

June 2019 Newsletter

The Bear Facts

Celebrating 61 Years of Early Childhood Education

Dear Parents,

June is a very short school month at Bradley Hills. It's also a transitional time. We will have a few more days to play and then we gather for our end of school year celebrations! We are shaking things up this year and have a new End-of-Year Sing-Along schedule. New schedules for the end of Stay and Play, Lunch Bunch and Early Morning with Bradley Bear. All the details can be found on pages 3 and 4.

BHPCNS will be closed on June 14th to quickly change the hallways and classrooms into the great outdoors in preparation for our camping camp program. There are still a few spaces available for camp and it's not too late to register. Stop by the office for the paperwork or with questions.

Many thanks to all the families, moms, dads, grandparents, and other caregivers for their contributions, special snacks, reading stories, driving to and from field trips, or the many other ways you have shared in your preschooler's life at BHPCNS.

A special shout-out to our Parents' Group chairs Maggie Maloney and Sarah McGovern for all their support during the school year. Thank you also to Brigitte Koch and Claire Adams for chairing our wonderful Winter Gala. Their leadership and support of all our families has made us a richer and more caring community.

I will miss our current 4-year-old classes, as they are off to kindergarten in September. I know they will continue to grow and thrive in this next adventure of their childhood. To our rising 3 and 4-year-old students we look forward to seeing you again in the fall. If you are leaving BHPCNS for new adventures, we wish you well.

Lastly, as the school year begins to wind down, on behalf of the entire staff, I want to say thank you for your children. They are amazing☺ We have cherished every day with them. Wishing you a fun-filled summer!

Liz
Liz Sobrino
BHPCNS Director



**SOCIAL – EMOTIONAL
DEVELOPMENT IS SO
IMPORTANT FOR YOUNG
CHILDREN**

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. 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. Questions, please contact Liz.

LOST & FOUND

Check out our Lost and Found bin outside Room 117. All items will be donated at the end of the school year.

PARENTS' GROUP UPDATE!

It's hard to believe that summer is almost here! The Parents' Group is so grateful for all of the support throughout the year. To everyone who served as a room parent, participated in the fall art fundraiser, attended or donated to the Winter Gala, or helped shower our teachers with love during teacher appreciation week - we couldn't have done it without all of your help! The Parents' Group is always looking for volunteers. If you'd like to get involved or have some fun ideas for social and community building events, please contact Maggie at maggiewmaloney@gmail.com.

A few small updates for the remainder of the year: If you haven't decided on summer camp for your kiddo, or have a week to fill, you can still use the code **BHPCNS15** to get 15% off enrollment at HeadFirst Summer Camps. Every time this code is used, BHPCNS receives \$50 towards the Parents' Group Fund.

Our SilverGraphics Art Gallery is open until **June 30th**. You can re-order items, or scan new artwork to be made into beautiful creations by visiting <https://www.silvergraphics.com/shop/> and entering the code **BHPCNSart18**. From here, either click on your child's class or scroll to the very bottom to upload new art. The hallways are full of beautiful, spring-inspired art that can be turned into all kinds of amazing gifts - perfect for summer birthdays, or Grandparents Day which is on September 8th!

Thank you again for an amazing year!

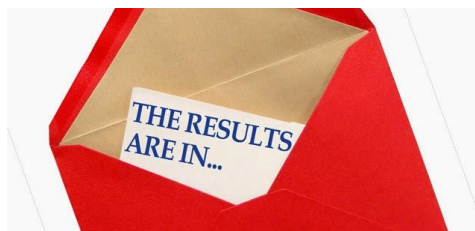
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BHPCNS BOARD UPDATE

The BHPCNS Board met on May 30th for our final meeting of the year. Thank you to everyone who shared their feedback for Liz's review and on the Parent Survey. Your comments will help us plan for the future. Wishing everyone a wonderful summer holiday. See you in September. Missy Banashak, BHPCNS Board Chairman

