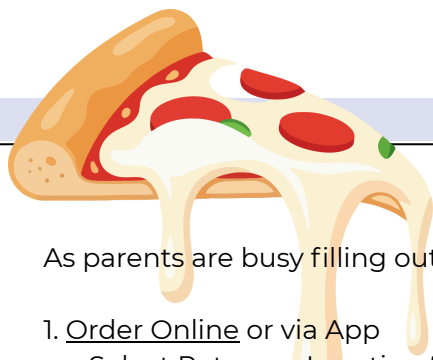
## THIS YEAR'S GOAL: 1 bracket per Bradley Bear student

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- 1.) Create a [CBS Sports Account](#).
- 2.) Join the "Brackets with Bradley" NCAA Tournament Pool.  
We have brackets for both the Men's tournament and the Women's tournament.
- 3.) **Pick Your Brackets:** March 15th, 2026 is Selection Sunday.  
Haven't a clue who should beat who? No problem—there is an autofill option!
- 4.) **Lock Your Brackets:** Submit your brackets by Thursday, March 19th, 2026 at 11:59 AM ET.
- 5.) **Pay to Play:** Donate \$25 per bracket via PayPal to @bhpcns.  
Put your FIRST and LAST NAME and "M" for men's and "W" for women's in the payment description.
- 6.) **Follow the Action!** CBS Sports will track the leaderboard.  
Parents' Group has fun surprises planned—dine-outs, prizes, and more!



Let's shoot for success and make this a **SLAM DUNK** for our school!



## POTOMAC PIZZA DINE-OUT

Monday, March 16th between 4:00-8:00pm  
Potomac Location: 9812 Falls Rd

As parents are busy filling out their brackets, Parents' Group will have a dine out fundraiser at Potomac Pizza.

1. [Order Online](#) or via App
  - Select Potomac Location for Pick-Up or Delivery.
  - Navigate to the "Menu" section.
  - Scroll down to find the "Fundraiser" category.
  - Select your school's name to ensure the donation is "APPLIED" to your order.
2. Order by Phone (330-299-7700) or In-Person
  - Inform the staff member taking your order that you are participating in the fundraiser for BHPCNS.



## MAD SCIENCE PRESENTATION

3-year-old & Pre-K Classes  
Exact Date TBD

Parents' Group is proud to sponsor a special interactive and science packed demonstration that has our cub clubs on the edge of their seats.

Our cubs will learn all about the science of magic! Mad Science will explore chemistry through some slimy reactions that all our 3-year-old and pre-k students will get to touch, feel, and experience for themselves. Each 35-minute show concludes with our dry ice/potions experiments, where our cubs get to learn about dry ice and even touch and taste some real clouds!

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



We want to thank everyone for supporting this year's Scholastic Book Fair. The snow storm pushed the fair back a week and shortened our selling hours. Despite these setbacks, we still sold \$1,390 in books. Proceeds from the book fair will be used to purchase books and educational materials from Scholastic. 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 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, Andrea Brown, and Amanda Munson for chairing this event. And thank you to our many volunteers: Kim Auerbach, Ashley Cahill, Ashley Cohen, Beth Frazee, Shivonne Jones, Suzanne Nagi, and Melissa Toufanian, - we couldn't have pulled this off without you.

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## BHPCNS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Parents,

March is the month to hopefully exchange mittens and snow boots for rain jackets and rain boots. We hope you are also getting your basketball team picks ready for the Parents' Group's March Madness fundraiser, Brackets with Bradley Bear.

Mrs. Sobrino's departure at the end of the 2026-2027 school year will be a bittersweet moment in our school's history. Mrs. Sobrino has been an outstanding Director and leader of our wonderful school. We are fortunate to have 18 months to plan and prepare for a new Director, before we wish her well as she pursues new adventures in retirement. Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church in partnership with BHPCNS will be putting together a committee to lead the search for a new Director. Together, the church and the school are committed to ensuring that BHPCNS continues to thrive as an outstanding community resource that nurtures and supports children and families. The search committee will begin its work in the coming months. For questions or to share comments on this effort, please contact the BHPCNS Board Chair, Rosanna Morrison, at [rmmorrison@comcast.net](mailto:rmmorrison@comcast.net).



