

# BUSHY PARK PTANEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2025

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

FEBRUARY 11
WALKER'S NIGHT

FEBRUARY 12
PTA MEETING

FEBRUARY 21 SCHOOL CLOSED

FEBRUARY 21 SWEETHEART DANCE

**FEBRUARY 28**TALENT SHOW

MARCH 5
PTA MEETING

MARCH 6 SCIENCE FAIR

MARCH 13 TEN OAKS TAVERN NIGHT

MARCH 14 3 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL

> MARCH 22 ADULT BINGO

MARCH 26 CAREER / STEM NIGHT

#### **NOTE FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT**

Dear BPES PTA Members and Families,

We have some exciting events ahead; the Sweetheart Dance, Talent Show, and Science Fair to name a few. We encourage everyone to participate and support our school however they can, whether by volunteering, attending events, or simply cheering on our students.

With Valentine's Day around the corner, it's a perfect time to remind our children about the importance of kindness and appreciation for one another.

As always, if you have any questions, ideas, or would like to get more involved, feel free to reach out. Thank you for your ongoing support, we couldn't do this without you!

Warmly, Voula Augustin PTA President

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**UPCOMING PTA EVENTS** 

**JOIN US FOR A FUNDRAISER AT** 

# WALKER'S

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WHEN TUESD VY, 2/11 11AM TO 9PM WHERE 2465 MD-97 GLENWOOD, MD



#WalkersCares

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# Twirl& Swirl in Candyland

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21st 6:30 - 8:30 PM

# **MUSIC • SNACKS • GAMES & FUN!**

Dress your best! Each student is welcome to bring one special guest. Snacks and treats will be available, first come first serve. Children must be supervised the entire event.

REGISTER HERE



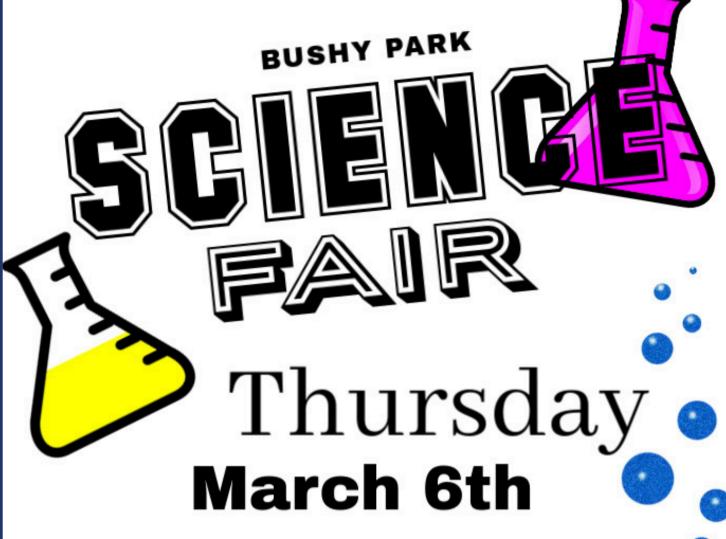
**VOLUNTEER HERE** 



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER CONTACT BUSHYPARKPTAVOLUNTEER@GMAIL.COM



**UPCOMING PTA EVENTS** 



Register to participate by February 28th



Volunteer to help at the Science Fair



Drop off posters to mini-auditorium March 6, 9-9:30am Contails on evening event and poster pick up coming soon

**UPCOMING PTA EVENTS** 







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TICHETS CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE OR AT THE DOOR • BINGO STARTS AT 6

MUSIC BINGO • IRISH FOOD & DRINK FOR PURCHASE SILENT AUCTION DJ • RAFFLE TABLE DECORATING CONTEST • MYSTERY BAGS • AWESOME PRIZES • LOTS OF FUN!

