



The Bear Facts

Celebrating 68 Years of Early Childhood Education

SEPTEMBER 2025



Dear Parents,

Wow! It's almost September and I am *super* thrilled to be embarking on this new school year with you and your children. The administrators and teachers have been busy preparing for a smooth transition to the 2025-2026 school year. All summer long we have worked to update our classrooms with fresh paint and new rugs, our Rainy Day Room with new flooring and play structures, and our outdoor playgrounds with mulch. We promise to provide a fun, safe, and engaging environment for your child(ren) to PLAY, GROW, and LEARN.

To make the start of the school year as smooth as possible, and hopefully reduce tears, we will split classes into two sessions and shorten the length of each class. Smaller class sizes allow our teachers to better connect with and comfort your child. During these one hour classes, you are invited to join other nervous parents for breakfast and coffee from Honey Dip Delights Food Truck. This is one of many Parents' Group events that we are sure you will enjoy. See page 4 for all the details.

September is not only back-to-school time at BHP CNS; it is time again to VOTE BHP CNS as the Best Preschool in Bethesda by Bethesda Magazine. We would love to regain our Best of Bethesda honor in 2026. To do so, we need your vote. Vote for BHP CNS, and other local favorites, [HERE](#). Thank you, in advance, for your support of our school. More details on page 2.

We will continue using brightwheel to facilitate parent/teacher communication and help our school run smoothly. You should have been invited to set up your account. Please download the app to your phones and be prepared to sign your child into and out of school each day via the app. Anyone dropping off or picking up your child, needs to be on the brightwheel app.

The entire BHP CNS team is looking forward to getting to know you and your child(ren) in the weeks and months to come. Thank you for sharing them with us. If, at any time, you have a concern or question, please reach out to me. My door is always open,

Liz Sobrino
Director

Be sure to update your calendar with our upcoming events.
When in doubt, you can always check the calendar on brightwheel.

August 26th

- Orientation via ZOOM
- 9:30am OR 7:30pm

August 27th & 28th

- Meet & Greet

September 1st

- Tuition Due

September 2nd

- First day of Preschool
Phase-In Schedule

September 2nd & 3rd

- Parents' Group
Back-to-School Parent Coffees

September 7th

- Last day to vote-Best of Bethesda

September 8th

- Cub Club begins

September 15th

- Breakfast with Bradley Bear,
Lunch Bunch, and
Stay + Play begin

September 23rd

- BHP CNS Closed
Rosh Hashanah

September 24th & 26th

- Speech Screenings

September 25th

- Parents' Group
Shake Shack Donation Day
- Parents' Group
Back to School Social
5:30-7:00pm on BHP CNS Field

September 29th & 30th

- Coffee & Conversation

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STAY
CONNECTED





VOTE

Polls Close September 7

Why do we want to win Bethesda Magazine's Best of Bethesda?

For starters, we think we are the BEST preschool in our area. Beyond that, winning helps other families find our wonderful school and increases our enrollment.

You may vote more than once (using a different email address each time), but you **MUST** vote for at least 5 businesses for your vote to be counted. Vote [**HERE**](#).



