



BRADLEY HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Bradley Hills Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! I am excited about the upcoming year at Bradley Hills Elementary School (BHES). I hope that you and your children are having a safe and relaxing summer and are eagerly awaiting the challenges and opportunities of the new school year. We had about 55 BHES students attend in-person summer school this summer. A great big thank you to Mr. Kenneth Sichler for managing the program. If you are new to our school, you will soon learn that BHES is a special place for children to learn and grow. Everyone here at BHES looks forward to working with you and your children.

Ms. EunHee Cho, our assistant principal, and I have spent the summer getting ready for the new school year. We have had the privilege of attending different professional development sessions that have been offered by MCPS. Our secretaries, Ms. Linda Schultz and Mrs. Ruth Donnellan, have been enrolling students daily. Our building service staff members spent the summer preparing for a full in-person return in late August - placing furniture back in rooms that had been removed and stored last year.

For returning families, we hope that you were able to keep your child's chromebook, charger and chromebook case in a safe place for the summer. We will use them in the upcoming school year in a limited way.

On Friday, August 27th, students and families will have the opportunity to visit their new classroom and introduce themselves to their new teacher. The times for the 2021 Sneak-a-Peak are from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. We will have a New Parent Meeting on Wednesday, August 25th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the media center. If you know someone who has a kindergarten aged student and has not yet registered for kindergarten, please encourage them to do so. Our Kindergarten Orientation will be held on Thursday, August 19th from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Remember that our school hours are 9:00 a.m. – 3:25 p.m. Bradley Hills ES recertified in the 2020-2021 school year for a Green School distinction. We post the majority of our information online or send it via email. Our newsletter is posted online on the first school day of each month. Back to School Information is also currently available on the website and will be updated as we receive new information. There are links to the PTA and Foundation websites from the BHES website. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call our office staff. We are excited that the PTA will be working with Flex Academies again this year to offer after-school programming. Look out for more details in the coming weeks or contact Laurel.Keating@gmail.com with questions.

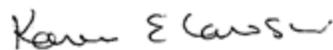
One of the most important jobs we have during the summer is creating and reviewing class lists. As you know, we cannot take teacher requests. Creating these lists is like putting a puzzle together. We review teacher recommendations, parent input, academic achievement, and several

other factors to finally come up with the lists. As I'm sure you can imagine, this takes a lot of time. Many parents have contacted us asking to have their children placed in classrooms with their friends. That is not always possible based on additional information we have that you may not be aware of. Know that our teachers will spend time during the first few weeks of school building their classroom community. And remember, children are more resilient than we give them credit for.

This year, homeroom class information will be available on ParentVue on Monday, August 23. If you are not able to access ParentVue, please contact the school's office so we can send you a parent letter with your activation code. Registration codes for ParentVue can take up to two weeks to generate. If you are a new parent, we may have to wait until the code is generated to provide the letter. We will email a copy of homeroom classes homeroom on Thursday, Aug 27, 2021 at approximately 4:30 p.m. to confirm the homeroom teacher. We register students up to and including the first week of school. As a result, homeroom teacher assignments can change before that time. We respectfully request that you do not ask for a change in teacher. If you have specific concerns about your child, please schedule an appointment with the teacher to discuss your concerns. We have an amazing staff who will do whatever it takes to ensure student needs are met.

We anticipate a wonderful year of working in partnership with you. We encourage all parents to take an active role in our school and to communicate regularly with staff at Bradley Hills. Our Back-to-School Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 2, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. This will provide an opportunity for you to hear what your child will learn about this year. Our school vision is *Great Teaching, Great Learning, Every Child, Every Day* and this is what we will strive to achieve each and every day. With your support, we can make this a reality. Take care, stay safe and see you in about a month!

Sincerely,



Karen E. Caroscio
Principal