

## November 2017 Newsletter

# *The Bear Facts*

**Celebrating 60 Years of Early Childhood Education**

Dear Parents,

It's November, a time to be thankful for our many blessings. We are thankful for your children and your continued support of our school.

Believe it or not, November also marks the beginning of the registration process for the 2018-2019 school year. Registration for **children currently enrolled at BHCNS** will be December 7 and 8. Applications will be available on the BHCNS website [www.bhpcns.org](http://www.bhpcns.org), after Thanksgiving. Download and complete the application. Applications should be returned to BHCNS no earlier than December 7 and no later than December 8 in order to be given priority in enrollment. Please recognize that children currently enrolled in our 2's and 3's programs as well as those children who are enrolled in the 4's program but are not age eligible for Kindergarten are guaranteed a place, but it may not be your first choice. Acceptance is based on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**Applications may be mailed or dropped off early, but they will not be processed until after those received on December 7 and 8.** (See More Registration info on page 6.)

To recap October, all our students have had fun learning our classroom routines, and enjoying Creative Movement and our Music programs for the first time. Our 3s and 4s explored senses in Science. And our 3s and 4s began their weekly Spanish classes. The halls were filled with Halloween songs, including [this favorite](#) from Spanish class. The petting zoo came and we had fun petting so many animals. We finished the month with Halloween fun, songs, and parties. November promises to be a busy time too! Bill Jenkins will be here to introduce the children to Native American Music and drumming. Our classes will be exploring what it means to be thankful. There will be a school-wide Thanksgiving feast for our 4s, special classroom Thanksgiving celebrations for our 2s and 3s. Thank you to the teachers and room parents for organizing these celebrations. Wishing you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

Liz

Liz Sobrino, Director



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### THANKSGIVING FUN

##### Thanksgiving Celebrations:

MWF and all 4s classes will have their Thanksgiving celebrations on Monday, November 20.

T/Th classes and our 5 day 3s in rooms 201 and 111 will have their Thanksgiving celebrations on November 21.

BHCNS will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday Wednesday November 22 through November 24.

#### THANKSGIVING LINKS

In doing some research for our school Thanksgiving celebrations I came across these links which had fun and educational ideas on how to make Thanksgiving meaningful for your children.

[CBS Chicago](#)

[Today Parents](#)

[National Geographic](#)



## PARENTS' GROUP LETTER

Happy autumn! Our school year is in full swing! Thank you for your support as our school year continues.

We are grateful to all of those who have volunteered to be room parents this year. Thank you for organizing “getting to know you coffees” and being a liaison between the parents and teachers. You are vital to making the year run smoothly.

We are very excited about our fall fundraiser opportunities! Thank you so much to everyone who ordered pictures in October! We hope you love your adorable images and we are thrilled that Lauren Sheintal has donated 30% of your total back to the school! We also have one more fall fundraising opportunity for you! Our ornaments were so successful in 2014, 2015 and 2016; we are thrilled to bring you a new ornament for 2017! You will receive a flyer in your child's tote bag detailing our handcrafted holiday decorations. This decoration is perfect as an ornament on a tree, hanging from a window, or on display on a shelf. They also make wonderful gifts for someone special, order one for you and several for grandparents, aunts, uncles, and special friends! Order as many as you like and we will send them home ready for gift giving. Return your order forms and money to the envelope in the office. Be sure to check out the samples while you are there! Orders are due Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. We will need some help making these masterpieces! Check your email for the link to a signup genius if you can donate some time. Feel free to contact Ashley Schneider [absilver@comcast.net](mailto:absilver@comcast.net) if you have any questions or are willing to help.

With the cold weather approaching, now is the time to start labeling coats, hats, mittens, and boots! Check out LabelDaddy for labels that are machine washable and don't require any ironing or sewing. LabelDaddy will give you 10% off your order and give 15% back to BHP CNS when you visit their website [bhpcns.labeldaddy.com](http://bhpcns.labeldaddy.com) and enter code BHP CNS at checkout.

We hope you and your family have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving holiday! We are thankful for your wonderful support!

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## BHP CNS 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS CONTINUE.....



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**For your continued support!**

**60<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary  
Celebrations!**

The **Birthday Bash** on October 20<sup>th</sup> was a wonderful time. It was great to see so many BHP CNS alumni, current students, and future students on a glorious fall day! Thank you to Carolyn McCauley and Jenni Biggs for making Bradley's Birthday celebration such a huge success.

