



The Bear Facts

NOVEMBER 2024

Celebrating 67 Years of Early Childhood Education



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

November 1st

- Tuition Due

November 4th & 5th

- ALUMNI DAYS

8:30-10:00am

Rainy Day Room

November 6th-8th

- Occupational Therapy Screenings

November 7th

- Parents' Group Happy Hour

6:00pm at Tacombi

November 8th

- Thanksgiving Basket Donations Due

November 14th

- Teddy Bear Playdates w/Growing Minds

2:30-3:30pm

BHPCNS

November 17th

- Interfaith Worship

10:30am BHPC

November 19th*

- Donuts & Dates TTh Classes

8:30-8:55am Rainy Day Room

*MTWThF classes may rsvp for either day

- Hei-Hei and Bingo go back to the farm

November 20th*

- Board Meeting at 7:30pm

- Donuts & Dates MWF Classes

8:30-8:55am Rainy Day Room

*MTWThF classes may rsvp for either day

November 22nd

- Last day to order Scholastic Books

November 25th

- Thanksgiving Party, MWF 2s & 3s

- Thanksgiving Feast, Pre-K Classes

November 26th

- Thanksgiving Party, TTh 2s & 3s and

MTWThF 3s

November 27-29th

- SCHOOL CLOSED - Thanksgiving Break

December 1st

- Tuition Due

December 3rd

- Giving Tuesday

December 2nd-6th

- Applications for RETURNING students

Dear Parents,

It's November! Time to celebrate family, friends, and food! At BHPCNS we will be thinking, talking, playing, and singing about the things that make us happy and thankful.

We will continue to explore all things autumn. Now that there's a bit of a chill in the air and the leaves are falling down, please dress your child in layers of easy-to-wear jackets and fleece. Also, label their jackets, coats, boots, etc. You'd be amazed at how many children have the same jacket, hats, and mittens.

New this year, BHPCNS is hosting ALUMNI DAYS on Monday and Tuesday, November 4th & 5th. Alumni (of all ages) are invited to join in the fun. We will start at 8:30 am with donuts in the Rainy Day Room. From 9:00-10:00 am kids, and their caretakers, can rotate through many carnival style stations: face painting, temporary tattoos, crafts, music, a voting booth, an Epic Events photo booth, and more! Alumni may also sign-up to read to a particular classroom. All stations will be run by Alumni as well. It is an event not to be missed!

Registration for the 2024-25 school year has begun for students who will be NEW to BHPCNS. It's time to register younger siblings. Let Friends and family know now is the time to register. Registration for children currently enrolled at BHPCNS will begin on Monday, December 2nd and end on Friday, December 6th. Full details can be found on page 5.

This December, in the spirit of giving, BHPCNS will be asking you to make a gift to help support BHPCNS and our ability to provide an excellent preschool experience for all our students. We are hoping for 100% participation. Even the smallest gifts make a difference. More details coming soon.

I am grateful for our amazing teachers who lovingly care for your children each day. And I continue to be thankful for your children who fill our days and hearts with joy & laughter.

Wishing everyone the happiest of Thanksgivings,

Liz Sobrino
BHPCNS Director

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STAY
CONNECTED



PARENTS' GROUP HAPPY HOUR

Thursday, November 7th



Give your favorite babysitter a call and join us at Tacombi!
Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be provided alongside a cash bar.

Join the Parents' Group for a

PARENTS – ONLY

Happy Hour

Tacombi
4749 Bethesda Avenue
Bethesda
Thursday, November 7th
6:00-8:00pm

DONUTS & DATES

8:30 am - 8:55 am

The Parents' Group invites BHPCNS students and their date of choice (a parent, grandparent, caregiver) to enjoy a sweet treat and coffee before drop off!

Tuesday, November 19th
RSVP [HERE](#)



Wednesday, November 20th
RSVP [HERE](#)



MTWThF Classes may RSVP for the day that works best for them.



We want to thank everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts so far this year. Funds raised from the September Ledo's Dine-Out and Auntie Anne's Pretzel Kits directly support Parents' Group sponsored events like the back to school ice cream social, potty training seminar, and the upcoming donuts with dates.

TIS THE SEASON? Already thinking about holiday cards or other gifts? Need LABELS for hats, mittens, boots,...? Consider ordering through Minted or mabels labels; a portion of your dollar gets donated back to BHPCNS.

minted.