Later this month, the Board will hold its fourth meeting of the school year on March 25 at 7:30 pm. If you have any topics you would like added to the agenda, please email the Board at [board@bhpcns.org](mailto: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 [board@bhpcns.org](mailto:board@bhpcns.org).



Happy Spring!

Rosanna Morrison, BHPCNS Board Chair

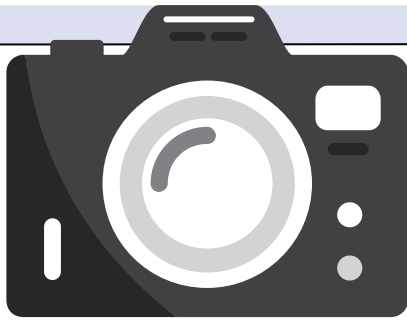
Scott Allshouse, BHPCNS Board Vice Chair

## SCHOOL ROUTINES

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

**Potty & Handwashing at Morning Drop-Off:** All children are to be taken to the bathroom by a caregiver to use the toilet and have their hands washed upon arriving at school and before entering their classroom. This simple task cuts down on the number of trips to the bathroom and the transmission of germs 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.



## PICTURE DAYS

March 3rd, 4th and 5th

We are excited to be working with Stone Photography again for school pictures. Individual, classroom, and sibling photos will be taken. Sibling photos (*for siblings ages 1 and older who can sit independently*) from 8:45-9:15am each day. Please email Mrs. Jones at [ijones@bhpcns.org](mailto:ijones@bhpcns.org) if you'd like to have sibling photos taken.



## PICTURE DAY SCHEDULE:

- YOUNG 2s Mrs. Javers - Wednesday, March 4th
- ROOM 102 Mrs. Vargas - Tuesday, March 3rd
- ROOM 103 MWF Mrs. Choi - Wednesday, March 4th
- ROOM 103 TTh Mrs. Choi - Tuesday, March 3rd
- ROOM 104 MWF Mrs. Barnett - Wednesday, March 4th
- ROOM 105 Ms. Wilson - Thursday, March 5th
- ROOM 107 Mrs. Quijada - Thursday, March 5th
- ROOM 108 MWF Mrs. Cardoni - Wednesday, March 4th
- ROOM 108 TTh Mrs. Michael - Tuesday, March 3rd
- ROOM 111 Mrs. Juhasz - Thursday, March 5th
- ROOM 113 Mrs. Biggs - Thursday, March 5th
- ROOM 117 Mrs. Richards - Tuesday, March 3rd

## HEARING, SPEECH, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, and VISION SCREENINGS

Classroom observations, ASQs, and parent requests are used to recommend Speech or Occupational Therapy screenings and 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.

## VISION SCREENINGS\*

- February 25 & 26th  
2-year-old, 3-year-old and Pre-K Classes

## HEARING SCREENINGS

- March 11th & 12th  
All 3-year-old and Pre-K Classes

## SPEECH SCREENINGS

- March 12th & 13th for all ages  
Complete Speech Permission Slip [HERE](#)

## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SCREENINGS

- April 20th & 21st  
Complete OT Permission Slip [HERE](#)

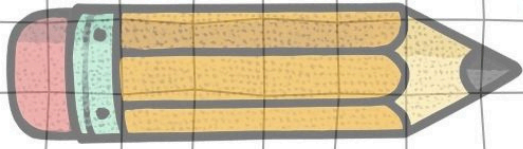


*\*You will be notified if your son/daughter did not pass Vision Screening*

*Teachers and parents may recommend students for speech and OT screenings. A signed permission slip will be required for all speech and OT screenings.*

# KINDERGARTEN COFFEE

MONDAY, MARCH 16TH  
9:15 AM COVENANT HALL



**EASE THE TRANSITION  
TO KINDERGARTEN  
FOR YOUR CHILD  
& FAMILY**

**LIZ & ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
PARENTS WILL ANSWER  
ALL YOUR QUESTIONS**

**WHAT...**

- ...IS A TYPICAL DAY?**
- ...HAPPENS ON THE BUS?**
- ...TO PACK OR BUY FOR LUNCH?**
- ...HAPPENS ON THE PLAYGROUND?**

**RSVP  
HERE**



IMPORTANT KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION

MCPS Kindergarten Registration Has Begun!

