From Mrs. Ketterer:
Can you believe we are enjoying a full five-day week! It’s been action packed and full of learning and fun! Thank you to the 50+ volunteers who came to serve as our Guest Teachers on Junior Achievement Day this past Wednesday, February 24th. The students enjoyed you being here sharing valuable learning about careers and financial literacy in a fun and interactive way! Special thanks to Kina Morton and Tamara Westhoff who recruited and organized and taught themselves yesterday!

Winter MAP Reports Go Home Today
Your child comes home today with their results from the Winter MAP Testing. These results are very helpful to us in many ways. Although we do look at comparing growth and ranges, we reflect on the information the MAP reports give us to ensure that all of our students are receiving the “just right” challenge. Many times MAP results preview a strength area for our students and help us attune our instruction. The next administration of MAP will take place near the end of the school year.

The Last Day of School: To Be Determined
The last day of school will be decided upon just after Spring Break to allow for any additional weather events. We will forward this information as soon as we know.

Thinking Ahead to the 5th Grade Farewell Ceremony
Although the last day of school has not been determined, we do know that this special occasion will take place on the morning of the last full day of school. The students will take part in the Farewell Ceremony in the morning and their 5th grade Picnic in the afternoon. It will be a very special day! We will remain in touch and share further details as they emerge, stay tuned!

BPES Parent Information Session and Q & A for GT Placement
Please Come and Join us on Tuesday, March 1st @ 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center
This information session is being offered here at Bushy Park ES to explain the process followed to consider placement for students in G/T Math for 4th and 5th Grade and for G/T Middle School placement. It is intended to be before the Glenwood G/T Orientation on Thursday.

GMS 6th Grade Parent Orientation Night
Please Come and Thursday March 3rd @ 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria
(Gifted and Talented Orientation / Information to begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Media Center
Please come to this valuable information session on transitioning to middle school. Learn about the middle school program of studies and have an opportunity to ask questions regarding this benchmark in your child’s educational journey.
Kindergarten Registration Begins
Registration for children attending kindergarten this August will be held at Bushy Park Elementary School from February 29th through March 4th between 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM. No appointment is needed. Kindergarten is mandatory in Maryland. State law requires that children entering kindergarten this fall be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2016. Parents or legal guardians should register students at the school currently serving the address at which the child's parent or guardian resides. Parents of children born outside of the U.S., or for whom English is not the language spoken at home, should contact the International Student Registration Center at 410-313-1525 (English/Korean) or 410-313-7102 (English/ Spanish). Parents may check the “School Locator” on the school system website at www.hcps.org or call the Public Information Office at 410-313-6682 to verify the school attendance area in which they reside. The parent or guardian must present the following information at registration:

- The child's proof of birth (birth certificate, baptismal certificate, hospital certificate, passport).
- An authorized record of immunizations.
- Proof of residency in the form of a lease, a deed, or house contract AND a utility bill.
- Photo ID of the parent/guardian.
- Proof of custody - custodial parent or guardian must submit.
- Divorce settlement papers, court papers (if applicable).

Driver's licenses or voter registration cards will not be accepted as proof of residence. State law prohibits a child from attending school for even one day unless proof of immunization has been provided. Immunization and health forms will be available at each elementary school at the time of registration.

Preschool Registration Begins
The Bushy Park Regional Early Childhood Center (RECC) preschool programs are now accepting applications for classes for the 2016-2017 school year. These classes include children with and without disabilities. The program’s focus is helping all children develop communication, literacy, math, problem solving, motor, and social skills. Parents of children who will be 3 years old by September 1, 2016 may see Gail Phillips in the school office for an application packet. There are no 4 year-old peer openings for the 2016-2017 school year. All applications must be returned by March 22, 2016. A limited number of openings are available for children without disabilities. Children are selected based upon screening information given on the application form and the “Ages and Stages Questionnaire,” as well as observations of the child’s participation in a playgroup. If necessary, a lottery process is conducted. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Hereth at (410) 442-2448 or 410-313-5500. The Howard County Public School System will offer a prekindergarten option in 2016-2017 for income-eligible children who will be four years old by September 1, 2016. Please contact Katie Hereth at 410-442-2448 to request additional information about this program.

