



BUSHY PARK PTA NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2024

NOTE FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT

Dear BPES PTA Members and Families,

As we close out 2024, we want to take a moment to reflect on the amazing year we've shared. Together, we've organized enriching events, supported our students and teachers, and strengthened our school community in countless ways. Each of you has played a vital role in making these successes possible, and we are so grateful for your time, energy, and dedication.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are filled with excitement and ambition. With your continued support, we hope to build on this year's accomplishments and explore new opportunities to make an even bigger impact. Be on the lookout for our upcoming meetings and initiatives—we can't wait to collaborate together!

Wishing you all a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year. Here's to another incredible year ahead!

Warm regards,
Voula Augustin
PTA President



PTA REFLECTIONS

We had several entries, all under the Visual Arts category this year. There were two primary (K-2) entries and five intermediate (3-5) entries. We can send a total of three entries per age group per category on to the county level, so both primary entries automatically move on and are listed below. Judging was conducted for the five intermediate entries to determine the top three to move on to county. **Congratulations to all!** Below are all results:

PRIMARY:

Wyatt Rankin, Grade 2 (Pickett)
Christian Jules Holmes, Grade 2 (Hovis)

INTERMEDIATE:

1. Gregory Bono, Grade 3 (DeFrances)
2. Ella Stockwell, Grade 4 (Cole)
3. Kathryn McDonald, Grade 3 (Stanton)

TOYS FOR TOTS

On behalf of the PTA, we want to extend our heartfelt **gratitude** for your incredible generosity in donating new toys to support the community. Thanks to your kindness, we were able to spread joy to many children in need this holiday season. Thank you for your continued support!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



WE ARE SEEKING A FEW VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST THE EVENT CHAIRS FOR THE UPCOMING ADULT BINGO ON MARCH 28, 2025. THIS YEAR, WE HAVE INTRODUCED AN EXCITING NEW TWIST, SO STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!

COMMITTEE CHAIRS NEEDED FOR:

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES RESEARCH AND PROVIDE DIFFERENT TYPES OF BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

BELONGING TOGETHER FREE FAMILY FUN TO CELEBRATE THE DIFFERENT CULTURES WITHIN BPES.

COMMUNITY SERVICE THIS POSITION WILL HELP ORGANIZE MONTHLY SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECTS.

CULTURAL ARTS THIS COMMITTEE PROVIDES PROGRAMS THAT EXPOSES STUDENTS TO A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS THAT CAN INCLUDE MUSIC, ART, DRAMA AND MORE.

FUNDRAISING THIS POSITION HELPS WITH COORDINATING SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

WALKING WEDNESDAYS THIS PROGRAM HELPS ENCOURAGE EXERCISE DURING RECESS.

INTERESTED? EMAIL BUSHYPARKPTAVOLUNTEER@GMAIL.COM



TALENT SHOW

FEBRUARY 28, 2025

Get ready to show off your talented side!
Do you sing, dance, tell jokes, juggle,
read poetry, or just want to be silly?

This is the show for you!
It is YOUR time to shine!
Stay tuned for details on how to register.

DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 8
BPES PTA MEETING

JANUARY 10
FAMILY BINGO

JANUARY 31
SCIENCE FAIR
(Date subject to change)

FEBRUARY 28
TALENT SHOW

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

Your masterpiece could truly shine on the yearbook cover! All contest entries must include the following:

- Be completed on a **8.5 x 11 inch sheet of white paper** (printer paper), with a **vertical orientation**
- Contain "**Bushy Park Elementary School**" and the school year "**2024 - 2025**"
- Depict the theme: **A Sweet Year of Memories** (candy theme)
- **Buddy, the Bushy Park bear**

DUE: JANUARY 10, 2025

Have your name and teacher's name written in PENCIL on the back of your entry. Please email any questions to bushyparkptavolunteer@gmail.com.



BPES SPIRIT WEAR

Even though the holiday shopping frenzy has wrapped up, you can still snag some fabulous finds for that sunshine-filled spring wardrobe! Deliveries will be after 12/25/24.

Hundreds of snazzy designs waiting for you! Spring will be here before we know it!



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Free shipping on orders over \$75

<https://1stplace.sale/43944>

DROP-IN BASKETBALL JANUARY 2025 (GRADES 3-5)



AFTER SCHOOL BASKETBALL (GRADES 2-5)

We will be hosting an after school pick-up basketball program at Bushy Park Elementary School this winter. The program is offered to all 3rd - 5th graders and will take place on **Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00pm** with Ms. Lyter and Ms. Birsa. This is a short 2-week program that will be held on **January 15 and January 22**.

Please note that 3rd graders will be scrimmaging with 4th and 5th graders, so this program is recommended for 3rd graders with strong basketballs only.

The 2 sessions will consist of balanced skill level pick up games, facilitated by Ms. Lyter and Ms. Birsa. Other games, such as Knock Out, HORSE, Around the World may also be played if the majority of the students choose to play them.

Cost is \$35 for the first child. Additional siblings \$25 each.