MCPS elementary schools need to know if your child will be attending their school in late August. To register your child, go to the [ParentVUE Portal](#). 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 kindergarten until August 24, 2026 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 and/or parent coffees.

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

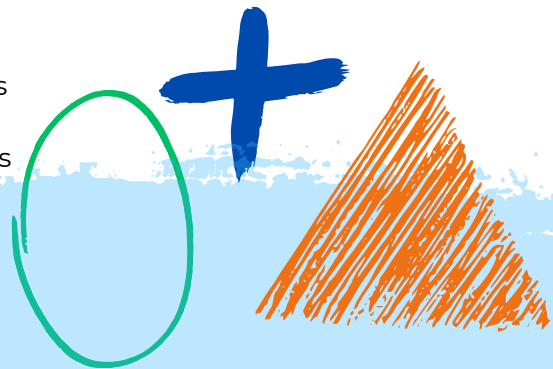
PRE-WRITING SKILLS

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, age 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](#)



ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

March 16th (MWF) & March 17th (TTh & 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 too. 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. In our 68 years of creating elaborate leprechaun traps, we've yet to catch one. But we must be pretty close because they leave in such a hurry and drop gold coins and treasure for us to discover.

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



## BHPCNS PARENT FOCUS GROUP - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

# BHPCNS

is forming a

# PARENT FOCUS GROUP

## DISCUSSIONS



### Topics Include:

- 1 Future of Bradley Hills including programs offered
- 2 Annual/ Scholarship fundraising
- 3 Opportunities to increase room parent involvement and parent engagement



**Let your voice be heard & help guide BHPCNS into the future**

### Why Participate?

- 1 **Influence Change:** Your insights will directly impact the development of innovative solutions.
- 2 **Be Heard:** Your opinions will shape decisions that matter.
- 3 **Connect & Collaborate:** Collaborate with other parents who are passionate about BHPCNS.

To get more involved contact Liz at:

[Isobrino@bhpcns.org](mailto:Isobrino@bhpcns.org)



## TEACHER'S PROFESSIONAL DAY

Friday, March 20th

BHPCNS will be closed to students on March 20 for our teachers to have a professional day. Allison Brown of Tender Hearts Counseling and her play therapists will be presenting an informative session on what a child's play can tell us about a child's development, how to utilize play to support children's individual development, and how to create play schemas to support the children in our care.

Thank you to the Parents' Group for providing lunch for the staff.



## BHPCNS IS HIRING A PART-TIME LEARNING SPECIALIST

Beginning Fall 2026

BHPCNS is looking for a Part-Time Preschool Learning Specialist to support the emotional, cognitive, and social development of the children in our program. The learning specialist will work collaboratively with administrators, classroom teachers and families to identify individual learning needs, implement effective strategies, and support an inclusive and engaging educational environments for all students. The role will include providing targeted educational support to BHPCNS students, as needed, to foster their development and ensure school readiness.

**Key Responsibilities** will include but not be limited to:

- **Assessment and Evaluation:** Conduct assessments and observations to monitor children's progress, document findings, and inform instructional planning. Develop Action Plans for children, as needed.
- **Individualized and Small-Group Instruction:** Provide direct, developmentally appropriate, and play-based instruction to children with identified learning needs, focusing on areas such as literacy, language, and social skills.
- **Curriculum Support:** Assist in planning and modifying a play-oriented curriculum to meet the diverse needs and learning styles of all children.
- **Teacher Support:** Partner with classroom teachers to integrate support goals into daily routines, suggest classroom accommodations, and model effective instructional strategies.
- **Classroom Engagement:** Embedding social-emotional, friendship, and diversity skills into classroom programming.
- **Family Engagement:** Communicate effectively with parents and guardians regarding children's progress, provide resources, and establish opportunities for parent education to enhance skill development at home.
- **Record Keeping and Compliance:** Maintain accurate, confidential records of student progress and ensure compliance with all relevant licensing and program requirements.
- **Professional Development:** Actively participate in staff meetings, training, and ongoing professional development to stay current with best practices in early childhood education and intervention.