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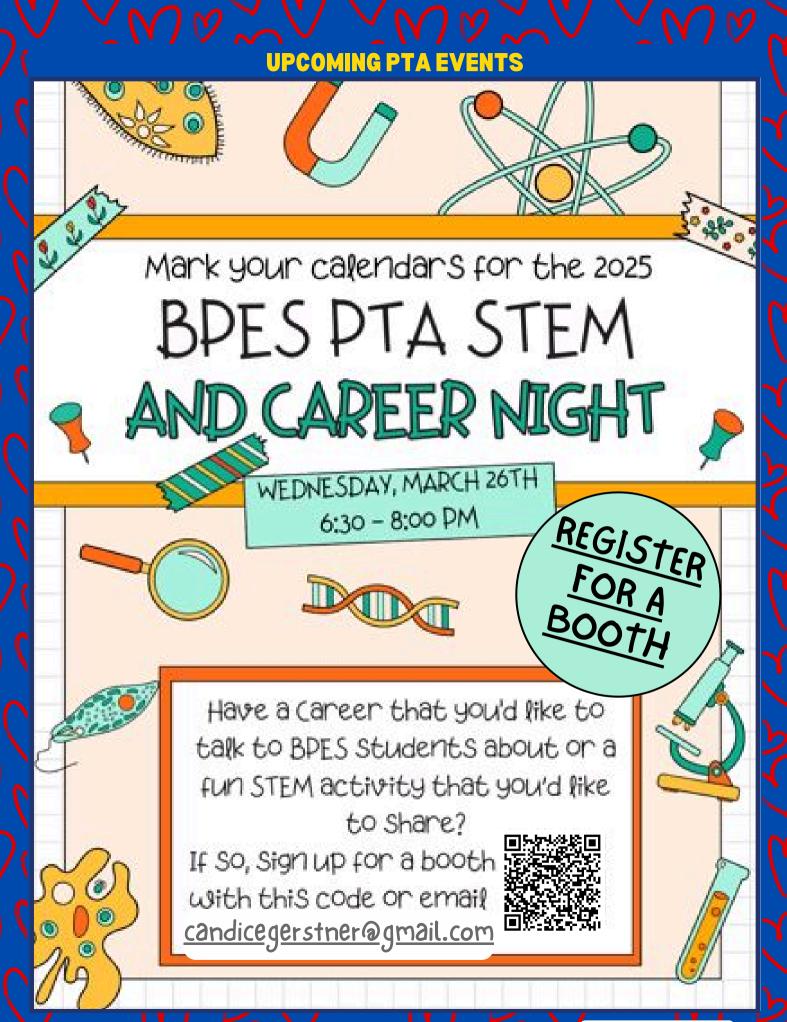
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**BUSHY PARK AND GLENWOOD PTA** 



## **REFLECTIONS**

Congratulations to all seven BPES participants in the National PTA Reflections program! We are thrilled to announce that five of their incredible entries have advanced to the county level of competition. This year's theme, "Accepting Imperfection," inspired creative and thoughtful submissions from our talented students. We're so proud of their hard work and dedication—best of luck as they continue to showcase their talent!



CHRISTIAN JULES HOLMES\*



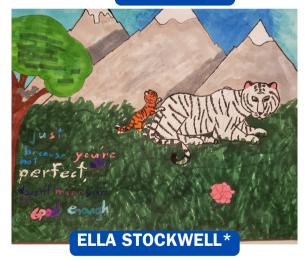
WYATT RANKIN\*



MCDONALD\*











#### A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR JUDGES:

LISA CARTER, DAWN MARTINEC, MIKE VAN METER,

JENNIFER SMITH, AND KATHY PERRY. \*MOVED ON TO COUNTY LEVEL COMPETITION

# PTA ELECTIONS

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** 

Dear BPES Parents.

As this school year moves quickly along, it's time to start thinking about the future of our PTA! Serving on the PTA board is a great way to stay involved, make a meaningful impact, and help shape the experiences of our students and school community.

Speaking from experience, being part of the PTA has been one of the most rewarding aspects of my time as a parent at Bushy. Over the years, I've had the opportunity to serve in various board roles, chair events, and volunteer in many different ways. It has allowed me to build strong relationships, contribute to important decisions, and see firsthand the difference we can make when we work together.

Now, it is time for new voices and fresh ideas! We are looking for passionate and dedicated parents to step up for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. Whether you have a little time or a lot, there is a role for everyone. No prior experience is needed, just a willingness to be involved and support our students. Two important roles that are mandatory to continue to have a PTA are the President and the Treasurer. So please consider these vital roles as well as the rest of the board that will be opening after our terms end this year.

