

March 2021

Dear Parents and Students,

On behalf of our staff and students, I am thrilled to welcome your family to Bushy Park!

I encourage you to visit our website, <http://bpes.hcpss.org>, which houses information about our school, staff, and community. Our biweekly school newsletter, Bushy Bear Tales, is also archived on our website and is a great resource to explore to get a feel for our school. You can also follow us on Twitter @hcpss\_bpes! We work very closely with our Bushy Park PTA in partnership throughout the year. Even through the challenges of the pandemic for the past year, our PTA has offered a variety of fun virtual experiences for our students, including after school clubs, exciting Family Fun Nights, and other offerings. I encourage you to visit their website, [www.bushyparkpta.org/](http://www.bushyparkpta.org/). There are also many valuable resources to help you prepare your child for the transition to kindergarten available on the HCPSS website, [www.hcpss.org/enroll/kindergarten/](http://www.hcpss.org/enroll/kindergarten/).

Our school hours are **9:40am-4:10pm**. All students at BPES are able to ride the bus to school. Bus routes, including pickup and dropoff times, are typically finalized and posted on the HCPSS website in mid-late August. For families who need before & after care, Howard County Recreation and Parks offers a program here between the hours of 7:00am and 6:00pm. More information on this program, including pricing, is available on their website.

Our **first day of school** will be Monday, August 30. We will host an **Open House** for parents and students in kindergarten on **Friday, August 27 from 10:00-11:00am**. The event will begin in our cafeteria with a presentation from our kindergarten team. Following their presentation, you and your child will get to visit the kindergarten classrooms. Please note that our Open House for students in grades 1-5 will also be held that day, and the kindergarten classrooms will not be open for visitation during that time.

Your child is going to have a wonderful kindergarten year! Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can do to help you through this transition.

Sincerely,



Julia Bialeski  
Principal