- Enter FUNDRAISEBHPCNS at check out
- 20% off and 15% of proceeds back to the school
- Parents' Group favorite: clothing tag label! small enough to fit onto small clothing tags, but still fits a last name and phone number; ours have survived a lot of washing!



mabels labels

- 20% of sales will benefit BHPCNS fundraising efforts!
- Search for: Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church Nursery School



Thank you for your continued support!

Parents' Group Co-Chairs,

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BHPCNS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Parents,

At this time of year, we reflect on our many blessings. For Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church and the BHPCNS Board, those blessings include your amazing children, the BHPCNS teachers and administrators. They truly are what makes BHPCNS such a special school and community.

Our second Board meeting for the school year will be on November 20 at 7:30 pm. If you have any topics you would like included on the meeting agenda, please contact the Board at board@bhpcns.org. Board meetings are open to anyone with notification to the Board Chair through this email address at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Throughout the school year, please feel encouraged to reach out to the Board with your questions, concerns, or thoughts about the school.

On behalf of the BHPCNS Board and Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, we wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving!

Rosanna Morrison, BHPCNS Board Chair
Scott Allshouse, BHPCNS Board Vice Chair





YOU ARE INVITED TO:

ALUMNI DAYS

MONDAY & TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH & 5TH



**BHPCNS GRADUATE(S) & THEIR CAREGIVERS PLEASE
JOIN US IN THE RAINY DAY ROOM FOR:**

**8:30AM
COFFEE & DONUTS**

**9:00-10:00AM
CRAFTS, EPIC PHOTO BOOTH, FACE PAINTING &
TATTOOS, MUSIC, & VOTING BOOTH**

**9:15-10:00AM
SIGN-UP TO READ A BOOK TO YOUR SIBLINGS
CLASSROOM**



**RSVP
HERE**



**This is not a drop-off event. Alumni under age of 15 must be accompanied by an adult.*

REGISTRATION FOR NEW STUDENTS

Applications for the 2025- 2026 school year for NEW STUDENTS and SIBLINGS of currently enrolled students are available online at [here](#).



Parent referrals are what have kept our classrooms full for 67 years. We love meeting new families. They are welcome to tour the school and learn more about our program. Please call the office at 301-365-2909.

Children must be 2 years old by September 1, 2025 to be eligible for enrollment at BHPCNS. *Siblings are given priority over families new to BHPCNS.* Acceptance or Wait List notifications will be sent home in late January 2025.

REGISTRATION FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS

Registration for children currently enrolled at BHPCNS will take place starting Monday, December 2nd, and end Friday, December 6th. Applications will be linked and shared in brightwheel at 10am on Monday, December 2nd. Applications must be submitted between December 2nd and December 6th in order to be given priority enrollment. Acceptance is based on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Please recognize that children currently enrolled in our Cub Club, 2s' and 3s' programs, as well as those children who are enrolled in the Pre-K program, are guaranteed a place; however, it may not be your first choice.

Families will be notified in late January as to their child's placement for the 2025-26 school year. Based on enrollment, classroom space, and teacher availability, we will determine if we can offer Cub Club and/or our Young 2s program in early Spring.



BHPCNS follows Montgomery County Public Schools with regard to birthdate cut-off dates for admission.

Children must be... 2 by September 1, 2025 to enroll in the 2s,
3 by September 1, 2025 to enroll in the 3s,
and 4 by September 1, 2025 to enroll in Pre-K.

2025-2026 PROGRAM OPTIONS



2

TWO-YEAR-OLD PROGRAMS

2 days: Tuesday & Thursday
3 days: Monday, Wednesday & Friday
5 days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

3

THREE-YEAR-OLD PROGRAMS

2 days: Tuesday & Thursday
3 days: Monday, Wednesday & Friday
5 days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

4

Pre-K PROGRAMS

3 days: Monday, Wednesday & Friday
5 days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

DID YOU KNOW?

EARLY INTERVENTION with specially trained therapists can make a tremendous difference in a young child's life. Children's neuro-pathways are very malleable during the first five years. A speech delay can impede a child's social development and their ability to communicate and play with peers. Early detection and intervention impacts and supports a child's development, play skills, family harmony, and transition to kindergarten.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SCREENINGS

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday November 6, 7, & 8th



BHPCNS will have Occupational Therapists from Canyon Kids, on site to screen children for fine & gross motor skills, sense-of-space, personal boundaries, and more. For the screenings we convert a classroom into a play-space to observe children's development. This will be a brief screening and not a formal assessment.