BACK-TO-SCHOOL PHASE-IN SCHEDULE

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MTWThF 2's

Sept. 2nd: 9:00 - 10:00 am or 10:30 - 11:30 am

Sept. 3rd: 9:00 - 10:00 am or 10:30 - 11:30 am

Sept. 4th: 9:00 - 11:30 am

MWF 2's

Sept. 3rd: 9:00 - 10:00 am or 10:30 - 11:30 am

Sept. 5th: 9:00 - 10:00 am or 10:30 - 11:30 am

Sept. 8th 9:00 - 11:30 am

TTh 2's

Sept. 2nd: 9:00 - 10:00 am or 10:30 - 11:30 am

Sept. 4th: 9:00 - 10:00 am or 10:30 - 11:30 am

Sept. 9th 9:00 - 11:30 am

MTWThF 3's

Sept. 2nd: 9:00 - 10:00 am or 10:30 - 11:30 am

Sept. 3rd: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

MWF 3's

Sept. 3rd: 9:00 - 10:00 am or 10:30 - 11:30 am

Sept. 5th: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

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Pre-K

MTWThF Pre-K

Sept. 2nd: 9:00 - 10:00 am or 10:30 - 11:30 am

Sept. 3rd: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

MWF Pre-K

Sept. 3rd: 9:00 - 10:00 am or 10:30 - 11:30 am

Sept. 5th: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

BREAKFAST with BRADLEY BEAR, LUNCH BUNCH, and STAY + PLAY

Programs begin Monday, September 15th



Registration forms and additional details are on brightwheel (links below).

BREAKFAST with BRADLEY BEAR

8:00am - 9:00am

**LUNCH BUNCH**

11:30am - 12:30pm for Two-Year-Olds

**STAY + PLAY**

12:30 - 2:30pm for Two-Year-Olds

**STAY + PLAY**

12:30 - 2:30pm for Three-Year-Olds & Pre-K

**STAY + PLAY OPTIONS for Three-Year-Olds & Pre-K****MONDAY** - Sports & Games**TUESDAY** - Wigglin' Wizards OR
In the Kitchen with Bradley Bear**WEDNESDAY** - Dance OR
In the Kitchen with Bradley Bear**THURSDAY** - Where in the World is Bradley Bear?**FRIDAY** - Yogi Bears*Teachers, parents, and the office will all be part of determining if/when a child is ready for additional programming.*

Welcome Back to School



The BHPCNS Parents' Group welcomes new and returning Bradley Bears back to school! This volunteer-run group is responsible for sponsoring and organizing parent and community events, coordinating fundraising efforts, and serving as a resource to BHPCNS families. All BHPCNS families are automatically members of the Parents' Group – there are no fees or commitments to join.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PARENT COFFEES

September 2nd and September 3rd after drop-off

Drop your child off for the first day of preschool and come meet and socialize with other Bradley Hills parents.

HONEY DIP DELIGHTS food truck will be at BHPCNS for parents to purchase coffee, smoothies, donuts, and breakfast sandwiches. Menu [HERE](#).



BACK-TO-SCHOOL SOCIAL

Thursday, September 25th 5:30-7:00 pm

All BHPCNS families are invited. Clayboy's Shave Ice Truck will be back to offer shaved ice while new and returning families mingle and make new friends in the first few weeks of school!

Please [RSVP](#) so we can plan accordingly
Clayboy's (one per person) is covered by the Parents' Group :)



Dinner is not provided at this event;
families are encouraged to bring a picnic and blanket to enjoy on the field.

Looking for an easy picnic option?

SHAKE  SHACK®

DONATION DAY

Thursday, September 25th

10:30am - 9:30pm

Mention Donation Day at the register or use promo code **DONATE** on the Shack App, web, or kiosk at checkout and we'll donate 25% of your total meal purchase goes to BHPCNS Parents' Group.

CABIN JOHN | 7997 Tuckerman Lane | Potomac, MD 20854

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Auntie Anne's DIY Pretzel Kit

Order September 2nd through October 1st
 Kits delivered at Back-to-School Night on October 7th

Mix, twist, bake and enjoy Auntie Anne's pretzels at home!



Purchase a DIY Pretzel Baking Kit to Support BHP CNS

50% of proceeds go back to the Parents' Group!

Kits include all ingredients to make 10 pretzels at home - a fun, educational, and delicious activity to do with your kid(s)!

\$25 per Kit

ORDER DIY PRETZEL KIT [HERE](#)

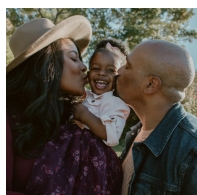


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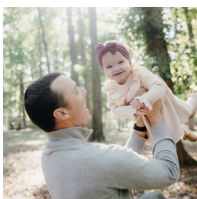
Sunday, October 5th



Capture memories with your loved ones at the Cabin John Regional Park while raising money to support the Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church Nursery School Parents' Group. For every purchase, Shoott will donate \$20; For every full gallery purchase, Shoott will donate \$40.



