

Bushy Bear Tales



Bushy Park Elementary School



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Mrs. Molly Ketterer, Principal

June 2, 2016

Dr. Teresa Via, Assistant Principal

Upcoming Dates to Remember

6/6 – GT Virtual Website Launch 6:30 PM

6/15 – Fifth Grade Farewell Ceremony 9:30 AM

6/7 – Spring Strings Concert 7:00 PM

6/16 – 3 Hr Early Dismissal – No RECC/PreK

6/14 – Flag Day – Wear red, white, and blue

6/17 – 3 Hr Early Dismissal – No RECC/PreK – LAST DAY!

From Mrs. Ketterer:

Can you believe we have two weeks of school that remains! Thank you to those who came out to support our full day of Field Day! Over 100 parents supported more than 50 activities for six rotations! We were able to take a school photo from the roof which we put on Twitter and it is also on our Facebook page.

Please remember with the revised calendar we have two half days on Thursday, June 16 and Friday, June 17th with our **last day of school now on Friday, June 17th**.

Health Room Update

A few weeks ago, we received notification of one confirmed case of chickenpox. We typically do not release specific information regarding the child in order to protect the privacy of the student. However, with the permission of this child's parent and at the parent's request, we are sharing the following - This student had been properly vaccinated against chickenpox (Varicella).

Per the CDC's website, <http://www.cdc.gov/chickenpox/vaccination.html> -

"The chickenpox vaccine is very effective. Two doses of the vaccine are about 98% effective at preventing chickenpox. Some people who are vaccinated against chickenpox may still get the disease. However, it is usually milder with fewer skin blisters and little or no fever." - <http://www.vaccines.gov/diseases/chickenpox/>
Two percent of children who have been vaccinated will still get chickenpox.

Please contact the Health Room at school at 410-313-5500 if you need any additional information.

Have You Ever Seen a Website Launch...Come for a GT Virtual Experience

This year, the Enrichment Fair is going "virtual" - next Monday evening, June 6th. If your child participated in a CEU or in GT Math, they have an amazing online experience to share with you!

Join us as we launch the new Bushy Park Elementary Gifted & Talented website. Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Jensen and some of our BPES techie students will provide a sneak peek at the new website and some insight into future directions for sharing student G/T learning.

IF YOU'D LIKE A NAVIGATOR TO ASSIST YOU ON YOUR FIRST VISIT TO THE NEW WEBSITE, JOIN US ON MONDAY, JUNE 6, 6:30-7:30 PM IN THE MEDIA CENTER...

More details are available in the attached flyer. Please RSVP to Mrs. Jensen at linda.jensen@hcpss.org to reserve your real seats to experience the virtual world!

Insider Details on the Fifth Grade Celebration Wednesday, June 15th

A special invitation is coming home today to share the details of our upcoming celebration for fifth graders to commemorate their time at Bushy Park.

This year, we are going to focus on celebrating the students all day long. The students and staff will have a casual, relaxed theme and will be wearing their "Class of 2016" T-shirts throughout the day. In the morning we will have the Fifth Grade Closing Ceremony beginning at 9:45 a.m.

After the ceremony, the students will enjoy lunch with each other and their teachers while parent volunteers prepare festivities on the blacktop. In the afternoon, special activities are planned. Parents are welcome to join in! Since we are focusing on celebrating our fifth graders, we ask that no siblings attend.

Parent Consideration Card for 2016-2017

Consideration Cards for next school year are now available. Please see the form on page 3 of this newsletter. The intent of the form is for parents to offer context on the type of situation they feel would most facilitate success for their child in the coming school year. We find your input extremely valuable as new class groupings are created. We ask that the forms be returned to the office by Wednesday, June 8th.

We are already preparing for your student's transition to his/her next grade level and want to give you the opportunity to share some information that you would like for us to consider as we make placements for next year. This Consideration form is for you, as parents, to relate specific student information about your child that you feel would be beneficial as our teachers meet to determine next year's placements.

For example:

"My child seems to work much better in an area that is more self-contained with a teacher who has an extremely structured routine."

