

June 2021 Newsletter

The Bear Facts

Celebrating 63 Years of Early Childhood Education

Dear Parents,

We've made it to June! It's been quite the journey. On behalf of everyone at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church Nursery School, I want to thank you for trusting us to provide a safe school environment for your child(ren) and being a part of the Spring Term fun! All our bear cubs are amazing☺ We have cherished our time with them.

It will be hard to say goodbye to the new families who joined our school for the Spring Term only. For many families we will look forward to seeing you in September when school resumes on September 8. For families moving away or whose youngest child is headed to kindergarten or another program, we will miss you and wish you well. We hope you will add BHCNS to your holiday card list or drop us a note now and again. We love to receive updates about you and your children.

BHCNS will close on Wednesday, June 16th at 12:30 pm to quickly gears and prepare for camp. We are looking forward to blasting off into space for Session 1 and then splashing down into the sea for Session 2. There are still a few spaces available for camp and it's not too late to register. Contact the office for the paperwork or with questions.

I want to give a special shout-out to our Parents' Group chairs Maggie Maloney and Sarah McGovern for all their support during their tenure at BHCNS. Not only have they provided amazing leadership of the Parents' Group they have been room parents and supported the school for many years in too many ways to list here. Sarah and her family will be leaving BHCNS as her daughter matriculates onto kindergarten from our pre-k program. We are excited to have Maggie and her family continue at BHCNS and can't wait to meet their new baby in the fall. Thank you Sarah and Maggie! You're the best☺

This will be my last newsletter until September. I want to wish everyone a safe, healthy and fun-filled summer!

Liz
Liz Sobrino
BHCNS Director



2021-2022 School Year

BHCNS will continue to monitor the on-going Covid-19 health situation. We are excited to be opening in September with indoor morning drop-off, indoor and outdoor play and learning times, and indoor pick-up at the end of the day. Our supplemental programs, Early Morning, Lunch Bunch, and Stay and Play will also be continuing and will be held indoors and outdoors. The school will continue to abide by MSDE's Office of Child Care, our licensing agency's protocols. At this time masks are required indoors and outdoors for all staff and children in the program. Prior to school resuming in September, parents will receive additional information regarding our Covid-19 protocols. If you have any questions, please reach out to me.



September 8, 2021 –

First day of school for MWF & M-F classes with an abbreviated schedule.

September 9, 2021 –

First Day of school for T/Th classes with an abbreviated schedule.

First full day for M-F classes.

Watch for additional details via email over the summer!

PARENTS' GROUP UPDATE!

Dear Families,

Thank you to everyone who logged in for the Parents Group's "Kindergarten Sneak Peek" with Ms. Maura Backenstoe of Burning Tree Elementary School. It was an informative session that we hope you found useful in preparing your child for the next steps in their educational journey! If you were unable to attend, please check in with the office for the "cliffs notes" from the evening's discussion.

While this school year has been abbreviated, we appreciate all of your support over the past several weeks. We have enjoyed seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones. As this school year comes to a close, it is time for us to pass the torch; we will be "retiring" from our co-chair positions with the Parents Group at the end of June. If you or you and a friend would like to learn more about the Parents Group and ways to get involved, please let us know.

As always, thank you for the support. We wish you a fun and relaxing summer!

If you have any questions about the above, please let us know!

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Maggie Maloney and Sarah McGovern have contributed endless hours and support to the entire BHP CNS community as our Parents' Group chairs over the past 3 years. We will miss their leadership! Thank you for all you've done for BHP CNS!

BHP CNS BOARD UPDATE

Wow! The Spring Term has flown by. The children and staff have had a blast being outdoors and playing with their friends. The Board and the school administration are looking ahead to the 2021-2022 school year and the return to indoor programming. I would like to echo Liz's thanks to Maggie and Sarah for their leadership of the Parents' Group. Lastly, I wish everyone a safe and happy summer. Missy Banashak, BHP CNS Board Chairman

BHP CNS INFORMATION

LIMITED BHP CNS 2021-2022 SCHOOL OPENINGS

- BHP CNS currently has limited openings for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Please help to spread the word to your neighbors and friends.
- We are especially in need of children who turn 2 by September 1, 2021 and children for our Transitional Kindergarten program.
- We currently have short waitlists for our other programs.