We will identify children for the screenings using one or more of the following methods:

1. ASQ-3 Questionnaires
2. Teacher and Specialists Observations
3. Parent Requests

If your child has been referred to be screened, you will receive a letter. To have your child participate in the screening process you must sign and return the Permission Slip.

Notify Liz at lsobrino@bhpcns.org by **November 4th**, if you would like your child to be screened. Include the reason for the screening and your child's birthdate. Reports will be sent home after the screening with any recommendations.



EARLY INTERVENTION HELPS

"We were so thankful that BHPCNS provided Occupational Therapy pre-screenings as part of their program. This pre-screening gave us insight into sensory issues and general social-emotional struggles that our child experiences. Because of the early screening, we were able to partner with Canyon Kids and BHPCNS to make sure our son was set up for success in the Pre-K program at BHPCNS and he is now having a successful start to Kindergarten!"

—Parents of a Former Pre-K student



BEYOND BOUNDARIES THERAPY SERVICES

Occupational and Physical Therapy Milestones

**6
months**

- Use fingers and palm to hold objects
- Reach for toy and bring to midline of body
- Follow objects with eyes in all directions
- Raise head off floor when on stomach
- Bring hands to mouth
- Alternate kicking legs
- Prop on forearms
- Roll from side to side and stomach to back

**12
months**

- Feeds self cracker
- Holds cup with 2 hands, drinks with assistance
- Holds arms/legs out when being dressed
- Transfer objects from one hand to the other
- Pincer grasp (forefinger and thumb)
- Stacks 2-4 objects
- Prop on forearms
- Sit alone independently with trunk rotation
- Crawl independently
- Pulls to stand
- In standing position, cruises along furniture
- Distinguish friends from strangers
- Show displeasure at the loss of a toy

**18
months**

- Holds hands out to be washed
- Dries hands with help
- Tries to put on shoes
- Turns pages of cardboard books
- Uses both hands to play
- Points at object with index finger
- Walk independently without support
- Creep down steps independently
- Walk up steps with support
- Run without falling
- Mimics simple actions
- Shows anxiety when separated from primary caregiver

**2
years**

- Uses spoon, with some spilling
- Drinks from cup, unassisted
- Can undress self
- Scribbles
- Builds tower of 4-6 objects
- Kick a stationary ball
- Throws small ball underhand 3 feet forward before it touches the floor
- Jumps in place, jumps forward 4 inches without falling
- Squat to stand without falling
- Show strong sense of self through assertiveness
- Show pride and pleasure at new accomplishments
- Begin to be helpful, such as by helping to put things away

**3
years**

- Puts on shoes
- Opens door by turning handle
- Takes off coat / puts on coat with assistance
- Washes and dries hands
- Strings 2 to 4 beads
- Removes screw on lip from bottle
- Draws a circle Snips with scissors
- Holds crayon with thumb and fingers (not fist)
- Catches 8" ball with arms extended
- Placing 1 foot on each step, walks up 4 steps without support
- With hands on hips, stand on 1 foot for 3 seconds
- Shares toys, taking turns with assistance
- Initiate or join in play

**4-5
years**

- Buttons and unbuttons 1 button
- Washes and dries hands independently
- Blows nose when reminded
- Uses toilet with minimal assistance
- Able to do simple puzzles (6-10 pieces)
- Begins to draw pictures that represent real things
- Draws a cross
- Cuts on a line continuously
- Prints some capital letters
- Runs and stops without falling
- Hops forward on one foot, then hops forward on other foot
- Using overhand toss, hits target from 5 feet
- Starts to develop friendships
- Enjoys imaginative play with other children

**5+
years**

- Completes 3 sit-ups
- Using overhand toss, hits target from 12 feet
- Able to function in structured group with rules
- Shows concern and sympathy for others
- Initiates sharing and taking turn
- Spreads soft butter with knife
- Snaps fingers
- Copies a square
- Dresses self completely – completes fasteners
- Brushes teeth independently
- Uses toilet independently
- Colors between vertical lines
- Prints own name and simple words
- Can write (letters not uniform, reversals still common)
- With arms bent, using hands only, catches small ball

THE IMPORTANCE OF PLAY DATES

We love having your child in our classes and activities where there is 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.



