

May 2018 Newsletter

The Bear Facts

Celebrating 60 Years of Early Childhood Education

Dear Parents,

Happy month of May! The 2017-2018 school year has flown by and BHP CNS is gearing up for our end of school celebrations and our Jumpin' Jellyfish, Bradley Bear Goes to the Beach summer camp program.

After a very long and cool, if not downright cold, spring Mother Nature looks to be warming things up. The warm weather will provide us with lots of outdoor play time! It's a good idea to put sunscreen on your child before coming to school. In May in addition to our regularly scheduled programming, we will have Transportation Days, Otto the Auto for our 4s, Field Trips for our 3s, Spirit Days for the 4s, the 3s' Jamboree, and 100 days of school celebrations for our MWF 4s.

We are continuing to accept camp registrations. Camp is open to all children ages 2 through 5. Friends, cousins, neighbors are all welcome. Campers do not need to be currently enrolled BHP CNS students. In a break from previous years, campers **do not** need to be potty trained. Registration forms are available on our website, www.bhpcns.org or outside the office.

During the month of May, we recognize teachers and mothers. I want to thank my amazing staff of women here at BHP CNS who are teachers and mothers. They make each day a joy for me and your children.

To all the Moms who are part of the BHP CNS family I want to wish you a wonderful Mother's Day with your little ones. They've been busy crafting special surprises for you. ☺

Calendar Note: The last Stay and Play classes will be May 24th.

As May comes to an end, may your Memorial Day be meaningful! Read on for information on how to pay tribute to our military men, women, and their families.

Liz
Liz Sobrino
BHP CNS Director



UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

The Very Hungry Caterpillar



The Bradley Hills Dance Troupe will present *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* at 1:45 in Memorial Hall on May 23. All are welcome to attend this delightful performance of caterpillars changing into butterflies right before our eyes. After the performance there will be refreshments.



3 & 4 YEAR OLD SING ALONGS:

On **Tuesday, June 5th**, our Tuesday/Thursday 3s' class will perform a selection of their favorite school songs in Covenant Hall. The program will begin at 9:30 am.

On **Wednesday, June 6th** our Monday/ Wednesday/Friday, 3s and 4s and our Monday through Friday 3s and 4s will perform in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am.

Following the singing performances there will be parties in the classrooms. Children will be dismissed after their party between 10:30 and 11:00 from their classrooms.

All performances are professional recorder. See article on page 3 for details about DVDs.

PARENTS' GROUP NEWSLETTER

Happy spring! It's hard to believe we are approaching the end of another school year. Summer camps, vacations, swimming pools, and adventures are just around the corner. As we reflect on the past year, we want to take a moment to thank all of the parents for the support you have provided throughout the year. A special thank you to those who have served as committee chairs this year as or who volunteered as room parents this year. As we thank all of our volunteers we are looking for some fresh faces to help us next year. Contact Ashley Schneider at absilver@comcast.net if you are interested learning more about our committees for next year!

Have just a little bit of time? Consider...

- *Grabbing a friend and offering to sell tote bags and lunch boxes during the Back to School Orientation Meeting
- *Offering to create a signup genius asking for parents to bring in coffee and sweet treats for the rainy day room during the first week back to school
- *Serving as the committee chair for our Back to School Picnic. The date is already set! You just have to email our contact at AstroJump and reserve our moon bounces and create or edit our past signup genius for picnic volunteers.
- *Running our fall photography fundraiser. Email our guest photographer and select 2 dates (one MWF and one T/Th) that will work for the both of you to come to school.
- *Running staff lunches. The Parents' Group provides lunch to the staff during their staff meetings. Create a signup genius or assign classes a day to be in charge of lunch. You don't need to be there for setup or cleanup!

Have a little more time? Consider...

- *Running our winter ornament fundraiser. Come up with a design, (Hey there, Pinterest!) send home the flyer, create a signup genius for volunteers, gather the materials needed, and come to school a few mornings one week to help the children craft their special gifts.
- *Head up our Auction/Gala/Casino Night. This is our biggest fundraiser and it is only every other year. There are lots of ways this can be done and we're happy to provide all our past contacts!
- *Run Teacher Appreciation Week. Come up with a few cute ideas (think Pinterest!) and create a signup genius for the "treats" you'll need each day.
- *Parents' Group President! We need one or two parents to help lead the charge!

Teacher Appreciation Week begins the week of May 7th. The Parents' Group will recognize our wonderful teachers, but this is a great opportunity to show your appreciation for them as well. Consider sending in a card, flowers, or a small treat/gift letting your teachers know how important they are. Additional information will be coming from the Parents' Group regarding our plans. We need your help showing our teachers our appreciation! Thank you again for your continual support. You are the Parents' Group and we are so thrilled to work with you. Enjoy your summer!