"My child is shy and often knows the answer, but is afraid to raise his/her hand and would work best with a teacher who gently encourages participation."

There are certain concerns that we cannot consider as part of this Consideration form: therefore, we ask that you NOT use the form to propose the following:

- Specific teacher requests
- Grouping based on siblings' experiences
- Grouping with friends
- Grouping based on hearsay

Your response is optional yet encouraged. We hope to get a strong representation from our parents. All consideration forms are due by June 8, 2016. Thank you for your continued support.

New Directions 2016: Launch of the new BPES GT Website on Mon. June 6th

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The PTA Needs Assistance

The PTA is in need of an accounting professional to audit the books for the PTA for the year ending 6/30/16. This can be done anytime between July 1st and August 26th, and the process takes about 6 hours. Please email christy0903@verizon.net if you are willing to do this volunteer work for the PTA. Thank you! -PTA executive board



NEW DIRECTIONS 2016

**Join us for the launch
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BPES G/T Website**

***Monday, June 6, 2016
6:30-7:30
Media Center***



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CELEBRATE WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME...

The website will be humming with activity during the week of Tuesday, June 7 – Friday, June 10. We'll be highlighting special student activities each day that week so you won't miss a thing. Just go to:

www.bpesgt.weebly.com

Snuggle up with your children and start browsing. They can't wait to share all the new things they learned this year in their G/T classes along with the videos and slideshows where they get to be the stars.

THE STUDENTS WOULD LOVE YOUR FEEDBACK...

After you browse the website, you'll also be able to jump on the blog page to provide your comments and questions directly to the students. They'll be digging into all the feedback in class the following week, June 13-15.

COMMUNITY NEWS

These events are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System.

Special Concert at Glenelg High School

Singer/ songwriter and American Idol top 10 finalist, Olivia Rox, will perform at Glenelg High School, June 26th at 7pm. Buy your tickets early to hear Olivia perform live with her dad, acclaimed jazz saxophonist, Warren Hill. All proceeds from this concert will support the Glenelg Music Program. Go to www.oliviaroxglenelg.com for ticket information and sales. We expect a full house, so buy your tickets now!!

Success in Style

Looking for fun volunteer hours at the last minute or over the summer, join us at Success In Style/Charity's Closet/Phil's Closet. For more information visit www.successinstyle.org or e-mail our volunteer coordinator at volunteer@successinstyle.org

HopeWorks'

The HopeWorks' Youth Leadership Project is now accepting applications for 2016/17 School Year. Youth Leaders engage in frank discussions, raise their social consciousness and participate in creative projects to raise awareness and encourage personal and community safety. Visit the HopeWorks website to download the application or call 410-997-0304.

AFS

Host Families Sought for AFS Exchange Students: Next school year almost 20 exchange students will come from around the world to experience a life-changing year or cross-cultural sharing here in Howard County. If you are interested in more information, please contact Christina McGarvey at ckmgarvey@yahoo.com or 410-997-7087.

We Promote Health

9th Annual HC Family Wellness Day, Sun., **June 5**, Centennial Park 10am -3pm – Free Event for the entire family promoting healthy lifestyles. www.familywellnessday.org

Atholton Swim Club

Registration for Swim Lessons at Atholton Swim Club, **June 6**, www.AtholtonSwimClub.com. We offer small class sizes and follow the American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim curriculum. Lessons are conveniently offered in the mornings or evenings in 2 week long sessions.

College Park Tennis Club

Learn Tennis at the Premiere Tennis Center, **June 13 –Aug. 19**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., College Park Tennis Club 5200 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD. Our students will learn the sport of a lifetime, under the direction of our certified teaching staff. Center. tdelaney@cptennisclub.com, 301-779-8000, www.cptennisclub.com

Howard County Police Department

FREE overnight Youth Police Academy, **July 24-29**, Public Safety Training Center. It is for students between the ages of 15-18 years old who are interested in a law enforcement career. For more information, contact your School Resource Officer or check out the Howard County Police Department website at www.hcpd.org under Youth Programs.