There are still lots of opportunities to be part of the celebrations. 1. Buy a Raffle Ticket. Raffles will happen monthly and once you buy a ticket you are in the running all year for a prize. 2. Donate a bottle of wine for our Wall of Wine Raffle on our April 14<sup>th</sup> 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for grown-ups! 3. Be a sponsor. Details on all the fun are available from the office.

Lastly, we are calling all alumni to add their handprints to the mural in the Rainy Day Room. Thank you to Nancy McCullough for creating this lasting memory of BHP CNS.

## LABEL YOUR CHILDREN'S BELONGINGS

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BHPCNS goes outside almost every day. As the temperatures get colder, the need for jackets, hats, and mittens, gets greater.

#### **Please label your children's belongings.**

Our lost and found, located by room 113, is filling up with items that are unmarked and we can't figure out the owners. Many children have the same jackets and without a name inside it's very hard for the teachers to keep the right child in the right jacket.



## PARENTS' GROUP ORNAMENT FUNDRAISER! ORDER NOW!!!!



Our fall fundraiser is right around the corner. Coming soon, you will receive a flyer in your child's tote bag detailing our handcrafted holiday decorations. The ornaments are perfect on a tree, hanging from a window, or on display on a shelf. They make wonderful gifts for someone special, order one for you and several for grandparents, aunts, uncles, and special friends! Order now and we will send them home ready for gift giving. Return your order forms and money to the envelope in the office. Be sure to check out the samples while you are there! Orders are due November 10<sup>th</sup>. Parent volunteers are welcome to craft the ornaments with us.



## ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT NEWS ITEMS

**Left Over Halloween Candy:** The office will be collecting left over Halloween candy. Mrs. McCauley will take the extra candy to the USO at Dulles airport where she is a volunteer.

**Angel Giving Tree:** BHPCNS will once again participate in the toy collection for children for the holidays sponsored by BHPC. Please donate an unwrapped toy for a young child in the collection bin outside the office by December 7, 2017. We will begin accepting donations in mid-November.

**Snack Allergen Forms:** These forms were distributed to all children via their folders at the start of the school year. Please complete this form whenever you are bringing a snack or special food item into school. Additional forms are on the website or available in the office.

**Parent Volunteers:** The BHPCNS office is looking for a few parent volunteers to help with our various screenings throughout the year. If you are interested in donating some time, please call or pop into the office and talk with either Liz or Carolyn.

**Car Magnets:** Show your BHPCNS pride with one of our fabulous car magnets. If you have lost yours there are lots more in the office. Stop by and get one!

**Bringing Objects From Home:** Please keep "special" items at home. We are seeing lots of children bringing in special headbands, jewelry, sweaters, small toys, etc. These items are easily lost and often not labeled. If they stay home then there are no tears when the items have been lost.

**Jumpstart's Read for the Record:** On October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, BHP CNS' 3 and 4-year-old classes participated in Jumpstart's Read for the Record. I loved sharing, Quackers by Liz Wong with the classes. Our 100 plus readers joined over a million readers enjoying the same book!

**Bradley Bear's Dance Troupe Winter Recital:** Mark your calendars for our annual winter dance recital on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:45. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Amazon Smile:** When purchasing items from Amazon, you may designate, BHP CNS to receive 5% of your purchase price. Go to Smile.Amazon to register. You may sign up by visiting the BHP CNS website at [www.BHP CNS.org](http://www.BHP CNS.org).

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



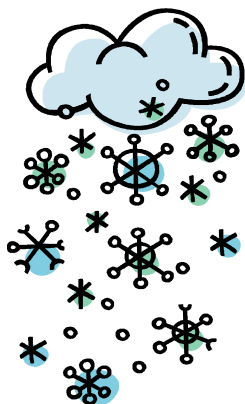
Please  
wish our  
bear cubs  
a happy  
birthday!

Walter Davis  
Mia Gandolfo  
Jackson Favretto  
Cambria Baker  
Reme Guerrero  
Mason Chua  
Clare Pollard  
Imogen Schneck  
Juliana Chan

Betsy Pritchett  
Joe Saunders  
Rei Seto  
Erin Clare Urgo  
Mattias Miksatko  
Alex Moulton  
Dylan Samantaray

Reminder: If sending in birthday treats, please send in **small** cupcakes, mini muffins, fruit kabobs, etc., keeping classroom food allergies in mind. We share birthday treats at snack time! If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher or the office!