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2017-2018 PARENT SATISFACTION SURVEYS

Parent Satisfaction Survey: Thank you to everyone who has completed our annual Parent Survey. The results are coming in and the good news is overwhelmingly you are pleased with our program. Thank you for your lovely testimonials. We will be using your kind words in our marketing materials. Also your insightful suggestions on ways to improve our programming are very beneficial. Thanks to your input we look forward to continuing to provide our bear cubs with the best possible play-based preschool programming!

It's not too late to take the Parent Survey. Simply [Click Here](#). It takes about 10 minutes to complete. Survey is closing on May 4th! If you are interested in seeing the results, copies of the reports will be available in the office mid-May!



**2017-2018 BHP CNS
Parent Satisfaction
Survey**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR END OF YEAR & UPCOMING EVENTS



MUFFINS WITH MOM: May 3rd and May 4th

All moms or other important person in your child's life are invited to attend Muffins with Mom in Memorial Hall between 8:15 and 9:00 am. Bring your Bradley Bear and come to enjoy coffee, juice, muffins, and fresh fruit. Please rsvp on the clipboard outside the office.

3s' JAMBOREE: May 24th and May 25th

Volunteers Needed! On May 24 the T/TH 3s and the M-F 3s will be having their 3's Jamboree. On May 25 the MWF 3s' classes will be having their Jamboree. We are looking for parent volunteers to help with the fun times. If you have a couple of hours to volunteer, please call the office at 301-365-2909. We will train all volunteers. It's always a fun and festive day!



Transportation Days

May 14 and May 15
Come one and all!

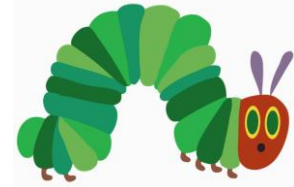
TRANSPORTATION DAYS: May 14 and May 15

All our classes will have an opportunity to visit trucks, and vehicles of all shapes and sizes in our parking lots between 9:30 and 11:30 am on May 14 and May 15. BHP CNS families and their friends are welcome to visit with the trucks even if it's not a school day. Just come on by!

On Wednesday, May 16th **Otto the Auto** will be onsite for our 4s' classes. Mrs. Reidy has been handling all the details. If you have a fun vehicle that you'd like to share with the kiddos, contact her at sreidy@bhpcns.org.

Performance: The Very Hungry Caterpillar May 23rd at 1:45

The Bradley Hills Dance Troupe will present The Very Hungry Caterpillar at 1:45 pm in Memorial Hall on May 23rd. Doors will open at approximately 1:30. All are welcome to attend this delightful performance of caterpillars turning into beautiful butterflies. After the performance there will be refreshments.



The Very Hungry Caterpillar!!!!



End of Year
SING ALONGS
3s and 4s classes

END OF YEAR SING ALONGS & PARTIES:

3S AND 4S CLASSES: June 5 & June 6

On **Tuesday, June 5**, our Tuesday/Thursday 3s' class will perform a selection of their favorite school songs in Covenant Hall. Program begins at 9:30 am.

On **Wednesday, June 6**, our Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 3s' and 4s' and our Monday through Friday 3s' and 4s' will perform their favorite songs in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am.

Following the performances there will be an end of year party in your child's classrooms. Children will be dismissed after their party between 10:30 and 11:00. Family members are invited to attend the sing alongs and the parties.



Show
DVDs

DVDs Available of Sing Alongs & Dance Performance

The May 23rd Dance Performance and both the June 5th and June 6th Sing Alongs will be professionally recorded. DVDs of the dance performances will be given to every dancer. Additional dance copies or Sing Along dvds may be purchased in the office or at the shows for \$20 per DVD. The DVDs make amazing keep sakes for your family and wonderful gifts for relatives who can't be at the shows.

Order forms are available outside of the office and will come home via tote bags too!

2 YEAR OLD CLASSES END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS FOR 2s' CLASSES:

Come join us for a sing along, special snack and lots of goodbye hugs!

Tuesday/Thursday Classes: Mrs. Jacob, Ms. Allen, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Barnett, and Mrs. Quijada's classes, End of Year Celebrations will be on June 5th at 11:00. Children will be dismissed following the party at 11:30. **Lunch Bunch** will be held on June 5th for any students who want to stay after the party.

Monday/Wednesday/Friday Classes: Ms. Allen's and Mrs. Quijada's classes, End of Year Celebrations, will begin at 10:00 am on June 6th. Dismissal will be 10:30 or following the party. No Lunch Bunch will be held on June 6th.