2018-2019 PARENT SURVEY RESULTS



Thank you to everyone who completed a Parent Satisfaction Survey for the school year. We received 77 responses, which means almost half of our families took the time to share their thoughts about their child's school year with us. I value all the input we received, the positive and the helpful suggestions. Many people had so many kind words about their child's teachers, classroom, and the school administrations. I am excited

to include your amazing testimonials on our website and marketing materials. There were many helpful suggestions and I am happy to report we will be:

- Reviewing our teacher to parent global communication policies, including implementing a template for teachers to use that will include updates, helpful links, and photos.
- Adding another morning breakfast for the children to bring a special Friend/Valentine in February.
- Hosting 2 John Henry and dinner events, one in the fall and one in the spring.
- Considering ways to make parenting seminars easier to attend, possibly a morning and evening session.
- Looking at expanding yoga and meditation in the programming.
- Better defining our expectations and age-appropriate milestones for our classes to parents.
- Meeting with individual teachers to share your concerns and your praise.
- Offering fewer pre-cut art projects.

Unfortunately, there are some suggestions we won't be able to implement or change for the 2019-2020 year:

- Offering a five day 2s' program. We don't have a classroom available 5 days a week.
- Changing the hours for the 2s' program to a 2 hour class instead of a 2 and 1/2 hour program.
- Reducing the amount of glitter the children use on their projects.
- Offering a longer summer camp. We close for July and August to paint, clean, handle maintenance projects, and prepare for the upcoming school year.

END OF YEAR CLASSROOM CELEBRATIONS!

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

Come and join us for sing alongs in your child's classroom, special snacks, and lots of goodbye hugs!

Monday/Wednesday/Friday Classes: Ms. Allen and Mrs. Quijada's classes' End-of-Year Celebrations, will begin at 11:00 am on June 12th. Dismissal will be 11:30 or following the party. **Lunch Bunch** will NOT be held on June 12th.

Tuesday/Thursday Classes: Mrs. Jacob, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Barnett, and Mrs. Quijada's classes, End-of-Year Celebrations will be on June 13th at 10:00. Children will be dismissed following the party at approximately 10:30 or when the classroom party wraps up. **Lunch Bunch** will NOT be held on June 13th.

The last Lunch Bunch for the year will be on June 11th!



**End of School Fun
for our 2s Classes**



**End of School
SING ALONGS
For the 3s and 4s**

END-OF-YEAR SING-ALONGS & PARTIES FOR 3s AND 4s:

On **Wednesday, June 12th**, our Monday/Wednesday/Friday 3s' and 4s' classes will perform a selection of their favorite school songs in the Sanctuary. The program will begin at 9:30 am. After singing each class will celebrate the end of the year with a classroom party. Children may leave at the conclusion of the party or stay and complete the morning program and/or attend Stay and Play. Please notify your child's teacher if your child will be staying for the remainder of the day. **The last day of Stay and Play is June 12th.**

The last Early Morning with Bradley Bear is June 13th.

On **Thursday, June 13th**, our Tuesday/Thursday 3s' class and Monday through Friday 3s' and 4s' classes will perform their favorite songs in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am. After the performance each class will celebrate the end of the year with a classroom party. Children will be dismissed after their party between 10:30 and 11:00.

THE BRADLEY BEAR CIRCUS PERFORMANCE ON JUNE 5TH

Tuesday's Dancers are to arrive at school at 12:30 on Wednesday and will meet in Room 105.

Wednesday's Dancers will leave their morning classrooms and go to their regular dance rooms.

Dancer's Attire should be either a pink or black leotard or black leggings and a white shirt and their dance shoes.

Tuesday's Dancers are asked to wear their hair pulled back into a bun or tight pony tails.

Wednesday's Dancers may wear either pig tails or a pony tail. Please contact the office if you have any questions.



All BHCNS families are invited to attend under the Big Top. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friendly neighbors are welcome too!

Guests are asked to enter the brown, education doors, and line up in the hallway upstairs. Doors to Memorial Hall will open at 1:40 for guests to be seated. For family members in wheel chairs or bringing strollers, they may enter the center doors where there are no stairs and proceed to line up. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis.

Following the show there will be refreshments in Memorial Hall. Everyone is invited to stay and have something to eat and drink. Some families will bring flowers for their dancers.