Watch for information coming to your inboxes during the summer. Not only will you be receiving forms to complete, you will want to be in the know for our playground meet and greets in late August/early September.

SOCIAL – EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT IS SO IMPORTANT FOR YOUNG CHILDREN



Social Emotional Foundation for Early Learners Pyramid!

BHPCNS uses social stories to help children understand how to be a friend, how to handle frustration and more. You've probably heard your child talk about being a Super Friend or thinking like Tucker the Turtle when they are upset. You've shared our Back to School social story with your child. Social stories take complex issues for children and helps them learn the emotional vocabulary to problem solve in all types of situations. Social stories can break complex issues into manageable pieces for children too.

For more information on using social stories at home or if you are looking for summer reading books that encourage friendship skills, patience, understanding, and more, check out Vanderbilt University's Center for the Social and Emotional Foundation for Early Learners by [clicking here](#). Check out their [Families Tab](#) and their [Teachers and Caregivers Tab](#) to access beneficial resources. Their [Book Nook](#) is filled with wonderful stories you can get at the library or on Amazon and fun activities to do at home to extend the stories lessons. Another resource is their [Book List](#), categorized by topics that will support a child's social – emotional development.

END OF YEAR CLASSROOM CELEBRATIONS!

END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATIONS FOR 2s' CLASSES:

Monday/Wednesday/Friday Class: Mrs. Quijada's class End-of-Year Celebrations, will begin at 11:15 am on June 16th. Parents are welcome to come at 11:15 am for a little singing and an end of the year special snack. Dismissal will be 11:30 am or following the party.

Lunch Bunch will be held on June 16th. For children attending Lunch Bunch there will be a special pizza, watermelon, and Popsicle lunch provided by BHPCNS. Parents are welcome to come at 12:15 pm to play and visit with the class before dismissal at 12:30 pm.

Tuesday/Thursday Classes: Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Barnett, and Mrs. Quijada's classes, End-of-Year Celebrations will be on June 15th at 11:15 am. Parents are welcome to come at 11:15 am for a little singing and an end of the year special snack. Dismissal will be 11:30 am or following the party.

Lunch Bunch will be held on June 16th. For children attending Lunch Bunch please send in a lunch. We will have Popsicles provided by BHPCNS for a last day of Lunch Bunch treat. Parents are welcome to come at 12:15 pm to play and visit with the class before dismissal at 12:30 pm.



End of School Fun for our 2s' Classes

END OF YEAR CLASSROOM FUN!



**End of School Fun for
our 3s' Classes**

END-OF-YEAR FUN FOR 3s' CLASSES

On **Wednesday, June 16th**, our Monday/Wednesday/Friday and our Monday through Friday 3s' will celebrate the last day of school. The day will be a full day beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 12:30 pm. there will be a special pizza, watermelon, and Popsicle lunch provided by BHP CNS. Parents are welcome to come at 12:15 pm to play and visit with the class before dismissal at 12:30 pm.

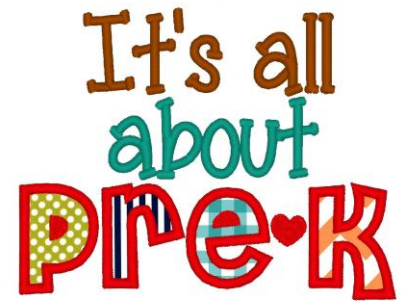
There will be No Stay and Play.

END-OF-YEAR FUN FOR PRE-K CLASSES

On **Wednesday, June 16th**, our Monday/Wednesday/Friday and our Monday through Friday Pre-K classes will celebrate the last day of school. The day will be a complete day beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 12:30 pm. there will be a special pizza, watermelon, and Popsicle lunch provided by BHP CNS.

Parents are invited to come at 12:00 pm to for a brief ceremony to commemorate the last day of pre-school before dismissal at 12:30 pm.

There will be No Stay and Play.