- No sitting fee
- Each session is 30 minutes
- Your digital gallery of 40+ photos will be available in 3-5 business days after your shoot.
- Pay only for the photos you want starting at \$25 each.
- Purchased photos are sent as high-resolution digital files.



RESERVE YOUR FREE PHOTO SESSION [HERE](#)

This is a great opportunity to get your family holiday pictures checked off your to-do list!



OTHER HELPFUL PARENTS' GROUP RESOURCES

Easy access to the BHP CNS Parent network:

Are you hoping to find or suggest a fun class, sports team, childcare recommendation, or other idea to BHP CNS parents?

Click [HERE](#) to request to join the BHP CNS Google Group.

Interested in getting involved with the Parents' Group? We would LOVE your help.
 Let us know [HERE](#)!



Dear Parents,

On behalf of Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church (BHPC) and the BHCNS Board, we want to welcome new and returning families to the 2025-26 school year! Our wonderful BHCNS staff has been busy preparing for a year in which your children will Play. Grow. Learn.

The Board is the governing body for the school and is responsible for overseeing and approving the school's finances, annual budget, financial policies, and other school operation matters. The Board meets every other month and is made up of BHCNS parents, the Director, the school treasurer, teacher representatives, the church's Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries, and BHPC members.

Rosanna Morrison is starting her fifth year as the Board Chair. Rosanna is a long-time member of BHPC and has enjoyed serving on a variety of church committees, including Children's Ministry, and teaching Sunday school and Vacation Bible School. Rosanna's four children and granddaughter are BHCNS alumnae. Her grandson will be in the 2's program this year.

Scott Allshouse is starting his 2nd year as Vice Chair. Scott has served on various boards throughout his career. His son graduated from BHCNS last year and his daughter is starting the 3 day 3's program this school year. He and his wife Suzanne knew the moment they toured BHCNS it was a special place and somewhere their children would thrive. Serving on the Board, he hopes to continue the legacy of BHCNS's family feeling and commitment to learning through play.

Our first Board meeting for the school year will be on September 24 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, we encourage you to contact the Board with your questions, concerns, or thoughts about the school via this email address or by reaching out to one of the Board members below.

Best wishes for the new school year!

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



2025-26 BHCNS BOARD MEMBERS

Rachel Alderton—Current parent; BHPC member
Andrew Alexandrovich—Current parent
Scott Allshouse—Current parent
Gail Polser-Brown—Past parent; past grandmother; BHPC member
Amanda Franklin—Current parent; Parent' Group Co-Chair; BHPC member
Rosanna Morrison—Past parent; current grandmother; BHPC member
Cass Price—Current parent

Ex-officio

Liz Sobrino—BHCNS Director
Eileen Richards and Regina Schweitzer—BHCNS Teacher Liaisons
Sandhya Weldon—BHCNS Treasurer
Corinne Silva—BHPC Session Liaison
Rosanna Howard—BHPC Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Monday, September 29th & Tuesday, September 30th