Starthmore's Summer Intensive

Apply now for a select spot in Strathmore's Summer Intensive—part of our Institute for Artistic and Professional Development. This program will take place **July 11-15** and is designed to provide in-depth experience to outstanding high school instrumentalists as they consider a performing arts career. For more information <https://www.strathmore.org/education/artistic-development/summer-intensive>

Howard County Arts Council

Visual and Performing Arts Summer Camps, **June 20 - Aug. 12**, Howard County Center for the Arts, 8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City, MD. For more information, visit www.hocoarts.org/shop/camps or contact Katie Wofford at 410-313-2787 or programs@hocoarts.org.

Soccer Association of Columbia

SAC Training Academy Summer Camps scheduled throughout the summer. Players of all abilities, ages 5 to 14. Both full and half days sessions are offered. SAC also offers extended care from 4-6 p.m., for an additional fee. Go to www.sackick.com. For more information, contact asksac@sac-hc.org.

CrossLife Church

Track and Field Camp, **June 20-June 24**, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Long Reach High School, 6101 Old Dobbin Ln, Columbia, MD. <http://crosslifeevents.org/>.

Howard County Conservancy

Full-day nature camps, **June 27-Aug. 19**, camps are located in Woodstock on our 232-acre nature center and at the Belmont in Elkrige www.hcconservancy.org/camp.html



Atholton Raiders Summer Camps 2016

<http://www.atholtonboosters.org/athletics/boosters/fundraising/summer-camps>

Date	Sport	Instructor	Location of Camp
June 6-10(5-8pm)	Boys Basketball 1	Jared Albert	Reservoir Main Gym
June 20-24(3-6pm)	Football	Justin Carey	AHS Stadium
July 5-August 4 (9am-10:30) Tu & Th	Cross Country/Track & Field	Ivan Alvarado	Hawthorn Park
July 11-15(9am-12)	Volleyball 1 - rising 8th and 9th graders	Rob Moy	AHS Main Gym
July 11-15(9am-12)	Wrestling	Bruce Lindblad	AHS Wrestling Rm
July 11-15 (9am-12)	Soccer - gr. 5-7	Roch DeFrances	AHS Stadium
July 11-15(9am-12)	Speed and Strength Conditioning	Chris Clark	AHS Weight Rm/Track
July 11-15 (12pm-3)	Cheerleading	Shonte Wicks	AHS Main Gym
July 18-22 (9am-12)	Boys Lacrosse	Erik Burnett	AHS Stadium
July 18-22(9am-12)	Girls Basketball	Julia Reynold	AHS Main Gym
July 25-27 (8:45am-12)	Softball	Ed Holshue	AHS Softball field
July 25-29(9am-12)	Volleyball 2	Rob Moy	AHS Main Gym
July 25-29 (9am-12)	Girls Lacrosse	Sarah Walker	AHS Stadium
July 25-29 (12pm-3)	Boys Basketball 2	Jared Albert	AHS Main Gym
July 25-29 (9am-12)	Tennis	Michael Ashmead	AHS Tennis Courts
July 25-29 (5-8pm)	Baseball	Jon Dupski	AHS Baseball Field
Aug 1-5(9am-12)	Volleyball 3 - rising 8th and 9th graders	Rob Moy	OMHS Main Gym
Aug 1-5 (9am-12)	Field Hockey	TBA	OMHS Stadium
Aug 1-5 (9am-12)	Girls Soccer	Stephanie Stoutenborough	AHS Stadium
Aug 1-5 (9am-12)	Boys Soccer	Jeff Bloom/Roch DeFrances	AHS Stadium
Aug 1-5 (12pm-3)	Boys Basketball 3	Jared Albert	AHS Main Gym
Aug 8-12(12pm-3)	Boys Basketball 4	Jared Albert	AHS Main Gym

Tuition for each camp will be \$135

Tuition includes a Raider t-shirt, individual skills testing, specialized instruction from qualified staff members, guest speakers, and daily awards.

For more information please contact: Lisa Daciek 410-313-7065 or lisa_daciek@hcpss.org