## WEATHER RELATED CLOSINGS



BHP CNS follows Montgomery County Public Schools, MCPS, emergency weather closings. To be in the know signup for MCPS Alerts [click here](#).

**If MCPS schools are closed, BHP CNS will be closed.**

**If MCPS has a two hour delay, BHP CNS will begin the school day at 11:00 am, except for Early Morning with Bradley Bear students who may arrive at 10 am.**

Students in the 2-year-old program may come at 11:00 am and stay until 12:30 pm. Lunch Bunch will be canceled. We will provide a hearty snack. Children will be collected from their classrooms.

**If MCPS closes schools early, BHP CNS will close at 11:30 for the 2s and 12:30 for the 3s and 4s. Stay and Play will be cancelled.**

## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE WITH BHP CNS AND BJC

BHP CNS is partnership with BHP CNS and BJC are participating in a Thanksgiving food drive to feed 40 local families in need. Please drop off your non-perishable contributions in the hallway upstairs by the BJC office by November Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. See flyer that was sent home for a list of suggested donations.





## IMPORTANCE OF PRETEND PLAY

Did you know that Scholastic Books has wonderful parent resources? Here's the first paragraph of a great article about the importance of pretend play. *Young children learn by imagining and doing. Have you ever watched your child pick up a stone and pretend it is a zooming car, or hop a Lego across the table as if it were a person or a bunny? Your child is using an object to represent something else while giving it action and motion. But this pretend play is not as simple as it may seem. The process of pretending builds skills in many essential developmental areas.* [Click here](#) to access the full article.

## AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PLAY DATES

We love having your child in our classes and activities where there is lots of large group socialization. To supplement the large group experience we recommend playdates. Playdates provide children with the opportunity to play one on one with a peer, the chance to share, take turns, practice manners. These are all very important skills for our children to master. Talk with your child about who their special friends are at school and arrange a playdate at your home or the park. While a school setting provides lots of group dynamics it's important for a child to just play with a friend in an unstructured environment. For more information on playdates go to: <http://www.education.com/magazine/article/TheImportanceofplaydates>



**Playdates are great  
for our Bear Cubs!**

## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY HELPS FINE & GROSS MOTOR DEVELOPMENT

Recently BHCNS completed OT screenings for many of our children. Why are these screenings important? Because a child with fine and/or gross motor delays may have their learning impacted and their social development delayed because they are unable to keep up with their peers. Fine motor delays can lead to avoiding art/craft projects, and other small motor activities which further delays fine motor development. Gross motor delays can impact a child's ability to sit for stories/circle times/quiet play and impact a child's ability to run/climb on the playground, impacting their social development and self-esteem when they can't keep up with their peers.

Read more about how gross motor skills affect the play and development of children by [clicking here](#) and about how to build fine motor skills through play by [clicking here](#).

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES! DONUTS WITH DAD AND MUFFINS WITH MOM



### **Donuts with Dad was a huge success.**

Thank you to all the dads and kids who came out for a special breakfast treat. Donuts with Dad is one of the children's favorite events of the year.

Thank you to the Maloney family and the Varga family for picking up the donuts and coffee and delivering them to school in time for everyone to have a fun morning.

**Moms!  
Muffins with Mom  
will be May 3 and May 4.  
Mark your calendars now!**



## 2018-2019 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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#### Registration Options:

5 day 4s, Monday through Friday

3 day 4s, Monday-Wednesday-Friday

5 day 3s, Monday through Friday

3 day 3s, Monday-Wednesday-Friday

2 day 3s, Tuesday-Thursday

3 day 2s, Monday-Wednesday-Friday

2 day 2s, Tuesday-Thursday

Young 2s program will be determined in spring 2018 depending on space allocations.

#### Registration for Current BHP CNS Students:

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will soon be underway.