**Qualifications and Skills:**

- **Education:** A bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, Child Development, Special Education, or a related field is required; a Master's degree is preferred.
- **Experience:** Prior experience, 3 to 5 years, working with preschool aged children, particularly those with diverse learning needs, is essential.

If you or someone you know would like more information or to set up a meeting to discuss the position further, please reach out to Liz at [Lsobrino@bhpcns.org](mailto:Lsobrino@bhpcns.org).



# ***BE AN ASTRONAUT, BE AN ALIEN... JUST BE HERE!***

## **TWO SESSIONS OF SUMMER CAMP:**

June 1st - 11<sup>th</sup> - *Filling up FAST!*

June 15th - 26th (no camp June 19th)

**\$495\* PER SESSION**

**9:00 am -12:30 pm**

Mid-morning snack provided by BHPCNS.

Campers bring a lunch from home.

### **EARLY DROP-OFF:**

Drop-off at 8:00 am for an additional \$160/session.

Drop-in rate is \$20/day.

Morning snack provided by BHPCNS.

### **STAY & PLAY:**

Pick-up at 2:30 pm for an additional \$290/session.

Drop-in rate is \$37/day.

Light snack provided by BHPCNS.

### **AGES:**

**Two-year-olds\*\***

Three, Four & Five-year-olds

Rising Kindergartners & First Graders in the Fall of 2026

\*An additional \$90 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 25-26 school year and two by December 31, 2025.



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Matthew Brecher  
Jemma Desai  
Dylan Dewan  
Ellie Eng

George Eyler  
Annie Kildea  
Dermot Porter  
Ina Porter  
Alex Russo

George Sharkey  
Eliza Shofnos  
Clare Tase  
Grace Will

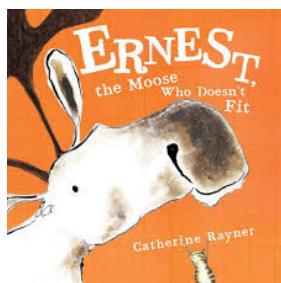
When sending in birthday treats, please send in small cupcakes, mini muffins, fruit kabobs, etc. Keep classroom food allergies in mind. We share birthday treats at snack time. There is a snack ingredient form outside the office and on our website. Please complete the allergen form or send in a list of 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.

## SPRING BREAK

March 30th-April 6th

BHPCNS will close Friday, March 27th at 2:30 pm. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 7th at 8:00am. Early Morning, Lunch Bunch, and Stay & Play will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup> and April 7th.

## WINTER PICKS from our LIBRARIAN - Mrs. Hauck



Reading picture books can be a great way to help your child develop problem solving skills. Books in this category often depict creative thinking, conflict resolution, and decision making. Our library has a wonderful collection of picture books that focus on problem solving. Here are just a few:

- "Ernest, the Moose Who Doesn't Fit" by Catherine Rayner

Ernest has a problem. He is too big to fit on the pages of this book. Ernest tries many creative ways to make his body fit, but none of his ideas work. Finally, a little friend helps him find a solution to this dilemma.

- "I Can Use an 'I Statement': I am a Problem Solver" by Jody Jenelle French

Through several illustrated scenarios, this book teaches children how to use an "I statement" when they have a problem to solve with a peer.

- "Not Fair, Bear!" by Lorna Scobie

Bear and Squirrel are best friends and best friends do everything together, right? One day, Bear only wants to play the games he loves, and Squirrel doesn't have fun. The next day Squirrel only wants to play the games she loves, and Bear doesn't have fun. How will these friends solve their problems and have fun playing together?