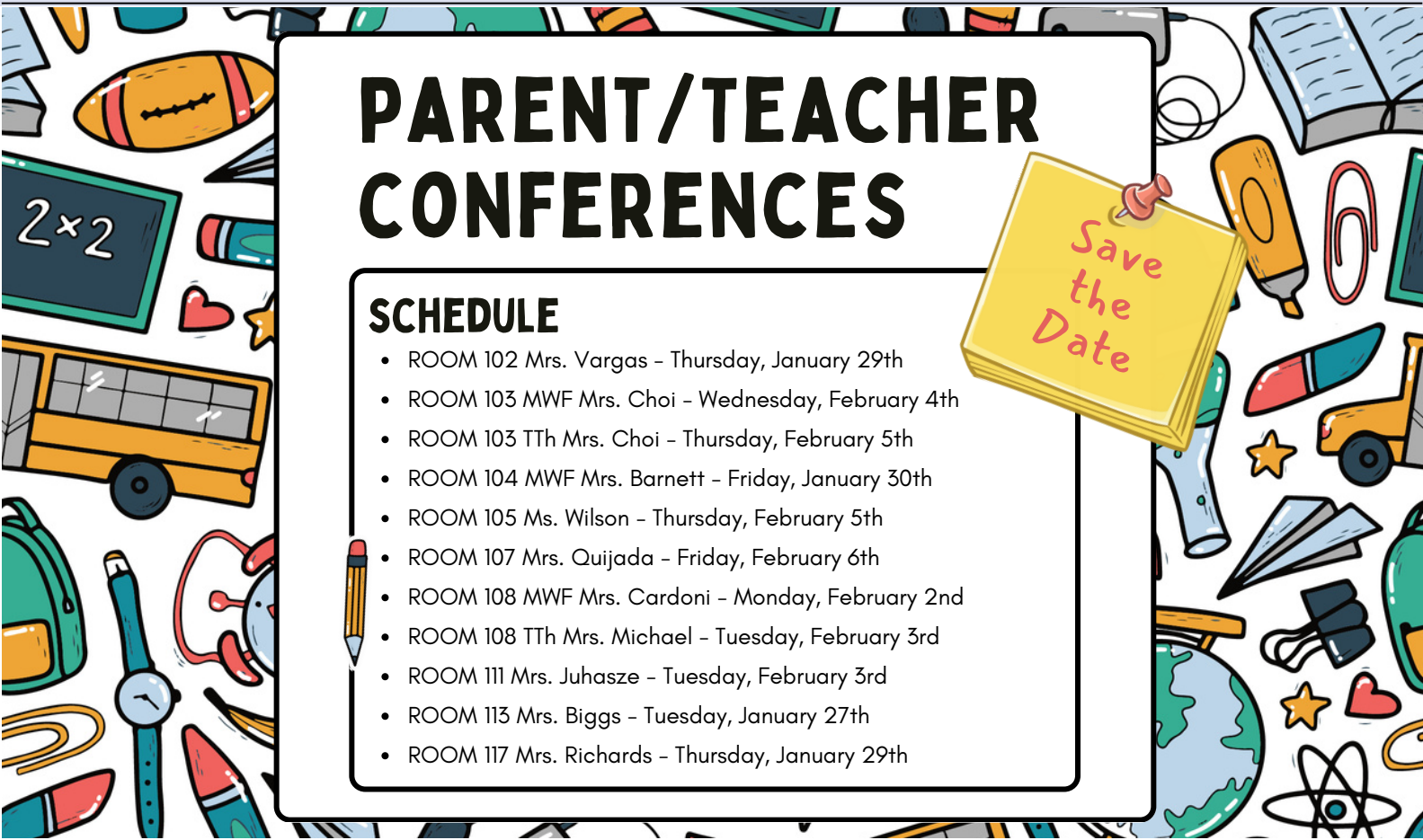
9:15 am - 10:30 am BHPC Library

**COFFEE &
CONVERSATION**

- Get to know Liz and ask her your BHPCNS or general child development questions.
- Share ideas or concerns for year ahead.
- Get to know other parents at BHPCNS.
- Celebrate successes, discuss frustrations, & brainstorm ideas on how to raise your child in today's environment.
- RSVP for Monday, September 29th [HERE](#)
- RSVP for Tuesday, September 30th [HERE](#)



PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

SCHEDULE

- ROOM 102 Mrs. Vargas - Thursday, January 29th
- ROOM 103 MWF Mrs. Choi - Wednesday, February 4th
- ROOM 103 TTh Mrs. Choi - Thursday, February 5th
- ROOM 104 MWF Mrs. Barnett - Friday, January 30th
- ROOM 105 Ms. Wilson - Thursday, February 5th
- ROOM 107 Mrs. Quijada - Friday, February 6th
- ROOM 108 MWF Mrs. Cardoni - Monday, February 2nd
- ROOM 108 TTh Mrs. Michael - Tuesday, February 3rd
- ROOM 111 Mrs. Juhasze - Tuesday, February 3rd
- ROOM 113 Mrs. Biggs - Tuesday, January 27th
- ROOM 117 Mrs. Richards - Thursday, January 29th

VISITOR PROTOCOLS

We L♥VE when parents get involved!

Whether you are volunteering, reading a book, bringing in a forgotten item, serving a special snack, etc. please follow these protocols:

- All visitors need to sign in on the visitor log in the office
- Include your full name and reason for visiting
- Grab a VISITOR badge to wear while on campus
- Return badge and sign out before leaving

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: SPEECH SCREENINGS

Wednesday, September 24th & Friday, September 26th

Do you have the morning free and want to connect with our Bradley Bears, read the same book 20 times in a row (smile), and help walk children to/from screenings? If so, please let us know.

[WEBSITE](#) / [FACEBOOK](#) / [INSTAGRAM](#) / [GOOGLE GROUPS](#) / [YOUTUBE](#)

BRING THESE ITEMS TO SCHOOL EACH DAY



Your child will need to bring a tote bag to and from school every day to carry all their artwork, extra clothing and diapers! No backpacks please.



Your child is to bring a water bottle to school each day. We will refill as needed.



If your child is staying for lunch, they must have a bento box. We refrigerate all lunches.



Folders, school provided, are to go to and from school each day. They will contain important information and artwork.



For your child's comfort and safety on the playgrounds they are to wear closed-toe shoes and socks.

PLEASE LABEL ALL BELONGINGS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME

SCHOOL DAY ATTIRE



Children love to climb, swing, run, jump, skip, hop, hang upside down, and more throughout the day. Please make sure your children are appropriately dressed for the playground, weather, and sitting at circle time. Children should wear underwear at all times. And if wearing a skirt or dress, please wear a pair of shorts underneath. You'd be amazed at the things we see at nursery school.

NO FANCY CLOTHING - WE GET DIRTY!

DONATIONS

Before you throw it out consider donating it to BHPCNS:

Cardboard egg cartons

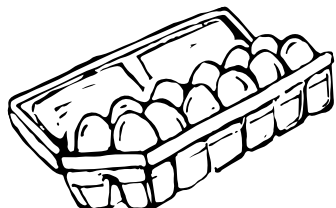
Large oatmeal canisters

Newspapers

Toilet paper & paper towel rolls

Please bring any donations to the office.

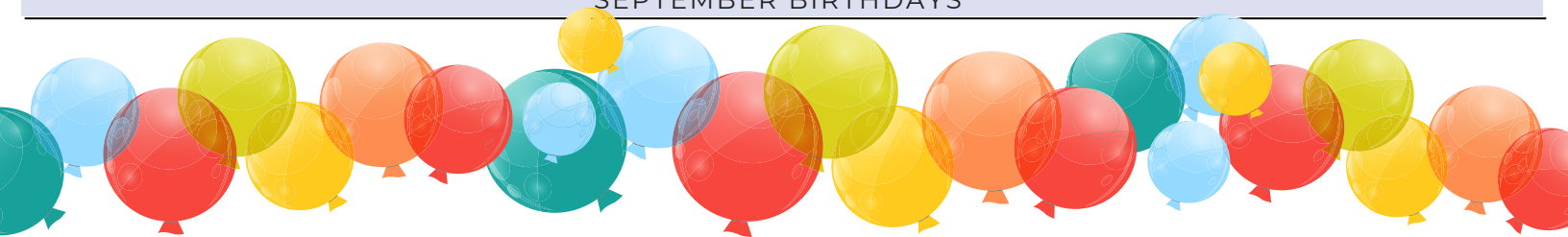
THANK YOU!