- Applications will be available for current students at the BHP CNS website, [www.bhpcns.org](http://www.bhpcns.org) under the Application/Registration tab after the Thanksgiving break. Hard copies will also be coming home in your child's tote bag.
- Download an application, or collect one in the office, complete the information, and return the form on either December 7 or December 8. **Returning students must have their applications turned in no later than Friday, December 8 to guarantee placement.**
- Remember to indicate a first and second choice. While we guarantee placement for students currently enrolled in our 2 and 3-year-old programs and for students enrolled in the 4s who do not meet the age eligibility for public school kindergarten, **we do not guarantee your first choice.**
- Acceptance is based on a first-come, first-served basis. The earlier you submit your application, the greater your chances of being accepted into your first choice program.
- Applications received before December 7 will be placed after those received on December 8.

#### Registration for Siblings Not Currently Enrolled in BHP CNS:

October and November are the months to submit applications for siblings of currently enrolled students who will attend BHP CNS for the first time beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. Applications are available in the office and online for your children who will be starting BHP CNS in September 2018. Registration for currently enrolled students will begin in December. Acceptance or Wait List notifications will be sent home in January.

#### New Applicants to BHP CNS:

Encourage your friends and neighbors to call the office to learn more and schedule a tour of BHP CNS. New families say they chose Bradley Hills because their friend, neighbor, co-worker spoke highly of our program. We love that you love us! Help us spread the word about what a wonderful place BHP CNS is for children to play, grow, and learn! Applications are available online for new students.

**BHP CNS follows Montgomery County Public Schools with regard to birthdate cut-off dates for admission. Children must be 2 by September 1, 2018 to enroll in the 2s, 3 by September 1, 2018, to enroll in the 3s, and 4 by September 1, 2018 to enroll in the 4s. If you have any questions, please contact the office.**

Play,

Grow,

Learn ..... With Bradley Bear



## MONTHLY SPECIAL CLASSES AND GUEST PERFORMERS:

**Monday:**

**Cooking with Bradley Bear**

**Cooking is fun!**

**Donna Barnett Reports:**

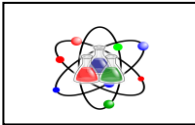
Cooking for November will be full of delicious and nutrition treats! We will be making pizza, turkey rollups, French toast and create a Thanksgiving meal in a cup. The students are enjoying cooking and enjoying their treats. We will hopefully be able to play outside at the end of the day and continue pickup outside.

**Nancy McCullough Shares:** The month of November has always meant Nature and Family to me, and we will cover both. We'll go on a nature hunt find interesting foliage and paint and print the foliage. We will make leaf people and end of month thinking about family and Thanksgiving.



**Monday:  
The  
Artist  
Corner**

**Tuesday:  
Wigglin'  
Wizards**



**Scientist Cardoni Reports:**

During November our Wiggling Wizards will be turning into Chemists. We'll be making a Pumpkin Volcano. We will also dissolve different substances in water and then test the buoyancy of each solution. Right before Thanksgiving we'll be making our own butter by shaking up cream in a jar and then enjoy our freshly made butter on Pumpkin bread. Toward the end of the month we'll be mixing colors in milk and then experiment with adding drops of dish detergent which reacts with the fats in the milk making a beautiful show of colors. Who says Chemistry isn't fun?!?

**Colleen Snyder Reports:** Our Bradley Bear's Dance Troupe has been busy learning their ballet positions, body part identification and articulation, as well as the steps that will make up their recital routine. They have experimented with props and rhythms while learning fundamental movements such as chase', plie, and saute'. In November, the dancers will work on their recital combinations as they prepare their Nutcracker themed pieces. They will learn how to enter and exit the stage safely; but most importantly, enjoy lots of creative fun!

**Show date is December 13<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 1:30 and the performance begins at 1:45!**

**Tuesday &  
Wednesday:  
Dance**



**Wacky Wednesdays!**



**Pilot Senerathne Reports:** The month of November is the Aviation Month. We will learn about different types of Air Transportation such as Air planes, Helicopters and Hot Air Balloons, discuss about Wright Brothers and Amelia Earhart and brainstorm about how a Pilot helps the community as a Community Helper? November is going to be another fun and adventure filled month for our Aviators in Wacky Wednesday Stay and Play.