**2s' Classes
End of Year Parties**

THANK YOU TO OUR PARENT VOLUNTEERS & PARENTS' GROUP

We love our parent volunteers!

Thank you to all the Room Parents and Parents Volunteers for filling our school year with wonderful community events and making our special classroom parties so much fun! A special thank you for the wonderful treats during teacher appreciation week and delicious lunches for our staff meetings. We all appreciate your generosity!



A special Thank You to our Parent's Group Committee Chairs and volunteers. Your continued support of the staff, students, programming, and all that is BHPCNS is amazing. And an extra, extra special thank you to our Parents' Group Presidents, **Ashley Schneider and Mary Dunmire**. I will miss your can-do attitudes and wonderful leadership. It's been a wonderful partnership and we look forward to working with the new leadership in September.

PARENTING INFORMATION

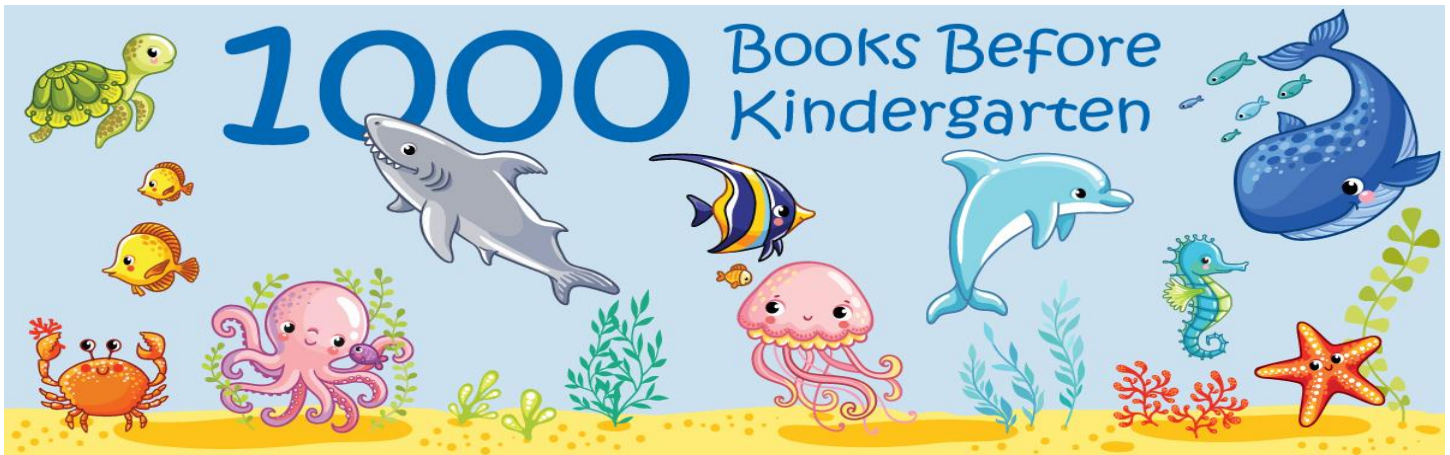
BHPCNS is on many mailing lists that keep the school informed and often extend invitations to our parents to attend events. Upcoming parenting events that may be of interest to you include:

PARENT INFORMATION BOARD: For more information on Parenting Events check the Parents Information News located by Rooms 102 and 103. We use this space to share events, flyers, information, calendars, etc. with parents. If you have an event or fundraiser you'd like us to promote, bring us a flyer and we will hang it up.

PEP: PARENT ENCOURAGEMENT PROGRAM: Why should you sign-up for PEP's spring programming? Because parenting education will help you help your child to grow and develop in a kind and loving way. For more info go to: <http://pepparent.org/why-parenting-education/> to learn how to be the best parent you can be!



The Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood estimates that, on average, preschoolers spend 32 hours a week with screen media. This year Screen Free Week is between April 30 and May 7. For details, and ideas on how to be screen free for a week visit: www.screenfree.org.



Montgomery County Public Libraries: 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

[Click here](#) for information about the Montgomery County's Libraries Best Books Before Kindergarten. Many of these titles are favorites of our Bradley Bear cubs. Books are a wonderful way to teach children about the world around them and to start meaningful discussions at home. These titles are new and old favorites for kids and adults. Happy Reading!