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We will be hosting an after-school basketball program at Bushy Park Elementary School this Winter. The program is open to 2nd through 5th graders and will take place on **Wednesdays from 3:50 - 4:50 pm** with Ms. Birsa and Ms. Lyter.

This is a 6-week program that will run from February through March. The sessions will begin with ball handling skills and then some practice dribbling, passing, and shooting. The session will end with basketball games (knock-out, etc.) and/or scrimmaging.

This program will run **Wednesday, February 12 through Wednesday, March 19**.

Each student is \$110. Additional siblings are \$90 each.

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Join Us **NEXT PTA MEETING**
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 7:30PM
LINK COMING SOON

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WINTER HOLIDAYS
AROUND THE WORLD



DIWALI
 OBSERVED IN INDIA, NEPAL AND PART OF THE ISRAELI TERRITORY
 NOVEMBER 1, 2024

A HOLIDAY CELEBRATED IN INDIA, NEPAL, AND PART OF THE ISRAELI TERRITORY. IT IS A HOLIDAY OF LIGHTS AND JOY, MARKED BY THE LIGHTING OF DIYAS (CLAY LAMPS) AND THE BURNING OF FIREWORKS.

BODHI DAY
 DECEMBER 8

A HOLIDAY CELEBRATED IN BUDDHISM, MARKING THE DAY OF BUDDHA'S ENLIGHTENMENT UNDER THE BOODHI TREE IN KUSHINARA, NEPAL. IT IS A DAY OF REFLECTION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

LAS POSADAS
 DECEMBER 25 - 26

A HOLIDAY CELEBRATED IN SPAIN AND LATIN AMERICA, MARKING THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST. IT IS A DAY OF JOY AND CELEBRATION, MARKED BY PARADES, SINGING, AND FEASTING.

WINTER SOLSTICE
 DECEMBER 21 OR 22

CELEBRATED IN MANY CULTURES AND PARTS OF THE WORLD, MARKING THE POINT IN TIME WHEN THE SUN IS AT ITS MOST DISTANT POINT FROM THE EQUATOR.

SOYAL
 DECEMBER 21

A HOLIDAY CELEBRATED IN THE STATE OF OREGON, MARKING THE WINTER SOLSTICE. IT IS A DAY OF JOY AND CELEBRATION, MARKED BY DANCING AND FEASTING.

CHRISTMAS
 DECEMBER 25

A HOLIDAY CELEBRATED IN MANY CULTURES, MARKING THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST. IT IS A DAY OF JOY AND CELEBRATION, MARKED BY GIFT-GIVING AND FEASTING.

HANUKKAH
 OBSERVED IN ISRAELI TERRITORY
 DECEMBER 25 - JANUARY 2

A HOLIDAY CELEBRATED IN ISRAELI TERRITORY, MARKING THE MIRACULOUS LIGHTING OF THE MENORAH IN THE TEMPLE OF JERUSALEM. IT IS A DAY OF JOY AND CELEBRATION, MARKED BY LIGHTING Candles and FEASTING.

KWANZAA
 DECEMBER 25 - JANUARY 1

A HOLIDAY CELEBRATED IN AFRICA, MARKING THE BIRTH OF KENNETH KENNEDY KENNEDY. IT IS A DAY OF JOY AND CELEBRATION, MARKED BY LIGHTING CANDLES AND FEASTING.

HOGMANAY
 DECEMBER 31

A HOLIDAY CELEBRATED IN SCOTLAND, MARKING THE END OF THE YEAR. IT IS A DAY OF JOY AND CELEBRATION, MARKED BY DANCING AND FEASTING.

OMISOKA
 DECEMBER 31

A HOLIDAY CELEBRATED IN THE STATE OF OREGON, MARKING THE END OF THE YEAR. IT IS A DAY OF JOY AND CELEBRATION, MARKED BY GIFT-GIVING AND FEASTING.

NEW YEAR'S EVE / DAY
 DECEMBER 31 AND JANUARY 1

A HOLIDAY CELEBRATED IN MANY CULTURES, MARKING THE END OF THE YEAR AND THE BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR. IT IS A DAY OF JOY AND CELEBRATION, MARKED BY FIREWORKS AND FEASTING.

THREE KINGS' DAY
 JANUARY 6

A HOLIDAY CELEBRATED IN MANY CULTURES, MARKING THE VISIT OF THE THREE KINGS TO THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST. IT IS A DAY OF JOY AND CELEBRATION, MARKED BY GIFT-GIVING AND FEASTING.

LOHRI
 JANUARY 13

A HOLIDAY CELEBRATED IN INDIA, MARKING THE END OF THE WINTER. IT IS A DAY OF JOY AND CELEBRATION, MARKED BY DANCING AND FEASTING.

LUNAR NEW YEAR
 MARKED ON THE LUNAR CALENDAR
 FEBRUARY 10, 2025

A HOLIDAY CELEBRATED IN MANY CULTURES, MARKING THE BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR. IT IS A DAY OF JOY AND CELEBRATION, MARKED BY GIFT-GIVING AND FEASTING.

Have a Great Winter Break!

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- Stay up to date on events and reminders:
- FACEBOOK**
 - PTA WEBSITE**
 - BPES SPIRIT WEAR**

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