ENCOURAGE PRETEND PLAY

Did you know that Scholastic Books has wonderful parent resources?

“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

HOW TO BE A SUPER FRIEND - A SOCIAL STORY FOR BUILDING FRIENDSHIP SKILLS!

Scripted Stories for Social Situations are used at BHPCNS to help children understand social interactions, expectations, social cues, the script of unfamiliar activities, and/or social rules. These stories help children understand the expectations of a situation and problem behaviors can be improved.

How to be A Super Friend is about a child who learns how to play and interact with friends and family. At BHPCNS we read social stories and model appropriate behaviors to help children learn the give and take of play in a group setting. Stories also help children identify their feelings and how they can be Super Friends. Social stories can be easily customized.

I Can Be a SUPER FRIEND!



If you'd like a copy of the story for home, let Liz know.

FALL 2024 ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

TEDDY BEAR PLAYDATES

Ages 3-5

\$275 for 5 Thursdays from 2:30-3:30pm

November 14, 21, and December 5, 12, 19



Children engage in dramatic play with their own stuffy! Each week involves a new opportunity for play expression on topics such as visiting the doctor, getting ready for bed, saying goodbye, caring for someone who is sick, or celebrating a birthday. We practice sharing about feelings (their own and others), nurturing, frustration tolerance, self-regulation, and mindfulness.

RSVP
HERE





November is a time to be thankful and grateful for our families, friends, and relatives. At BHPCNS we spend the month of November focusing on family, friends, and food and what it means to be thankful with our bear cubs. It's always fun to hear what the children are most thankful for – of course we have to explain what it means to be thankful first. But once they understand, preschool-aged children are overwhelmingly thankful for YOU! The staff and I are thankful and grateful to watch your children play, grow, and learn each and every day.



MWF and Pre-K classes will celebrate on Monday, November 20th.
TTh and MTWThF 2-year-old and 3-year-old classes will celebrate on Tuesday, November 21st.
Room Parents will be reaching out with ways you can help your class celebrate.
BHPCNS will be closed November 27-29th for the Thanksgiving holiday.
School resumes on Monday, December 2nd.

Looking for ways to make Thanksgiving meaningful for you and your children?

This [article](#) from Parents magazine provides a historical look at Thanksgiving. The article can be made age-appropriate for younger children and includes book suggestions for learning more about Thanksgiving.



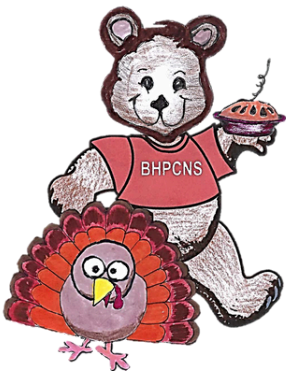
This [article](#) from Bright Horizons has wonderful ideas on how to create a special Thanksgiving with young children.



Here are some resources on how to create fun Thanksgiving season traditions to share with your children now and for years to come. Preschool-aged children live in the here and now. They will enjoy sharing these traditions for years and years to come.

Fun Thanksgiving ideas include:

1. Plan a special Thanksgiving breakfast or Friday morning breakfast and have your child help you make it.
2. Involve your child with the Thanksgiving menu planning and where possible, have your child help with the cooking.
3. Make thankful turkey hats for everyone in the family. Label the feathers with what you are thankful for or what makes you happy.
5. Send homemade Thanksgiving cards to those who can't be with you. Have your child tell the recipient why they are special to your child.
6. Organize a neighborhood bike, stroller, pet marching parade. Cone off the street or use driveways to set up tables with hot cider and cookies, Thanksgiving crafts, face painting, etc.
8. If there are family members who cannot gather with you, you can always gather via Zoom or FaceTime.



Thanksgiving Bradley Bear
illustration by Nancy McCullough



However you celebrate, may your Thanksgiving holiday be filled with love and gratitude.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Aurora Amini
Leo Bottegal
Annabelle Fager

Eleanor Brown
Violet Gurung
Alexandra Hamann

Tatsuru Kawabe
Shane McCarthy
Leon Zhou

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.