MSA Science for Fifth Graders
Next Thursday, fifth graders will begin MSA Science testing. The Maryland School Assessment in Science (Science MSA) is a measure of student achievement in science in grade 5 (testing content from grades 4 and 5). MSA Science fulfills recommendations of the Visionary Panel for Better Schools and meets the federal testing requirements of the ESEA by the U.S. Department of Education. The test window, established by MSDE for MSA Science, is March 2 – April 1, 2016. MSA Science must be given over the course of two separate days. Bushy Park will test all fifth grade classes, except Mrs. Little’s class, on the mornings of Thursday, 3/3, and Friday, 3/4, from 9:30 – 11:30 AM. Mrs. Little’s class will test on Monday, 3/7, and Tuesday, 3/8, from 9:30 – 11:30 AM. Makeup testing will occur anytime within the test window for students who are absent on the primary test day.

Yearbooks Are On Sale!
Order Your Yearbook Today! Online sales of the yearbook are now open at http://classic.theyearbookshop.com/bushypark! Be on the lookout for a flyer to come home that includes complete instructions. Yearbooks cost $20 each (plus tax) and will be distributed in June.

Congratulations to 5th grader Allie Kang for being selected as the 2015-2016 Yearbook Cover Contest Winner! Allie’s awesome original design reflects Bushy Park’s great school spirit and the yearbook’s theme of comic book superheroes and the everyday heroes we find all around us at school (teachers, staff, volunteers, and students) doing great things to help one another be successful. The following 5th graders also submitted fantastic artwork for the yearbook: Kayla Brown, Timmy Carey, Josh Carney, Stephen Killorn, Brody Martin, Megan Ortwein, Kelly Richardson, Skyler Rill, and Haylee Zinger. Their designs will appear on the back cover or be featured on pages in the yearbook. Parents: want to share any great photos from school events, class parties, field trips, etc. for possible inclusion in the yearbook? Please use the following DropBox link to upload them: http://lpx.me/p4fy-3cjb-8xdm/. Any questions about the yearbook should be directed to the PTA Yearbook Committee Chair at brooks_scoville@hotmail.com or 240-476-5753.
Bushy Bear Hug Winners for February 8th:

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Help Wanted

Bushy Park is looking for lunch/recess monitors. If you are interested in working part-time a few days a week or as a substitute lunch/recess monitor, please contact Dr. Terri Via at 410-313-5500 or by email at Teresa_Via@hcpss.org. The hours are 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM for lunch monitors and 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM for recess monitors. The pay is $10.50/hour. Thank you!

Temporary Employee Positions Available

Bushy Park Elementary is currently looking for individuals interested in working as a Special Education Temporary Employee (TE). Temporary employees work with students with special needs under the direction of a special education team. Temporary Employees work the student hours (9:20 AM - 3:50 PM daily). This is a non-benefit position. The pay is $10.30 per hour, 6 hours of work per day, plus a 30-minute duty free unpaid break. If you are interested, please contact Bob Tencher at Social Service Consultants at 410-313-9181 or email him for an application at RTENCHER@GMAIL.com.

Requirements: Must pass a Maryland and FBI fingerprint and background check. Prefer experience with children and/or disabilities. This position is run on the student schedule, not requiring attendance during professional days, when the students do not attend.

If you have questions about daily duties or responsibilities of this position, please contact Dr. Terri Via @ 410-313-5500.

Car Loop Safety is Everyone’s Responsibility

Our car loop procedures were designed so students can be dropped off quickly in the morning and picked up quickly in the afternoon. The procedures always keep the safety of our students as a first priority, and it is important for everyone to remember that during arrival and dismissal. Please follow these guidelines in order to maintain a safe arrival and dismissal in our car loop.

- Please drive slowly in the car loop, parking lot, and school driveway. Accelerated speed, even for a brief moment, is dangerous.
- Please have your child ready to exit the car promptly when staff indicates. Students may only exit the car from the passenger side onto the sidewalk.
- In order to maintain the flow and efficiency, do not get out of your car.
  - Please save your goodbyes for home.
  - If you have large instruments or projects to help unload, please park your car and walk with your child from the parking lot and across the crosswalk.
- Do not pass cars loading (p.m.) or unloading in the car loop (a.m.).
- Please do not park on the crosswalk.
- If you are parking in the parking lot, children should never walk through the parking lot alone. Parents must accompany their children through the parking lot and across the crosswalk.
- Parking in handicap spaces is for cars with a handicap permit only.