- "Porcupine had a Fuzzy Sweater" by Jody Jensen Shaffer

Porcupine is generally happy, but not today. Today, Porcupine is sad because he has lost his favorite sweater, the one his grandma lovingly made for him. Porcupine uses creative thinking to come up with many solutions to his problem. Book includes a "Reader's Note" for parents.

We welcome all children, parents, and caregivers to visit the school library. 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](mailto:jbhauck@bhpcns.org).



## OPEN DOOR POLICY AT BHPCNS

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.

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## SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

## ART(all ages) &amp; SCIENCE (3-year-old &amp; Pre-K) with Mrs. Mac 'N Cheese



Our artists will help decorate our garden for Spring. Each child will paint a rock to line our garden.

Our scientists will study the five senses. What can we smell, see, touch, taste, and hear? When do we use our senses and how does each sense keep us informed and safe? How does the loss of one sense impact the others? Through experiments that explore smells both good & bad, sounds both loud & quiet, tastes sweet, sour, bitter, salty, and umami, and textures both rough & smooth our scientists will learn how amazing our senses are.

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

This winter our session is called "Sing Me a Story!"

It's a Little Hands collection of stories and songs inspired by the pages of lovely children's books. We continue with a story "Dancing Feet" (by Lindsey Craig, illustrated by Marc Brown – of the Arthur series fame!)

Dancing Feet, like The Completed Hickory Dickory Dock book last month, uses fun words like "tippity, stompity, slappity, creepity, thumpity, and clickety" to describe different animals' dancing feet! The initial page has the clue of the PART, or animal's foot, lower body, or footprint, and the next page reveals the illustration of the ladybug, elephant, or bear, etc. The children love to predict which animal is represented by the PART illustrated and are thrilled when they see on the next page that their prediction was correct!



The songs Head and Shoulders Baby, and an old-timey favorite folk song, Old Joe Clark are 2 singing selections this month. We'll dance, play instruments, and move, emphasizing parts of the body!

In movement, we'll take bean bags on a musical ride, freezing to have them land on a specific body part! We are very thrilled to be able to share with you the Sing Me a Story playlist, with selections like Head and Shoulders, Baby, Bassez Down, and other fun recordings. We can't wait to hear what song becomes your family's favorite!

## SINGING with Ms. Casey (3-year-old &amp; Pre-K)

What a gift it was this month to sing about polar bears, snowmen, and wintry weather when the ground was actually covered in white! It was hard to imagine spring during all those snow days but March has us thinking ahead to emerging crocus and warmer climes. Through song this month, we'll set our mind to planting gardens and all of the insects they'll welcome. Though it may feel like we still have one foot planted in winter, we're already looking forward to the year end concert - just two months away! The kids have proved to be champions at learning new songs and hand signs. Singing and dancing isn't just for fun, it's a great way to improve language development, motor skills, memory, and socialization. So as the weather warms, roll down the car windows and turn the radio up to 11!



## SINGING with Mrs. Colonna (two-year-old)



With Mrs. Colonna guiding us with her guitar-we twirled like snowflakes, froze like snowmen, and sang like songbirds. We learned how to clap our hands and stomp our feet along to the beat.

Singing with Mrs. Colonna is so much fun!

PICASSO ART W/MRS. MAC 'N CHEESE




BHPCNS' newest kid-safe piece of equipment is a ChompSaw! A kid-safe power tool for cutting cardboard! Our 3-year-old and pre-k classes took turns cutting cardboard pieces to help decorate their Picasso inspired faces in February's Art Class with Mrs. Mac 'N Cheese.




BETHESDA JEWISH CONGREGATION

MAQAAME IBRAHIM ISLAMIC CENTER

Saturday, Feb 28 4 PM - 7 PM



**PURIM SPIEL**



**KARAOKE and CARNIVAL**

RSVP Required



[PURIM SPIEL Carnival RSVP](#)




MAQAAME IBRAHIM ISLAMIC CENTER

YOU ARE INVITED TO

# Ramadan

**INTERFAITH IFTAR**

Join us for an evening of community, reflection and fellowship as we come together to break our fast

**MARCH**

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