

Bushy Bear Tales



Bushy Park Elementary School



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Upcoming Dates to Remember

3/25 – 4/3 - Spring Break – No School

4/8 – End of 3rd Quarter / 3 Hr Early Dismissal – No PreK/RECC

4/4 – Return to School

4/12 – PTA Meeting at 7:00 PM

From Mrs. Ketterer:

Can you believe Spring Break is finally here? What an amazing winter journey it was. We wish you a wonderful Spring Break time together with family and friends and look forward to the times ahead as we enter the fourth quarter of our school year our first week back after Spring Break.

Request for your Input:

Still Time to Respond to the Survey Link

Let's Talk Buses: A Collaborative Community Discussion w/ HCPSS Transportation

Mrs. Ketterer and Dr. Via, in collaboration with PTA leadership and HCPSS Transportation Supervisor Chris Fritz, collaborated with parents and would welcome additional input to integrate into scheduling of bus stops, bus routes, and timing for the next school year. Don't miss this opportunity to share your ideas. Our survey link is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W3JCCF9>

Bushy Park PTA Science Fair News

The PTA Annual Science Fair was a great success this past Tuesday, March 22nd, and all who participated are to be congratulated for a job WELL DONE! The young scientists of Bushy Park Elementary School really exceeded all expectations this year in their enthusiasm for SCIENCE. To recap the level of participation this year, 139 students submitted projects for the Science Fair. There were a few Outstanding Projects from each grade that really stood out. Thank you to all students who participated and their parents for supporting them. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Ruby Bell, Keira Vue, Kindergarten – Liam Friedman, Robin O'Neil, 1st Grade – Maddie Kirkpatrick, Kaitlyn Carr, 2nd Grade – Samadhi Jennakoon, Anvi Patel, 3rd Grade – Brinkley Eyre/Kaileigh Terwilliger, Kennedy Richman, 4th Grade – Caroline Smolen/Molly Schaefer, Riley Oakes, 5th Grade – Isha Rajani.

PARCC Information for Parents/Guardians

The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Assessment is an online assessment that will be given to all third, fourth, and fifth graders in Maryland schools this year. The PARCC test window runs April 21-June 3. Fifth graders will take the PARCC English language arts/literacy units (ELA) for approximately two hours from 9:30-11:30 during their Block 1 classes on April 22, 25, and 27. Fifth graders will take the PARCC Mathematics units for approximately two hours each day from 9:30-11:30 during their Block 1 classes May 2-5. Grade 4 students will take PARCC ELA from 10:30-12:30 May 9-11. Fourth graders will take PARCC Math from 10:30-12:30 May 9-11. Grade 3 students will take PARCC ELA at 9:30-11:30 on May 12, 13, and 16. Third graders will take PARCC Math on May 23, 26, 31 and June 1. On testing days, please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast. It is important for students to arrive on time for school. If at all possible, please do not schedule appointments or trips for your students on the days on which they will be taking PARCC. Parents can find more information about PARCC by going to <http://www.hcpss.org/academics/testing/parcc/>.

Student Artwork On Display!

The following Bushy Park Students will have artwork on display at the Spring Student Exhibition at the Mall in Columbia from April 6th at 10:00am to April 20th at 3:00.

Kindergarten

Helen Kang
Rosalie Norton
Noelle Collins
Maggie King
Hunter Moreau
Abigail Kim
Romaan Jan

First Grade

Charles Wilmeth
Jett Travo
Chloe Huxford
Isabelle Yoon
Kiara Robinson
Jenna Alder
Katie Berne
Marcie Frye
Brooks Alvather
Lily Preston

Second Grade

Vishnu Almlil
Ryan Kobylski
Ernest Louro
Nathan Whatley
Brody Hayden

Third Grade

Corinne Horwath
Emma Hayes
Grayson Cornelius
Grace Rasch
Hannah Sanborn
Melissa Jennings
Joshua Baumwald
Spencer Gonce
Luke Seidlich

Fourth Grade

Michael Richman
Nicole Spratley
Surya Prakash
Chloe Key
Megan Kirkpatrick
Patricia Tran
Anna Shapley
Jack Boetinger
Laurel Kutz

Fifth Grade

Natalie Halpin
Ryan Glassman
Megan Ortwein
Isha Ragani
Jackson Montgomery
Catherine Taylor
Xach Lee-Lacer
Taylor McNerney
Rebecca Mekasha
Makenna Vass
Savannah Smith
Sammy Kersh

We are so proud of all our Bushy Park Artists. Hope everyone can stop by the mall to see all the wonderful artwork by our students as well as the artwork of all the schools represented from Howard County.

Mrs. Guertin & Mr. Van Meter

PTA Spring Book Fair

Bushy Park Spring Book Fair is April 18 - 22. We will be open in the morning at 8:30 until 5:00. We will kick off our Feelin Groovy themed Book Fair with a 70's spirit day on April 18th. Students and teachers can come dressed to school in your grooviest 70's style! We will also have our book - give - away that evening. Also look for the book fair to be open during our much anticipated Ice Cream Social on Thursday April 18th. Please be on the lookout for the Volunteer Spot! we need lots of volunteers to help this week run smoothly. If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please contact Lisa Wierwille Lisalrb8@gmail.com or Teresa Puchalla tapuchalla@me.com.