BRADLEY BEAR IS LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

1. Do you love children?
2. Are your children growing up too fast?
3. Do you want to be part of our loving community?
4. Are you looking for a meaningful way to spend your mornings?

If you've answered yes to these questions and are interested in learning more about becoming a substitute teacher, please contact Liz for more details.



NEWS FROM OUR LIBRARY



It is not unusual for a small child to say loudly in a public space, "Why is that lady fat?" or "Why does that man only have one leg?" Children are curious about their world and this curiosity extends to the differences they observe in others.

Our school library has two wonderful books that celebrate differences in people, in appearances and in abilities. *Some Bodies*, written by Sophie Kennen, is a beautifully illustrated book that celebrates the many ways our bodies differ from size to skin color to physical abilities. "Some bodies have two feet, some bodies have one. Some bodies have freckles, some bodies have none." With rhyming text, *Some Bodies* is engaging and fun. The book includes a page of tips for parents.



What I Like About Me! by Allia Zobel-Nolan is a fun lift-the-flap book that encourages pride in our differences. Some people wear glasses and some do not. Some people have curly hair and some have straight hair. Some people have big feet and some have petite feet. Children will love interacting with the flaps and pull tabs on each page.

Parents, grandparents, and caretakers...you are welcome to visit the BHPCNS Library. Please see the office staff for assistance if you wish to borrow a book. Please note that a \$10 fee will be charged for all lost books.

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



SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

Need holiday gift ideas? How about Scholastic Books? New flyers will be out in November and books will arrive before the holidays. Be on the lookout for scholastic brochures in your child's folder.

Orders are due Friday, November 22nd.



STUDENT ABSENCES OR ILLNESS

If your child is ill and will be missing school, please call the office or send us an email. If your child has a communicable disease, strep throat, head lice, etc. we need to know to be able to share that information with the rest of the class. Your child will remain anonymous when informing the class. In some cases, we are obligated to share communicable disease information with the Montgomery County Health Department.

We are often asked: "How do you know when to keep a child home?"

Here are some guidelines:

- Do not send your child to school within 24 hours of a fever.
- Do not send your child to school within 24 hours of diarrhea.
- Do not send your child to school within 24 hours of vomiting.
- Do not send your child to school if they are heavily congested and/or coughing.

Please note the 24 hour rule in the above guidelines.

We share EVERYTHING at preschool. Sometimes, even colds and viruses. The flu vaccine and COVID-19 vaccines are an effective way to protect your child from these viruses. Please consider having your child vaccinated. We want to keep our Bradley Bear cubs as healthy as possible.

CLOTHING FOR COOLER WEATHER

PLEASE LABEL ALL BELONGINGS



We are outside EVERY day! Please dress your child in layers for active play both indoors and outdoors. This includes well fitting, closed-toed shoes, and socks. Shoes must stay on a child's feet when running and climbing. Loose fitting pants, leggings, sweat pants, shirts, jackets allow children to move about freely on our play equipment. For our dress loving bear cubs we ask that the children wear shorts underneath. Questions, check with your teacher or the office.

WEATHER RELATED CLOSINGS

BHPCNS follows Montgomery County Public Schools, MCPS, emergency weather closings. To be in the know sign up for MCPS Alerts click [HERE](#).

If MCPS schools are closed, BHPCNS will be closed.

If MCPS has a two hour delay, BHPCNS 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 stay until 12:30 pm. Lunch Bunch will be cancelled. We will provide a hearty snack. Cub Club will be held from 11:00am until 12:30 pm.

If MCPS closes schools early, BHPCNS will close at 11:30 for the 2s; 12:30 for the 3-year-old and Pre-K classes. Lunch Bunch proceeds as normal and Stay & Play will be cancelled.





DONATIONS

Before you throw it out donate it to BHPCNS
We are in need of large Oatmeal Canisters to make drums during Thanksgiving.
Large pine-cones for making turkeys
Please bring any donations to the office. Thank you!

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.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

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



In November, we will learn about Wassily Kandinsky, a Russian artist who worked in abstract expressionism using shapes to express himself.

In art class, our cubs will have an opportunity to experiment using a variety of shapes, colors, and most importantly, creativity.

Soon their masterpieces will be hanging in our hallways.