STUDENT RECORDS

Each year we undergo a rigorous inspection by the Maryland State Department of Education. To be prepared we will be doing a thorough check of all our student's records. We will notify you of any missing paperwork, immunizations, etc. We ask that you submit any missing paperwork promptly. We appreciate your help in making sure our records are compliant with state regulations.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Ella Lieberman
 Nora Keenan
 James Iwarere
 Lawson Iwarere
 Noa Fornal
 Mary Katherine Halleemann
 James Lipski

William Thomas
 Amelia Samudre
 Aubrey Frazee
 Morgan Frazee
 Jack Hansan
 Sofia O'Toole
 JP Maloney

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, on our website, and on brighwheel. Please complete the allergen form 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.

STUDENT ABSENCES OR ILLNESS

If your child is ill and will be missing school, please call the office, send us an email, or message us in brightwheel. 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 have not been symptom free for 24 hours without the use of medication.
- 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.

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.

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.



HANDWASHING

Take your child to the bathroom to wash hands BEFORE bringing them to their classroom. This reduces the spread of germs and allergens. Children will be taken to wash their hands several times throughout the day including before eating snack and/or lunch.

SCHOOL SNACKS

BHPCNS has a school-wide snack schedule. A calendar of the snack schedule is posted outside the office, on our website [HERE](#), and on brightwheel. You may also request a hard copy from the office.

The school will accommodate allergens and provide safe snacks on a classroom basis. You are always welcome to send in your own snack for your son/daughter. Please speak with your child's teacher.



CHILDREN'S LUNCHES

- BHPCNS provides organic 1% milk at lunch each day. Children are offered a choice of organic milk or water at lunch time. You do not need to pack a drink with your child's lunch.
- Children's lunches should include foods your child is familiar with and should be cut into appropriate sized servings. Sandwiches cut into quarters are much easier for little ones to eat.
- We send home any easily wrapped, uneaten lunch foods. Uneaten yogurts, apple sauce cups, etc. will be tossed out.
- Lunch is a social time. Children like to talk and share their lives at lunch. Sometimes this gets in the way of eating their whole lunch. Don't worry as your child settles into school they will eat more of their lunch.

BHPCNS OPEN DOOR POLICY

If at any time you have a compliment or complaint about something that is happening at BHPCNS, please stop by the office, call, or email Liz to share your thoughts. Your input is valued and benefits everyone in our program.

BRADLEY BEAR LIBRARY



BHPCNS is blessed to have a lending library of over 4,000 titles. Our collection covers age-appropriate material from multicultural picture books to non-fiction titles on topics such as animals, weather, feelings, and more.

Throughout the school year, the library is available for teachers, classes, and parents to host Story Time. After which, children will be able to pick a library book to bring home.

Have a favorite book and want to read to your child's class? Just let your teacher know. You and your child may also explore the library on your own and select books to check out. There will be a display of rotating books in the hall outside the library, but you are free to pick books from the library shelves as well.

Library Policies:

- If you wish to check out a book and there is no staff member in the library, please see the office staff for help.
- Books may be returned to the top shelf of the book cart in the library, or to the office.
- Please do not reshelve books you have borrowed as they must be "checked in" through our computer system.
- All books are due back in 2 weeks. Late notices will be sent via brightwheel once a month.



If you have any questions about our amazing library, please contact Jan Hauck [HERE](#)

The building at 6601 Bradley Boulevard is home to many groups. The Nursery School shares the building with the Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, The Friends Club (a social group for men with early-to-mid memory loss), The Bethesda Jewish Congregation (BJC), and the Maqaame Ibrahim Islamic Center (MIIC). Occasionally, events for these groups may require closing or a change in the Nursery School Schedule. We are happy to be part of such a wonderful community!

