



BRADLEY HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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June 1, 2023

Principal's Corner



By Karen Caroscio

May was a busy month with Teacher Appreciation week, Wellness Week, and many field trips for our students.

We want to thank the PTA for making Teacher Appreciation Week so special for our staff. It was filled with snacks, supplies, and a delicious lunch from Maggiano's. Your support, thoughtfulness, and generosity have been greatly appreciated. A heartfelt thank you from all the staff at BHES! Thank you to Katherine Melagarjo and Cindy Li, the PTA, and all parents who contributed to Staff Appreciation Week in May.

BHES celebrated Wellness Week from May 22-May 26th.. We kicked the week off with Bike/Walk to school day; followed by smoothies during lunch. On Tuesday, we had Yoga on the Kindergarten playground, Wednesday was a Martial Arts Assembly that focused on being kind to one another. Thursday was pajama day with a focus on getting 9-12 hours of sleep the night before! The week ended with Field Day! The students had an awesome day filled with physical activity, smiles, and laughter.

Thank you to Veronica Velez-Burgess, Kelly Trimble, Sarah Zeterlli, and Melissa Davis for organizing a successful week of activities for our students and thank you to the parent volunteers who helped make delicious smoothies for our students. We also want to thank Mr. Anderson for organizing yet another fun-filled outdoors event for our students. Thank you to all the staff and parent volunteers that helped make this event a success!

The end of each school year brings some staffing changes. Don't miss the Fond Farewells and Welcome section below for further details about departing staff and new staff as well.

Please encourage your children to read, write, and work on math facts over the summer so they continue to practice the strategies and skills they learned this year.

Decided to take a break from school this summer? Don't worry! There are several things your child can do to keep their skills sharp and have them experience the content that students will participate in during summer school.



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1. Use IXL for ten to fifteen minutes a day to brush up on skills in reading and mathematics. IXL is always available for students to practice daily—simply click on any skill to get 10 free questions per day in each subject area!
2. Have your child read at least 30 minutes each day and keep track of the [Summer Reading Journal](#). Be sure to fill out the [Google Form](#) to participate in our summer reading minute challenge.
3. Use the links [here](#) for grades 1-2 and the links [here](#) for grades 3-5 to support your students in reading/writing. The links also provide access to online databases where your child can access text for the work.
4. Have your child write in a journal at least three times a week. They could write about a book they are reading or something they did that day they enjoyed.

A SHOUT OUT to Mrs. Park for creating these resources for families.

Have a wonderful summer. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in August!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Do you have a kindergarten you need to register for next year? Registration has begun.

If you have a ParentVue account, use this link:

https://md-mcps.edupoint.com/PXP2_Login.aspx

If you have neighbors with children who are entering kindergarten, please share this link with Parents/Guardians who are new to MCPS:

https://md-mcps.edupoint.com/PXP2_OEN_Login.aspx

Once parents have registered through Synergy, they will need to provide a copy of the child's birth certificate, proof of residency, and complete all of the required forms. This information can be emailed to our register, Mrs. Ruth Donnellan or dropped off at school. Our front office is open from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Children cannot be registered without the required documentation.

The Kindergarten Handbook can be found on the MCPS website at this [link](#). There are multiple languages available.



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Feel free to post the kindergarten registration information to community listservs. This will help ensure our numbers accurately reflect who will attend kindergarten in the fall.

SCHOOL TOOL BOX- SCHOOL SUPPLY ORDERING FOR THE 23/24 SCHOOL YEAR

School Tool Box makes back-to-school supply shopping a breeze! Order school supplies starting for the 2023-2024 school year while supporting the BHES PTA. [See here](#) for more information or visit: www.schooltoolbox.com to find your child's school supply list and place your order starting May 30th!

LOST & FOUND

Parents: The BHES Lost & Found is overflowing with jackets, water bottles, and other items. The Lost & Found is located in the Multi-Purpose Room. Please check for lost things when you are at school. **ALL ITEMS UNCLAIMED WHEN THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDS WILL BE DONATED!**

FREE TUTORING

Tutor Me is a 24/7 on-demand tutoring in over [300 subjects](#), from a topic as common as algebra to quantum mechanics. Students can instantly connect with an expert tutor - outside of class, faculty office hours and when other on-campus services are closed. See attached flier for how to register.

OPEN SOURCE PHONICS RESOURCES FOR MCPS FAMILIES

MCPS has partnered with Open Source Phonics to provide access to resources for families. Open Source Phonics provides 120 lessons that go step-by-step through phonics patterns, spelling rules, and decodable stories that students can use to practice skills and increase fluency. This practice is designed to be stress-free, as students build on what they know rather than guessing. There are also activities to promote phonemic awareness. Parents can locate these lessons at this [website](#). Families can use the document linked [here](#) for more information on how to use the resources.

MEDIA CENTER BOOK RETURN

Overdue notices were sent home on Wednesday, May 31st. All books students have checked out will be due to the media center on **Thursday, June 1st**.

END OF YEAR CHROMEBOOK RETURNS

If you are leaving MCPS at the end of the school year and have an MCPS chromebook for home use, please be sure to send it back to school before the end of the year.