MAY BIRTHDAYS



May Birthdays:

Waka Yasueda
Liam McGovern
Luke Swanzey
Sidney Bloom
Ava Ahlgren
Colter & Lucas Koch
Sally Rabin-Rosfjord

James Eisinger
Luke Holt
Laila Aslam
Molly Bergmann
Russell
Kirkpatrick
Elle Kusturiss
Millie Grant

Summer Birthdays: If your child has a summer birthday that you would like to celebrate at BHP CNS, please talk with your child's teacher about having a birthday celebration.

BHP CNS wishes all our Bradley Bear Cubs a happy day!

Reminder: When 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! There is a snack ingredient form outside the office. Please complete this form so we can be aware of any possible allergic complications. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher or the office.

MAY SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 7th to May 11th.

Thank you to the entire BHP CNS team of teachers. You are amazing! Thank you to the Parents' Group for making this week extra special for our staff.



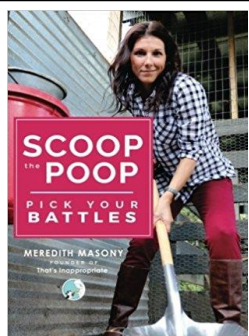


Happy Mother's Day to all our Moms and Grandmothers!
Wishing all our wonderful moms and their families a very happy
Mother's Day on May 13th!

BHPCNS will be closed on May 28th in observance of Memorial Day. For information on ways your family can recognize American military soldiers and their families during the Memorial Day weekend and throughout the year, [click here](#).



BHPCNS BOOK CLUB: COME TO DISCUSS



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

Scoop the Poop
Book Discussions
May 3th
9:15 am or 7:00 pm
RSVP:
Lsobrino@bhpcns.org
Or on clipboard by office

The Self-Driven Child
Book Discussions
May 9th
9:15 am or 7:00 pm
RSVP:
Lsobrino@BHPCNS.org
Or on clipboard by office

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

The
Self-Driven
Child

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

WILLIAM STIXRUD, Ph.D.,
and NED JOHNSON

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION THANK YOUS



The 60th Anniversary celebration on 4-18-2018 was a HUGE success.

Thank you to all our guests, donors, sponsors, and friends who made the evening such an awesome celebration of an amazing school community. Special thanks to Carolyn McCauley for organizing the celebrations. Her leadership and dedication have made our 60th year extra special!

Thank you to our 60th Anniversary Sponsors!!!!!!

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Mary and Jim Bergmann

Brian and Nicole Salcetti
Josh and Ashley Schneider
The Koch Family
The Meier Law Firm,
Jackie T. Meier, Esq.
The Sousa Family
The Favretto Family
The Boland Family
The Abod Family

BHPCNS LOVES THEIR SPECIALISTS!

Thank you to all our amazing specialists: Ms. Beth and Ms. Sandy/Music, Mrs. Delfin/Science, Mrs. Stevens/Creative Movement, Mrs. Cardoni/Spanish and Mrs. Casey/Singing! Thank you to our fabulous Stay and Play teachers too! Our teachers make every class fun, informative, and engaging! Our Bear Cubs love you! ❤️ **Thank you to all our wonderful specialist teachers! We love you!**

MAY MONTHLY SPECIALS



Music with Ms. Beth
2s, 3s, & 4s

Happy May from the music classroom! As we close out the school year, we want to say a big thank you to the children, teachers, and staff of Bradley Hills for welcoming Little Hands Music at your school! It's one of our favorite places to be!

Songs and activities this month are still about bugs, bees, and butterflies! We'll use the suspended cymbal, and standing chimes to tell the story of the Butterfly, to explore the movement story with auditory cues. We'll also creep/tiptoe and land with the "ladybug all dressed in red..." A sense of community is one of the most wonderful side-benefits of time spent making music, and we'll learn a new/old circle dance this month called "Our Boots." [You can listen to the poems and songs here.](#) (Ladybugs, Tracks 6 and 7, Caterpillar, Track 4, and Our Boots, Track 10) Enjoy!

Mrs. Cardoni Reports:

In Spanish, we are completing our unit on animals and will learn about places in our city; church-*iglesia*, school-*escuela*, library-*biblioteca*, shoe store-*zapatería*. We will be learning about Spanish words for types of transportation just in time for Transportation Week; car-*coche*, bus-*autobús*, bicycle-*bicicleta*, plane-*avión*, and many more! Finally we will take the last couple of weeks to review all of the vocabulary words we've learned this year; colors, animals, body parts, verbs, feelings, weather, clothing, food and animals. We might even have a chance to dance to the Halloween *Monstruos* song again! I've had a wonderful time teaching your children a new language and hope they continue to build on this knowledge and sing the songs we learned throughout the year.