BRADLEY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome Nursery School families to Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church!

Our church has a lot of families with kids, and we have fellowship groups, learning opportunities, kids' choirs, Vacation Bible School, summer trips for youth, Christmas pageants, counselors on site, family lunches, and all sorts of programs of education, service and worship for adults. We have communities from several faith traditions here, and many interfaith families have found our community welcoming.

We sponsor service projects for kids, like our Smart Sacks food distribution program, where children can learn about community service by helping those in need in Montgomery County. The church offers classes for families on "how to pray with kids," "how to share the Bible with children," and on the meaning of baptism and communion, etc. You don't have to be a member of the church to take advantage of the activities.

If you'd like to learn more about BHPC, our pastor, David Gray whose four children all went to BHPCNS, would welcome a chance to connect. You may email him [HERE](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

Weekly Church Services - We have in-person Sunday worship services at 8:30am and 10:30 am. The 10:30 service is available on-line [HERE](#).



Welcome Back Brunch - Sunday, September 21st
Welcome Back Brunch after church, and it's a **special birthday party** this year. All are welcome as we celebrate the beginning of the fall season.

Church School - Begins Sunday, September 7th (10:45 following the Children's Message in worship). We invite children to join our classes which will be held outside when possible. Children ages 3 – 2nd grade will participate in the Godly Play model of church school with experienced teachers who are trained in that model. Children in 3rd-5th grade will participate in Club 3-4-5!



Service Opportunities for Families - We encourage all families who are attending church to consider volunteering to help the Smart Sacks Team which gathers in the hallway between Memorial Hall and the Lounge after church each Sunday. Volunteers put grocery items in bags for delivery to Weller and JoAnn Leleck Elementary Schools. Smart Sacks helps bridge the gap between Friday and Monday by providing nutritious foods for children and their families who might not have another meal until after the weekend. The food is provided by Manna Food Center, a nonprofit striving to end hunger in Montgomery County

Partnership in Providing Coats to Families – We have appreciated the Nursery School's past support of our Coat Drive and welcome your involvement again this year. Our goal is to provide 85+ coats to Arcola Elementary School in Wheaton. This Title One public school and BHPC have been closely linked through the Smart Sack Program.



For more information about any of our family ministries contact:
Rosanna Howard [HERE](#) or David Gray [HERE](#).



BETHESDA JEWISH CONGREGATION

Shalom, BHPCNS! On behalf of the entire Bethesda Jewish Congregation community, I want to wish you an excellent start to your school year. May it be full of friendships, learning, and fun! I'm the Spiritual Leader of Bethesda Jewish Congregation (BJC) and I am beyond excited to continue to share space, experiences, and a sense of community with our extended BHPC family. BJC is an independent Jewish congregation that strives to be modern, egalitarian, and creative while also strongly rooted in Jewish tradition and values. We excel in full inclusion and participation of interfaith families, social action initiatives, spirituality, and a creating a welcoming atmosphere.

We are proud of our longtime covenant with BHPC. Not only do we share the building (come meet us in our office!), but we love our joint initiatives with the church and mosque. The Inter-Congregational Partnership Committee, ICPC, provides invaluable opportunities for learning, worship, and bonding, such as our interfaith Thanksgiving service and invited speakers. Keep an eye out for upcoming joint social action projects, such as a fundraiser to help migrants in the DC area.

L'Shalom,
Rabbi Eric L. Abbott
 Spiritual Leader
 Bethesda Jewish Congregation

UPCOMING EVENTSBACK TO SHUL CELEBRATION

Friday, September 5th at 5:00 PM



Mark your calendars for our annual Back to Shul celebration! Enjoy a delicious evening with the Taste of Palmetto Bay food truck and sweet treats from Fred's Ice Cream, while the kids bounce and play in our inflatable bounce house. As the sun sets, we'll gather outdoors for a joyful musical Shabbat service under the stars. RSVP is requested but not required. RSVP [HERE](#).