**Heather Stevens Shares:** After learning about the United States of America, our world travelers in Geography Stay and Play made passports so they could board an airplane and travel to the continent of Asia. Our first stop is India which is the second most populous country in the world. The children learned about Diwali which is the festival of lights. They learned that cricket is the most popular sport in India, and they discovered that chess and yoga originated in India. We even had our resident Yogi Master, Mrs. Cardoni, teach us some yoga poses. We took a virtual tour of the Taj Mahal and tried to build our own out of blocks. Finally, we did some Indian dancing and tried some Indian Food!

**Thursday: Where in  
the World is Bradley  
Bear?**



**Friday: Yogi Bears!**

**Yogi Cardoni Chants:** During the month of November our Yogi Bears will be practicing poses based on the weather, friends and Thanksgiving. We always warm up each class with a special sun salutation and during the Friends day, we'll definitely be working on poses with a fellow yogi. We'll continue to practice Savasana and Mindful Eating and will be making a special effort to show and share our gratitude with our fellow yogis. Namaste.

## MONTHLY SPECIAL CLASSES AND GUEST PERFORMERS:



### Music Class

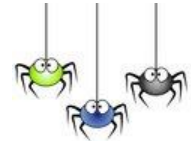
2s, 3s, and 4s

Little Hands are dancing and singing this month to lots of songs, including *Falling Leaves* and *Hop Old Squirrel!* With the focus on descending and ascending sounds of a major scale, we follow the sounds with our voices, scarves, streamers and bodies. You might be hearing about the slide whistle (always a huge hit), and our good friend, Jenny Jenkins, (who has very specific color preferences for her wardrobe!) Remember, you can find the songs at [www.cdbaby.com/artist/littlehands](http://www.cdbaby.com/artist/littlehands) on the *Hello Rainbow* album!

### Allison Delfin Shares:

November Science is all about spiders!

We will learn some interesting spider facts and find out how the 3s and 4s really feel about spiders. We will become very busy spiders while we build a cooperative spider web with our class and even wrap our own insects in yarn to learn how spiders eat. We hope to find some real spider webs outside on a spider hunt, but if not, we will surely come across some spider rings to take home.



### Science

3s and 4s



### Creative Movement

2s, 3s, and 4s

### Mrs. Stevens Reports:

This month in Creative Movement, the children will gobble, wobble and shake their feathers to the “Turkey Dance”. Some of the children will do “A Very Simple Dance” while others will “Shake Their Sillies Out”. They will all have the opportunity to become a firefighter to the song “Hurry, Hurry Drive the Firetruck” which, by the way, is the children’s favorite song! Remember early motor development is a very important factor to a child’s overall success, so don’t forget to skip, run, jump and roll each and every day!!

**Ms. Casey Reports:** How wonderful to see so many familiar faces and make new friends this year. *Singing With Ms. Casey* kicked off with The White Stripes “We Are Gonna Be Friends” and “I Don’t Want to Live on the Moon” by Jeff Ross because the new school year is full of friends and new experiences. As many of the children remember, October is my favorite month of the year. We explored the skeleton inside of each of us and made our best black cat impressions. We learned through song that sometimes being scared is just being surprised! As the holiday season approaches and we watch the season change, we’ll be singing songs that reflect the world we see around us and that remind us of the true meaning of Thanksgiving.

### Music with Ms. Casey

2s, 3s, and 4s



### Spanish

For the 3s and 4s

**Mrs. Cardoni Shares:** We’re so sorry October is over and we’ve said *Adios* to the *Monstruos* song! In November, we’ll continue to build our vocabulary. We’ll learn the names of family members (mother-*madre*, father-*padre*, siblings-*hermanos*, grandparents-*abuelos*). We’ll be learning the names of the food we’ll see on the Thanksgiving table. We’ll also be learning a Thanksgiving song where we’ll learn to show our gratitude for all we have. The fours will be learning “El Día de Acción de Gracias” and sign language to go with it, [click here](#) for the song. The 3s will be learning a Thanksgiving song based on the tune to Frere Jacques, the words will come home in a handout.

### Bill Jenkins: Native American Music

Bill Jenkins will be here to share his collection of Native American instruments. The children will beat drums, shake bells, and more as they sing and dance to traditional Native American music as well as some familiar nursery school songs. Bill Jenkins is a musician and educator offering hands-on programs for all ages with instruments from around the world. His extensive instrument collection has grown to over 200 and is the largest of its kind outside of a museum. We are thrilled to have Bill preform and teach our bear cubs.