Spanish
for the 3s & 4s



Music with Ms. Casey
2s, 3s and 4s

Ms. Casey Reports:

Spring has finally arrived and the kids are bursting with energy and enthusiasm! With the end of year concert on the horizon the 3's and 4's are working very hard. After months of practicing lyrics and melodies through play, the threes are learning more nuanced performance skills such as the difference between singing and shouting (it can be a fine line!) and how to listen to classmates as if they were in a band together. The fours are fully embracing their responsibility as role models for their schoolmates and are excited to lead the younger kids in the big show. It's remarkable to hear them reminisce about "when they were little." The twos are crazy adorable, and their skills at mimicry and dancing never cease to illicit laughter and lingering smiles. This is hands down my favorite time of year. We can't wait to share it with you!

STAY AND PLAY FUN!



Monday:
The Artist Corner

Mrs. Mac-n-Cheese Reports:

Happy Mother's Day, we will celebrate you the first two weeks with a familiar but loved project. The last two weeks of Art will depend on the weather, if all goes well we'll be doing some outdoor art. Please take a moment of your time to visit the Stay and Play art gallery, we worked very hard on our Eric Carle like animals. Thank you for sharing your little artists with Mrs. Cullen and myself this year, they are very talented.

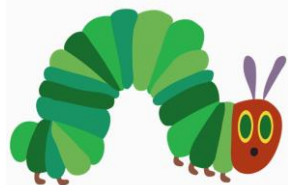
STAY AND PLAY FUN CONTINUED.....

Ms. Vargas Reports:

May has arrived. Our Bradley Bear chefs have had an incredible year. For our summertime fun, we will be making chicken taquitos, Banana boat s'mores, and Animal faces with bagels. Our budding chefs have enjoyed slicing, measuring, cutting, and counting. It will be sad to see some of our Bradley Bear chefs leave for kindergarten, but we look forward to welcoming new chefs next year!



Monday:
In the Kitchen
with Bradley
Bear



BHPCNS Dance Troupe
Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Mrs. Snyder Reports:

The month of May is all about show preparation. Our caterpillars are spinning their chrysalises, and morphing into butterflies. Our dancers have been working hard to learn all of their choreography this year, and will be doing technical and dress rehearsals leading up to our show! The Bradley Bears will be presenting "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" on Wednesday, May 23rd at 1:45 p.m. In addition to their wonderful dancing, the Bradley Bears' art work will be featured in the set design. We look forward to seeing you!

Mrs. Skoff Reports:

The Wiggling' Wizards are going *au natural* in May. We will dig up earthworms and learn about their importance to our soil and plants. We will learn about a worm's body parts and habitat. We will continue the nature theme with a nature walk; we'll see, hear, smell, touch and maybe even taste dirt (don't worry it's just chocolate pudding and Oreo crumbs!). We will pick up items we find in nature and create a musical tambourine one week and a beautiful collage the next. The year will end with a BANG when we celebrate with huge bubbles, Mentos and soda, and Alka Seltzer rockets, a perennial favorite! We've thoroughly enjoyed learning with your children this year and hope your children's fascination about all things science will continue to grow as they do!



Tuesday:
Wigglin'
Wizards

Wacky Wednesday: Mrs. Senarathne Reports: In the month of May we will be busy with so many different experiences for your child. We will be finger painting, making trail mix for snack and going on a nature walk, color mixing with shaving cream and lastly making fruit smoothies and attending the ballet recital. We had a fantastic time with all the children and can't wait to see them again on Wacky Wednesday for the new school year.

finger painting trail mix & nature walk fruit smoothies shaving cream fun



Thursday:
Where in the World
is Bradley Bear?

Mrs. Senarathne Reports:

The Bradley Bear cubs will land on the largest country in South America; Brazil. The children will work on creating a Rainforest in the hallway and Eduardo's mom (room 201) will visit us on May 3rd and 10th to teach us about life in Brazil and especially to teach children how to dance Samba. May 17th will be the last day to visit Brazil, concluding our year long journey around the world for our Bradley Bears. But the fun is not over yet! We'll be reviewing all the facts from our travels with a fun and active game day and then conclude with our End of Travel Party on May 24th".

Mrs. Myers Reports:

As we welcome the warmth and beauty of May, it is hard to believe our yoga practice is coming to an end. This month, our Yogi Bears will continue to practice poses and learn new ones as we celebrate mermaids and various modes of transportation. Our year of mindfulness will close with our own version of the Moon Salutation Flow and the gift of gratitude. Namaste. *"Make an attitude to be in gratitude, you will find the whole Universe will come to you."* – Harbhajan Singh Yogi



Friday: Yogi Bears