HIGH HOLY DAYS

Tickets for HIGH HOLY DAYS may be purchase [HERE](#).
 Cost of tickets for Family Services are only \$36/family.

FRIENDS CLUB

Friends Club is a social program designed to enhance the lives of men with early-to-mid-stages of memory loss.

Participants gather with highly trained staff and committed peer volunteers three days a week to socialize, share common interests and experiences and enjoy intellectual and physical activities. Their mission is to not only enhance the quality of life for men with dementia, but also to provide respite and support for their family caregivers. A day at the Friends Club might include music, reminiscing, discussion of current events, an outing into the community, sports, games, educational programming and lunch.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like to learn more about us, please contact Ken Silverstein via [email](#) or phone 301-469-0070.



MAQAAME IBRAHIM ISLAMIC CENTER

Maqaame Ibrahim Islamic Center (MIIC) joined the Interfaith partnership with Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church in 2019. MIIC holds weekly Jummah prayer and fellowship at BHPC each Friday. The inclusion of the three Abrahamic faiths (Christianity, Judaism, & Islam) that pray under the same roof is a testament to our interfaith witness and hope for healing in a divided world.

UPCOMING EVENTS

INTRODUCTION TO ABRAHAMIC RELIGIONS

Wednesday, September 17th from 7:00 to 8:30pm in BHPC Library

The Inter-Congregational Partnership Committee (ICPC) invites you to attend a series of clergy led introductory talks on the three Abrahamic faiths that share sacred space in 6601 Bradley Boulevard.

- Dr. Dean Ahmed will lead the first session on Islam on September 17th
- Rabbi Eric Abbot will lead the session on Judaism on October 22nd
- Reverend David Gray will speak on Christianity on November 11th

Each session is scheduled from 7:00 to 8:30pm. We will meet in person in the library with the opportunity to mingle and share refreshments after each session. We urge you to attend in person to get to know each other, but if you cannot, you can attend virtually on Zoom.

RSVP HERE to register for a specific session. You must register to receive the Zoom link.



Sessions will be recorded and the recording posted on the ICPC webpage of your congregation's website.

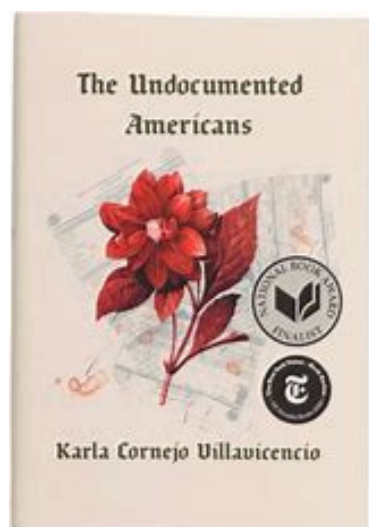
If you have any questions, please contact any of the chairs of the ICPC, Evelyn Ganzglass (BJC), Judy Ozone (BHPC), and Shaheen Khan (MIIC) at ICPC6601@gmail.com



ICPC BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, October 28th at 7:00 pm in Covenant Hall

The Undocumented Americans by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio



This is an opportunity to get to know members of Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church (BHPC), Bethesda Jewish Congregation (BJC), and Maqaame Ibrahim Islamic Center (MIIC) better by reading and discussing a book about a timely subject. This book is written by one of the first undocumented immigrants to graduate from Harvard. Cornejo Villavicencio traveled across the country to capture the accounts of undocumented Americans who have been stereotyped, abused, and considered expendable. The stories she tells are not deferential or naively inspirational but show the love, magic, heartbreak, resistance, insanity, and vulgarity that infuse the day-to-day lives of her subjects. (The book was a National Book Award Finalist.)

Register for the event [HERE](#).



For more information, please contact Marilyn Allen, BHPC; Karen Levi, BJC; Laurie Mabile, BJC; or Shaheen Khan, MIIC at icpc6601@gmail.com