If you're interested in learning more about available positions and how you can help, please reach out to Cathy Z or join us at our next PTA meeting this Wednesday.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope to see many of you step up and make a difference!

Best, Voula Augustin

WE ARE LOOKING FOR **2 VOLUNTEERS** TO HELP COORDINATE EFFORTS FOR THE **PTA BOARD ELECTIONS IN MAY.** THIS IS A SHORT TERM COMMITMENT WITH MINIMAL MEETINGS. PLEASE EMAIL <u>BUSHYPTAPARKVOLUNTEER@GMAIL.COM</u> TO VOLUNTEER OR WITH MORE QUESTIONS.

#### **5TH GRADE EVENTS**

Thank you to all the 5th graders who were able to come make special Valentine's Day card for the senior center. Due to technical difficulties, our movie night turned into a spontaneous fun game /dance night.

We have one more community service opportunity in the mix for our 5th graders, visiting the seniors in the spring for a little bonding over game boards. If there are other ideas you would like to see happen before the year finishes out, reach out to Cathy or Voula.



# BEAR HUGS SPOTLIGHT \*\* \*\*



# MS. BELINDA GONDER

CUSTODIAN



PE TEACHER



WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE ANIMAL (BESIDES BEARS)? Dogs

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE COLOR AND WHY?

Pink because it's bright and cheerful.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL AS A KID? Math

WHAT'S YOUR DREAM VACATION SPOT? Hawaii

WHAT IS THE BEST ADVICE YOU EVER RECEIVED? It's all about mindset. You can do anything you set your mind to just believe.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOTITE WAY TO SPEND A WEEKEND? Spending time with my family and enjoying my 2 grandkids.

# IF YOU COULD TELL YOUR YOUNGER SELF ONE THING. WHAT WOULD IT BE?

To enjoy life and don't sweat the small stuff. To enjoy life everyday, don't worry about the things you have no control over and make as many memories as you can.

# WHAT DID ONE VOLCANO SAY TO THE OTHER VOLCANO?

Answer on page 11

# WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CHILDHOOD BOOK?

I loved the book called "There's a nightmare in my closet" by Mercer Mayer.

# IF YOU COULD ONLY EAT ONE FOOD FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Buffalo Wings with homemade blue cheese!

# WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL AS A KID?

P.E!!!! However, my second favorite was Math.

# DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE HOBBY OR HIDDEN TALENT?

I spend a lot of time in my garage making art out of wood. I make sports signs, American flags and even the bushy park bear!

# WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE GAME OR ACTIVITY WHEN YOU WERE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?

Growing up in New York, all my friends would meet at the elementary school to play a game called "Stick Ball." It is very similar to baseball, except we would use a broom stick as the bat.

# IF YOU COULD BE ANY CARTOON CHARACTER, WHO WOULD YOU BE?

If I could be any cartoon character I would be the Dad in Bluey.

#### WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO WORK IN EDUCATION?

Kids! Each student has their own unique and interesting personality, and I truly enjoy getting to know them.

# WHAT'S THE BEST ADVICE YOU'VE EVER RECEIVED?

Students will care less about what you know but will know exactly how much you care.

# Black History Month

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Started in 1926 as a week, thanks to a historian named Carter G. Woodson, who wanted everyone to learn about important Black leaders and events. In 1976, it became a whole month! It's a time to remember how Black people have helped shape the world and to learn about the struggles they faced to make things better for everyone.

Black History Month

is in February because it

honors the birthdays of two important leaders. Abraham Lincoln and

Frederick Douglass, who

worked to end slavery

and fight for equality.



#### FREDERICK DOUGLASS

escaped slavery and worked hard to fight for freedom and fairness for everyone, using powerful speeches and writing to inspire change



#### HARRIET TUBMAN escaped slavery

and helped many others find freedom through the Underground Railroad, showing courage and to make the world better









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pools in Baltimore, where he grew up, and continued to ork toward justice and equity in his political career





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#### AMANDA GORMAN

is a young poet who uses inspires people with her ords about hope, courage, and making the world better



#### SIMONE BILES

inspires us by using her hard work and bravery to become the most decorated gymnast in history. She reminds us to prioritize our mental health



#### **BEYONCÉ KNOWLES**

celebrates Black culture through her music, shows pride in her heritage, and inspires kids to be confident, creative, and proud of who they are.