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.

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!

School Supply Kits for 2016-2017

School supply kits for next year are now available for online purchase. Please go to www.shopttkits.com, choose account number 32543 for Bushy Park, choose the grade(s) kits you wish to purchase, then checkout. Official order forms will be sent home April 4th. Last day for ordering is April 15th. Pick up day will be June 8th, time to be announced. Thank you! Any questions please contact Rebecca at rebeccabollweg@gmail.com.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Spring Into Action! Second Grade Brownie Troop #144 Community Snack Drive

Please join the Second Grade Brownie Troop in their efforts to reach out and make a difference in the lives of the children living at Sarah's Hope emergency family shelter with donations of pre-packaged snacks and juice boxes. The Snack Drive will begin the second week of April and run through Thursday, May 5th. Please drop off your pre-packaged, sealed snacks and juice boxes (i.e. granola bars, crackers, cookies, etc.) into the collection container at school. Thank you for your support and donations!

Columbia Figure Skating Club

The Columbia Figure Skating Club is preparing for their spring performance Cinderella on Ice. Ian Lorello, International Ice Dance Competitor will be performing the role of the Prince. Ian currently teaches locally and works with The Next Ice Age. Julia Choi, a junior at Marriottsridge High School and National Pairs Intermediate Competitor will be performing the role of Cinderella. The show includes over 60 local skaters from Howard County Public and Private Schools. Please join us at one of our shows April 9th or 10th at either 4:00 pm or 6:00 pm. Tickets are available at the Columbia Ice Rink at 5876 Thunder Hill Road, Columbia, MD 21045 or at www.columbiafsc.com for \$12.50 per ticket.

Glenwood Middle School PTSA

The Glenwood Middle School PTSA has some exciting news! For a limited time, the GMS PTSA is offering discounted prices for admission tickets to Hershey Park. Buy your tickets now for **GREAT** savings and the tickets are valid anytime from April 29th - July 31, 2016. Ticket prices are as follows:

Ages 9-54 (ADULT) - \$38.50

Ages 3-8 & 55-69 - \$31.00

Ages 70+ - \$24.00

For more information and to purchase your discount tickets, refer to the attached flyer. All orders and payments must be received by April 6th.

Ranker's Sports Camp

Come out to Reservoir High School for Ranker's Sports Camp July 18-22. The camp is designed for rising 3rd-9th graders and features multiple sports everyday! Flag football, kickball, soccer, basketball, volleyball, team handball and Lithuanian ball are just a few of the sports we will play. Coach Phil Ranker is a physical education teacher at Lime Kiln Middle School and he currently coaches the girls soccer team at Reservoir. He has also coached Lacrosse and Basketball at the High School Level. Visit <http://rankerssportscamp.weebly.com> for more information and to register.

Columbia Association

Calling on students in grades K to 12 to enter the annual Choose Civility Poster and Video Contest.

Posters and videos should be submitted by **Mar. 25** by mail or in person to:

Monica Herber, Columbia Association Art Center, 6100 Foreland Garth, Columbia, MD.

Glen Mar Church

Singers are needed at a Good Friday Worship Service on **Mar. 25**, 7:30 p.m. at Glen Mar United Methodist Church in Ellicott City. Practice starts on Thurs., 7 -7:30 p.m. in Jan. Contact Sophie Hong, Glen Mar's Music Director at 410-465-4995 ext. 209 or sofie.hong@glenmarunc.org

Columbia Association

Artsy Fun Day Spring Break, **Mar. 28-Apr. 1**, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For more information, please call Columbia Art Center at [410-730-0075](tel:410-730-0075) or email art.staff@columbiaassociation.org.

Columbia Association

Visiting Artist Spring Break Extravaganza, **Mar. 28- Apr. 1**, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For more information, please call Columbia Art Center at [410-730-0075](tel:410-730-0075).

Columbia Gym

KidSpace Adventure Days, Grades K-6, **Mar.- 28 -Apr. 1** and **Apr. 26**, Full Day 7 a.m.-6 p.m. \$50 per child, half day 7 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25 per child.

Register online, over the phone 410-531-8984 or in person at the Columbia Gym KidSpace.

GLENELG BOOSTERS SPORTS CAMP 2016

Students will improve their technical and tactical skills in an encouraging, educational, and positive environment.

REGISTER NOW!!

Go to: www.glenelgboosters.com

This year's camps include: **Football, Boy's Lacrosse, Boy's Basketball I & II, Soccer I & II, Girl's Lacrosse, Field Hockey, Volleyball, Softball, Baseball, Cheerleading, & Speed & Agility**

Camps open to current year 5th-8th graders
(2016-2017 6th-9th graders)

For questions, www.sportscamp16@gmail.com

"THE BEST WAY TO
IMPROVE THE TEAM IS
TO IMPROVE
YOURSELF."

John Wooden