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BHES WHO'S WHO

Have you ever had a question and wondered who to contact to get that question answered? Find out who your best first contact is for questions at this [link](#).

SUMMER MAILING ONLINE

Reducing the amount of paper we send home continues to be part of our work as a Maryland Certified Green School. We will put summer information online later in August. When everything has been posted, you will receive an email to let you know where to find the information on the Bradley Hills website. Please make sure to update your email address on the Parent Portal.

FOND FAREWELL AND WELCOME

As the school year closes, we will be saying farewell to some staff members who will begin new adventures. Please join us in sending well wishes to Ms. Song, Ms. Villani, and Ms. Tate. We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors! We would also like to welcome Ms. Stebbins who will be our new Kindergarten teacher!

Ms. Tate:

Dear Bradley Hills Friends and Families,

"Bradley Hills has been my home-away-from-home for four years now. I will be teaching third grade at Waters Landing next school year. Thank you for being my first school, as I have learned and grown so much as a professional. I wish you all the best."

Ms. Villani:

It has been a true pleasure to teach at Bradley Hills for the past three years. I've been so lucky to meet, and work with so many amazing people. The families in this community are so supportive and generous. I am moving on to teach Kindergarten at Bayard Rustin Elementary but Bradley Hills will always hold a special place in my heart. Thank you for including me in your community. I hope our paths will cross again someday!

Have a great summer!



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Ms. Song:

"Dear families,

I had such a wonderful and memorable year at Bradley Hills. Thank you for welcoming me into the BHES family. Unfortunately, I will not be returning to BHES and will be teaching second grade at Jones Lane Elementary. I want to say a special thank you to my wonderful classroom parents and awesome students!

Thank you for everything."

Ms. Campbell:

To quote our very own 5th grade lyricists and in the style of the 6 word memoir project, "Bye Bradley Hills...it's been souper!" Thank you for many wonderful years!

And a welcome from....Ms Stebbins, our new Kindergarten teacher:

Bradley Hills Staff and Community,

Hi, my name is Jessica Stebbins. I am excited to join the Kindergarten team in the fall! I graduated from Towson University in May with my Early Childhood Education degree. I worked with Kindergarten, first grade, and second grade. I have two children, one of which will be attending Kindergarten in the upcoming school year. I am excited to implement hands-on learning approaches to foster critical thinking skills for the students to become self-directed learners. I can't wait to become a whale!

Jessice Stebbins

SCHOLASTIC SUMMER READING PROGRAM

This summer students can participate in the Scholastic Summer Reading Program where you are encouraged to read, celebrate your achievements, and help increase access to books for their peers. Use the steps in the letter shared with parents to create a Home Base account, and students will be able to read books and stories; attend weekly author events; interact with their favorite characters; and play book-based games and activities. Students can also keep track of their reading streaks, which are days that they read in a row. Their reading streaks will help to unlock books that will be donated to those in need. Students can also bring in a completed reading certificate with their reading streaks and a report of their reading progress to earn a prize at the start of next school year.



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Log on and create your student's Home Base account now! Students will have until September 3rd to log their reading streaks!

IDENTITY OFFERING ASSISTANCE TO COUNTY RESIDENTS

Identity is receiving clients and offering services for:

- Help in applying for the county's Rental Relief Program (up to \$12,000 for qualifying residents who are behind in rent)
- Vaccination information and free COVID-19 testing
- Food and SNAP (food stamps)
- Care for Kids and referrals to Proyecto Salud Clinic and Care For Your Health
- Emergency cash assistance
- Connections to other social services in Montgomery County

They are able to offer help in English and Spanish. For more information, call Maribel at 301-800-5519 or Rita at 240-306-7626.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

All students must have up to date immunization records prior to the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

Parents should contact their doctor to make sure their child is properly immunized and submit a copy of the documentation to the Health Room at your child's school as soon as possible, but no later than **Monday, August, 28, 2023** the first day of the 2021-2022 school year.

Immunizations for students new to MCPS and children in Kindergarten through Grade 12, are available Monday through Friday, by appointment, at locations in Rockville and Germantown.

Appointments are available at:

School Health Services Immunization Clinic at Rocking Horse Road: 4910 Macon Road. Rockville; Phone: 240-740-4430

Germantown Health Center: 12900 Middlebrook Rd. Germantown; Phone: 240-777-3380

[Visit this webpage](#) to view the full list of immunization requirements for students.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	School Events
June 1-30, 2023	Pride Month
June 2, 2023	July and August Birthday Bash 2:30-3:00 PM - APR
June 2, 2023	Final Whale Mart of the Year 8:45-9:00 AM Sharp - Blacktop
June 7, 2023	5th Grade Field Trip - Maryland Science Center 9:15-3:00 PM
June 9, 2023	Author's Day K-2: 2-2:30 3-5: 2:30-3:00
June 13, 2023	5th Grade Promotion - Whitman 7 PM
June 14, 2023	5th Grade Field Trip - Pinstripes 10:30-1:30 PM
June 16, 2023	Last Day of School 5th Grade Clap Out 12:30 PM Early Release 12:55 PM
June 19, 2023	Juneteenth Schools and Offices Closed