**End of School Fun for our
Pre-K Classes**

Last Day of Early Morning Drop-Off: Wednesday, June 16

Last Day for Lunch Bunch: T/Th Classes Tuesday, June 15 & M/W/F Class Wednesday, June 16

Last Day for Stay and Play for all Classes: Tuesday, June 15th

MAY, JUNE, JULY, & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



June Birthdays:

Brett Barr
Hayden Tugberk
John Trunk
Dana Hashim
Leah Hashim
Jack Shuler
Connor Dwyer
James Maloy
Daphne Hertig
Bo Sullivan
Mila Samantaray
Max Schindler

July Birthdays:

Millie Rickett
Timothy Makumbe
Luci Melgarejo
Jimmy David
Teagan Rickett
Isla Desai
Madeline Burton
Alix Tremaine
Henry Duggan
Madison Salcetti
Lynne Mohaber
Aarish Deva

August Birthdays:

Kate Carpenter
Liam Perraut
Noah Folio
Catherine Cohen
Annabeth Chan
Ethan Cox Lazopoulos
Brice Benedict
Lucas Fauquier



BHP CNS wishes our Bradley Bear Cubs a happy summer birthday!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS AND INFORMATION



BHPCNS Summer Office Hours:

The office will be during the last 2 weeks of July. The office will reopen on August 4th. Office hours will be Monday through Thursday between 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. The office will be closed Fridays in August.

Carolyn and Liz will be checking phones, email, and snail mail throughout the summer.

Summer Mailings & Links

During August the office will be sending out emails with information about the upcoming school year and forms that need to be completed. If you'd like to get a jump start on the forms visit the BHPCNS website at www.BHPCNS.org. Go to the top right and click on the Application/Registration Tab, scroll down to the bottom of the page for the forms for the 2021-22 school year. Returning students do not need to complete the medical forms. They will need to complete new allergy forms if their have any allergies.

BRADLEY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

Summer is here! And Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church is opening slowly for in-person services starting June 6. There will be more details on how to sign up for spots on the BHPC website.



Big Train Baseball Game! Tuesday, June 15
BHPC families will gather at Shirley Povich Field to attend a 7:00 pm Bethesda Big Train baseball game. This will be a fun outdoor outing for families, couples, individuals, and folks of all ages!

Weekly Church Services - We will continue to stream the 10:30 am Sunday service as we did before COVID at the link below.

[Watch Services Live Click Here](#)

SAVE THE DATE:

Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, August 23 – Thursday, August 26! All children age 4 through 5th grade are invited to participate. More details to come.



Adult Education: On Sunday mornings at 9:00 am via Zoom, join us for the following interesting speakers from Bradley Hills mission partners:

[Click Here to Join the Meeting Each Sunday](#)

Meeting ID: 857 6618 3170

You may also call in at (301) 715-8592

June 6 - Brenda Reid Jones, Deputy Director of Community Reach of Montgomery County (a new mission partner of Bradley Hills), on the many ways in which her organization serves Montgomery County, how its work and those it serves have been impacted by the pandemic, and service opportunities (especially post-pandemic) for Bradley Hills members.

June 13 - Rawan Odeh, a Palestinian American and Co-Managing Director of New Story Leadership (<https://www.newstoryleadership.org>), and Eran Nissan, now an Israeli peace activist and a former combat soldier in the special forces of the Israeli Defense Forces, on the devastating events that have escalated into the current crisis, how the crisis has affected their communities, how their NSL experiences shaped their political activism, and how the peace movement is responding.

June 20 - Rev. Bernice Parker-Jones on the challenges that Anacostia residents in DC's Ward 8 face daily, how her congregation at Faith Presbyterian Church is serving the community there, and the Anacostia community garden on her church's grounds ("EDEN at Faith") that Bradley Hills is helping to support.

June 27 - Elder Pat Stocker on the current status of Presbyterian Church USA's recognition of LGBTQ recognition and inclusion. Pat and other members (including her daughter Meg) will focus on the significant influence that Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church has contributed.

Donate now!

If you are able to donate toiletries for Linkages for Learning, a community the school and church have supported over many years, please bring your donations to the table in the parking lot. The items will be collected by a volunteer and driven to Silver Spring. If you have any questions, please reach out to Liz at Lsobrino@bhpcns.org or call 301-365-2909. Any donation will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.

Linkages to Learning at Arcola

TOILETRIES DRIVE

WE NEED:

- Shampoo
- Bar Soap
- Toothpaste/toothbrush, dental floss, mouthwash
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- kleenex
- Disposable wipes
- Socks
- Diapers
- hair combs
- Toilet paper or paper towels
- Hand Sanitizer
- Feminine pads

Please email Arcola CSC for Drop Offs at lreyes@every-mind.org or call at (301) 892-6510

* Brown bags or gallon ziploc bags needed to