MUSIC (all ages) with Little Hands

We started our "Let's Ride" journey in music classes with car activities. During class, we played drums for playing along with "Boom Makaleli" and added the rhythm pattern for the rhyming words of the poem by Dennis Lee:

"Maxi drove the taxi that went beep-beep-beep,
He picked up all the people in a heap-heap-heap.
Drove them to the farm to see the sheep-sheep-sheep.
Then Maxi and the Taxi went to sleep-sleep-sleep!"

In November, we'll move on to trains and planes.(tune of Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Drive, drive, drive the car Drive, drive, drive the car
Safely down the street All around the town
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily
Don't forget to Beep! (BEEP!) Up the hills and down!



You can access original music produced and recorded by Little Hands here: [Little Hands Let's Ride Plus](#)



SCIENCE (3-year-old & Pre-K) with Mrs. Mac 'N Cheese



We will learn all about animals that seem scary, but are actually helpful and beneficial to our biological canvas.



Bats



Spiders

Owls, and more!

SINGING with Ms. Casey (*all ages*)

And like that, autumn has arrived! And with it the dramatic changing of the seasons. In November we're singing about the beautiful changes we see around us. Observing our environment and singing about what we see is memorable way to acknowledge the passing of time - a first for some of our young students. We've also begun working on our holiday songs as we anticipate being with family, sharing food, and what it truly means to be thankful.



STAY + PLAY

Stay + Play is a wonderful time of day at Bradley Hills. Children get to experience new things and make new friends in the process. They become athletes, chefs, dancers, scientists, yogis, and world explorers. Try one class or try them all! Register [HERE](#)



SAY GOODBYE TO HEI-HEI & BINGO

Thank you to all the families who have volunteered to care for our feathered friends on the weekends. We have loved spending the fall with them and will miss them dearly.

Be sure to say goodbye before they head back to the farm on Tuesday, November 19th.



INTERFAITH EFFORTS

As we approach the colder weather, we give thanks to all who helped with the children's coat drive for Arcola Elementary School children!

We hope you will participate in our upcoming Interfaith efforts: Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive and Interfaith Sunday.



The Youth of the
Inter-Congregational Partnership

THANKS FOOD DRIVE GIVING

We would love your help in providing
Thanksgiving meals to families in need

We Are Collecting The Following Items:

Canned Gravy	Cake Mix w/ Frosting
Any Canned Fruit	Cans of Soup
Canned Beans, Corn	White Rice
Box of Stuffing Mix	Canned Yams
Cranberry Sauce	Mashed Potatoes
Corn Bread Mix	Mac and Cheese

Items Will Be Collected
**OCT 20-
NOV 9**

Drop Off Location
Memorial Hall
6601 Bradley Blvd.
Bethesda, MD

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Email Rosanna Howard
rosanna@bradleyhillschurch.org



The Inter-Congregational Partnership Committee Invites You

Interfaith

Thanksgiving Worship & Brunch

Sunday, November 17, 2024

6601 Bradley Blvd, Bethesda, MD

Interfaith Service: 10:30 a.m. | Brunch: 11:30 a.m.



Join together in worship with members of three faiths
as we celebrate our common spirit.

6601 Worship Partners
Bethesda Jewish Congregation
Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
Maqaame Ibrahim Islamic Center

Brunch (Registration Required)
\$20 Adults | \$5 for 12 and under
Must purchase tickets in advance
Register by November 13




Please join our interfaith effort to provide Thanksgiving meals for 80 families in need in our area!
Deliver non-perishable food to Memorial Hall by Sunday, November 9th.

Bring your child with you on your next trip to the grocery store and have them help check each item off from this list OR if you prefer not to shop, a monetary donation enables us to include grocery store gift cards for each family to purchase a turkey or other perishable items for their meal. You can donate in several ways:

- Online by credit card (via Realm): Choose "Thanksgiving Baskets" in drop down box for "Fund".
[Donate online here.](#)
- Purchase a \$25 gift card from Giant and deliver them to Rosanna Howard at BHPC or the Bethesda Jewish Congregation office.
- Monetary donations may also be made by check, made payable to either Bethesda Jewish Congregation or Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, with "Thanksgiving Drive" in the memo. Mail or hand deliver to either BHPC or BJC.

Questions? Contact

Rosanna: rosanna@bradleyhillschurch.org or

Becky: becky@bethesdajewish.org.