There is staff in many locations along the car loop to help ensure we have an efficient and safe car loop. Please follow their directions. We need your assistance to ensure that each child is safe during arrival and dismissal. We appreciate your help in making the car loop procedures work.
Read Across America
Bushy Park will participate in Read Across America. Read Across America is a reading celebration that many schools, libraries, and communities take part in each year. In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, most celebrations occur annually on March 2nd. This year, Bushy Park's Read Across America celebration will take place on Tuesday, March 1st. Throughout the day guest readers from across Howard County will be visiting our school and reading to our classes. Board members, Central Office staff, Curricular Office staff, Bushy Park retirees, and local community helpers have all been invited to participate in this great event with us. Our students will participate in a Read Across America assembly to bring us all together to celebrate our love of reading. We will conclude our day with a school wide “Read to Self” with EVERYONE (teachers, students, office staff, custodial staff, EVERYONE!) cuddling up with a good book for the last 20 minutes of our school day. We are looking forward to this upcoming event and hope the students are excited to celebrate too!

LEO Club Project
The Bushy Park LEO Club is collecting stuffed animals to benefit the Glenwood Fire Department – Station 13. The stuffed animals will benefit children during emergency situations such as fire, illness, accidents, neglect, abuse, homelessness, and even weather emergencies. Donated stuffed animals should be NEW and brought to school in a gallon size zipped bag. Please drop off your donation in the box in the front foyer of the school. Donations will be accepted through Friday, March 11th. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Cole via email at angela_cole@hcpss.org. Thank you!

Glenwood Middle School
6th Grade Parent Orientation Night

New Parent Orientation
School Cafeteria
Thursday, March 3, 2016 @6:30pm

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Gifted and Talented Orientation/Information to begin at 5:30pm in the Media Center.
COMMUNITY NEWS
These events are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System.

GHS Presents Music Man
Performances will take place March 3rd-March 7th Thurs/Fri/Sat @ 7:00 p.m., Sat/Sun @ 2:00 p.m.
This year’s performance features Bushy Park students in the ensemble! Come and celebrate our community talent!
All tickets are $10.00.

Folly Quarter Middle School Community Indoor Yard Sale. Sat. March 12, 8:00am -12:00pm, 13500 Triadelphia Rd. Ellicott City. Get your spring cleaning done early! Clean out your closets, basements, and garages! Sell your items at our yard sale. Do you have a craft or product you wish to sell? Space available/$20 per table. Vendors keep their profits. Space available on a first come, first serve basis. To reserve a space email fqmsyardsale2016@gmail.com.

Happy Hounds 4H Club
Do you love dogs? The Happy Hounds 4H club will be hosting a “Learn to Paint a Dog” activity on March 10th at 7:00 pm at the Howard County Fairgrounds 4H Activity Bldg. All dog lovers between 8 and 18 years of age are welcome. If you are interested in attending, please email Kim FitzGibbon, at fitzhome100@gmail.com.

University of Maryland
Keys to Empowering Youth program, Mar. 5, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the University of Maryland. Registration is conducted on a first come, first serve basis until all available spaces are full. Submit your registration form, which can be found at www.wie.umd.edu/k12/key-program as soon as possible to secure your place in the March program. For further about this program, please contact Dawn Ginnetti at dginnett@umd.edu or 301-405-0315.

Strathmore Hall Foundation
Annapolis Symphony Orchestra and world-renowned cellist Lynn Harrell will perform at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda, MD. Sun., Mar. 6, 3 p.m. For more information and to purchase tickets visit http://www.startmore.org/events-and-tickets/annapolis-symphony-16 or contact the Strathmore at 301-581-5100.

Oakland Mills Village Center
Lively Arts for Little Ones presents: “Mr. Gabe” on Fri., Mar. 11, 10 a.m., The Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia. Tickets are $5.00 (ages 2 and up). For more information, call 410-730-4610 or visit oaklandmills.org.

St. Louis Catholic Church
Youth Ministry Presents The 35th Annual Italian Dinner On Sun., Mar. 13, 12:30-6:30 p.m., St. Louis Cafetorium, Rte. 108 & 32. All meals include Spaghetti or Lasagna soda/coffee/tea, salad, garlic bread, and homemade desserts. Tickets cost $10/adult, $5/children (10 & under), $13/Lasagna, $16/Combo Spaghetti/Lasagna & $40/Immediate family of 6. Call (410) 531-6668.