#### CHADWICK BOSEMAN

was an actor who played Black Panther and Jackie Robinson and inspired people by being a real-life hero, too



#### **JACKIE ROBINSON**

was the first Black baseball player in the major leagues, and he showed courage by standing up to unfair rules



#### SERENA WILLIAMS

worked hard to become one of the best athletes in the world, showing determination and self-helief can lead to success



#### MISTY CODE! AND

broke barriers as the first Black woman to be a principal dancer in a big ballet company, inspiring kids to follow their dreams and never give up



the "I PROMISE school" and uplifting communities through his foundation



# SPOTLIGHTING BLACK VOICES

#### A Maryland Connection



Ta-Nehisi Coates is an award winning author and journalist originally from Baltimore City. He has written many articles, books, and graphic novels for a variety of

age ranges with an unapologetic voice. He is currently a contributing editor at Vanity Fair and the Sterling Brown Endowed Chair in English at nearby Howard University.













In the first book of this early chapter series, Zoey discovers a glowing photo and learns an amazing secret. Injured magical animals come to their backyard barn for help! When a sick baby dragon appears, it's up to Zoey and Sassafras to figure out what's wrong.



A Mid Grade graphic novel about a PreTeen navigating life at a new school with very little diversity.



This book is a lyrical, toe-tapping, playful, and adventurous look into the early life of musician Troy Andrews. With delightful illustrations and fun, musical prose, TROMBONE SHORTY not only shows the rise of a living jazz legend but also gives a glimpse into the life and soul of New Orleans.

## STAFF SNACK CART SIGN UP

## LET'S SHOW OUR BPES STAFF HOW MUCH WE LOVE THEM BY CONTRIBUTING TO THIS MONTH'S SNACK CART!

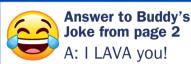
All drinks and snacks need to be sent in by Thursday. February 27th at 9am because the cart will be rolling around on Friday, February 28th. Thank you for your GENEROSITY!





#### **CLICK TO SIGN UP**

Please email Nicole Oxenham at oxenhamfam@gmail.com if you have any questions.



# **GEAR UP WITH YOUR BPES SPIRITWEAR** AND LET YOUR **BEAR PRIDE SHINE**

From cozy hoodies to fun tees. we've got something for everyone!



**CLICK TO SHOP** 

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **WE ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRS** FOR THE FOLLOWING:

#### **BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

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

#### **CULTURAL ARTS**

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

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

THIS POSITION WILL HELP ORGANIZE MONTHLY SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECTS.

#### **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

#### WINTER BREAK HAS ENDED, AND IT'S THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY

Welcome back, everyone! We hope your winter break was filled with joy and warmth. As we dive into the second half of the school year, we invite you to join the PTA and contribute to our wonderful community!

# BY JOINING THE BPES PTA. YOU CAN:

#### SUPPORT OUR **SCHOOLS**

Assist in organizing events, fundraisers, \* and programs that benefit our children.

#### **BUILD CONNECTIONS**

Connect with other parents, teachers, and community members who share a passion for education.

#### **BE A VOICE FOR STUDENTS**

Advocate for constructive changes in education and school policies. **CLICK** 



# NEXT PTA MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5** 

LOOK FOR THE ZOOM LINK IN YOUR EMAIL OR ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

STAY UP TO DATE ON EVENTS AND REMINDERS:







GLENELG HIGH SCHOOL

RODGERS+HAMMERSTEIN'S



THURSDAY

MARCH 6

7PM

FRIDAY
MARCH 7
7PM

MARCH 8
2PM+7PM

SUNDAY
MARCH 9
2PM

ALL TICKETS ARE \$10 AND CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE, IN THE GHS FRONT OFFICE, OR AT THE DOOR.

WE ARE ANTICIPATING SELL-OUT SHOWS.
GET YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE!

ONLINE TICKET PURCHASE LINK
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