RECORDING THE SHOWS AND FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY



Professional Recordings of the Dance Performance & Sing Alongs

The June 5th Dance Performance and both the June 12th and June 13th Sing Alongs will be professionally recorded. All participating families will receive a downloadable link of the Dance Performance and Sing Alongs for your viewing pleasure and to share with those unable to attend the shows.

Personally recording the performances: For many years we have requested that you do not record the performances. With cell phones so much smaller and taking better quality video, many of our guests will record the performance. IF you record the performance with your phone, PLEASE be considerate of those sitting around you and do not block their views. If you have larger recording equipment, you must record the show from the back of the room so you don't block other guests. Thank you.

Flash Photography during the shows is not allowed. The flash distracts the children and we don't want any of our dancers or singers falling or missing a cue. PLEASE ask your guests to respect this request as well. After the shows flashes are fine.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in advance.

MAY, JUNE, JULY, & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



June Birthdays:

Price Adams
Nylah Lee
Hayden Tugberk
Kellan Kane
Maddox Cevallos
Ford McFarland
Wells Dunmire
Jonny Yokie-Lucero
Ava Benedict
Dana Hashim
Leah Hashim
Jet Trevisan
James Maloy
Hailey Buber
Gage Guerrero
Jaanvi Patel
Ellie Orlikowski



July Birthdays:

Colin Hoffman
Avery Salcetti
Elina Chock
Hunter Yaeger
Tucker de Raet
Krish Ramanathan
Grant Currie
Josh Venkataraman
Ivy Takem
Nathan Bowcut
Ani Cerqueira
Savannah Singh
Carolyn Venkataraman
Millie Rickett
Lauren Meier
Leo Berman
Alix Tremaine



August Birthdays:

Drew Notaro
Jack Williams
Aanika Deva
Grant Castellanos
Liam Perraut
Annabelle Tremaine
Shelby Finlay
Caroline Abod
Peter Pappas
Boden Brandaleone
Luke Turner
Camilla Fernandez
Alex Tunney
Brynn Walker
William Kirkpatrick
Gertie Wolcott
Tess Wolcott
Willa Banashak
Alana Uhl
Vangie Reynolds
Jacob Procknal
Donovan Haney
Noah Folio

BHPCNS wishes our Bradley Bear Cubs a happy summer birthday!

CAMP OPENINGS AVAILABLE



We have a few camp openings available.

Call the office to reserve your child's space ASAP. Camp is open to all children ages 2 through 6. Friends, cousins, neighbors are all welcome. Campers do not need to be currently enrolled BHP CNS students. Campers do not need to be potty trained.

Registration forms are available on our website, www.bhpcns.org. Looking forward to having a great time with all our camping cubs!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS AND INFORMATION

The summer months will be busy with removing and replacing several cinder block walls, creating new storage spaces for our expanding supplies, repainting several classrooms, outfitting our Children's Garden with bird feeders and water elements, adding additional playground fencing, and organizing the final details for our Outdoor Discovery Center to be constructed in the early fall!. We can't wait to share it all with you in the September!



BHP CNS Summer Office Hours:

The office will be closed the month of July.

The office will reopen on August 5th. Our 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, emails 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 BHP CNS website at www.BHP CNS.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 2019-2020 school year. Returning students do not need to complete the medical forms. They will need to complete new allergy forms if their have an allergy.

Miscellaneous Notes:

- There are limited openings for the fall of 2019. If you have new neighbors or know someone looking for a preschool program, please have them call the office.
- Parking: please be considerate when parking and park between the lines marked on the parking lots.
- The speed limit in the parking lots is 10 miles per hour. Please slow down!
- Parking for the end of year performances can be difficult. Please park in a parking space and not on the grassy areas.
- Unsure of your tuition payments, contact Carolyn in the office to wrap up the year!
- Happy Summer!



Mark your calendars for our back to school **Meet and Greet** on our playgrounds on August 29th between 3:30 and 5:00 pm. Come out to meet new students and see old friends. All are welcome to come for popsicles.