



BRADLEY HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

240-204-5210

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April 1, 2021

Principal's Corner



By Karen Caroscio

A majority of our students in kindergarten-third grade returned to school for partial in-person learning on March 15th. All of our teachers and staff members worked diligently to get ready to welcome our students back into the building and ensure that students who attend school virtually are equally engaged. Seeing the happy faces of the children in school and on screen learning and participating made the all work worthwhile.

Thank you to the parents/guardians for ensuring that your students keep their masks on while they are at school. Please continue to remind students why masks need to be worn at all times and why it is important to keep six feet apart from each other, even when they are outside at recess. Also, please remember that the playgrounds are closed as soon as the school day begins. There are times when we have had to wait for others to leave the playground before students come to recess.

Be sure to dress your child for the weather - we will eat outside when we can, even when it is cold or windy. Please be reminded that parents cannot drop off items that children have forgotten to take to school. Students will need to bring all the items needed at school.

We are looking forward to welcoming back our 4th and 5th grade students who are returning to partial in-person school on Thursday, April 8th. Please remember to send all materials to school. These materials include:

- Fully charged MCPS Chromebook with charger (no personal devices)
- Mathematics books
- Reading materials
- School supplies
- Extra mask
- Filled water bottle with straw
- Lunch (if bringing lunch)
- Snack (if needed)

Students will bring all materials home each day just in case a classroom or the school needs to quarantine quickly.

If you have not already, please speak with your child about physical distancing and keeping masks on to ensure we can keep everyone safe.



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Kindergarten students should be dropped off at the back door to their classroom. Car riders will enter through the gymnasium door. Walkers will enter through the playground door closest to the ramp.

Our nurse on site this year is Ms. Michelle Neary. If your child becomes sick with COVID-19 or its symptoms or exposed to someone who has become sick, Ms. Neary will make the decision about when your child can attend school. If you have questions, you can contact her via email at Michelle_B_Neary@mcpsmd.org or via phone at 240 204-5220.

In the spring, we begin the process of creating class lists for next year. We consider various factors into creating these lists. We sent Parent Input forms home in February so parents/guardians would have the opportunity to provide their input and insights. While we are aware that many parents/guardians would like individual meetings to discuss next year, we respectfully request that you use the Parent Input Form to share your thoughts instead, as it is not feasible for us to meet with every parent/guardian. The deadline for the Parent Input Form was **Friday, March 29th**. We do our best to honor the requests we receive but please know that there are many things to consider when creating class lists. We may not be able to accommodate everyone's wishes.

The virtual Variety Show on March 11 showcased many of our talented students. We had individual performers as well as group performers who captured the audience with their singing, dancing, playing various instruments, and other special acts. A huge thank you to the Fallon Zonarich, Jamie Bresnick and Anne Sherman, for putting together a spectacularly fun virtual variety show.

The last Thursday read aloud was held on March 11. Many thanks to Ms. Newman, for her wonderful Thursday read aloud sessions, and to Becky Trent for organizing them.

A HUGE thank you to the BHES Foundation for providing mats for students to use when eating outside and providing new indoor recess bins so students can have individually packaged items to use on rainy days.

Thank you to Jenni Weinstein and Ivey Castleberry for organizing our BHES whales masks sale.

A special shout-out to Kelley Freeman for organizing the welcome back sign at the entrance to BHES.

2021-2022 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



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If you have a child who will begin kindergarten at Bradley Hills ES in the fall of 2021, be sure to complete the online registration for your child.

If you are a parent/guardian new to MCPS, use this link:
https://md-mcps.edupoint.com/PXP2_OEN_Login.aspx

If you are a current MCPS parent/guardian with a ParentVUE account, use this link:
https://md-mcps.edupoint.com/PXP2_Login.aspx

Please help us spread the word to neighbors if you know someone who has a child who will attend kindergarten in the fall!

SPRING VIRTUAL KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION CANCELLED

This year's virtual Kindergarten Orientation for parents has been cancelled by MCPS. A kindergarten parent meeting will be scheduled in the fall prior to the opening of school, and an e-mail will be sent to parents/guardians of incoming kindergarten students.

YEARBOOK SALES THROUGH APRIL 25TH

The 2020-2021 yearbooks are now on sale. You can order the yearbook online **ONLY**. Go to **ybpay.lifetouch.com** and use yearbook code **11372121** to place your order. Yearbooks are \$25.00 each for softcover.

Please remember, yearbooks are only available online. There will **NOT** be any copies for sale after the **April 25, 2021**, deadline. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Campbell, Yearbook Sponsor, at Ashley_C_Campbell@mcpsmd.org.

TESTING UPDATE

MCPS will not be administering the following standardized state assessments this spring: ACCESS for ELLs (annual English language proficiency test) and Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program – English Language Arts/Literacy, Mathematics, Science.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	School Events
April 1 – April 5, 2021	Spring Break – No School for Students
April 2 & 5, 2021	Holiday – Schools and Offices Closed



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April 6, 2021*	Virtual school day for students in Grades 4 & 5
April 8, 2021	Students in Grades 4 & 5 Return to School for Partial In-Person Learning (Begins with Week A Rotation)
April 15, 2021	End of Marking Period 3
April 16, 2021	Professional Day – No School for Students
April 25, 2021	Last Day to Order Yearbooks
April 29, 2020*	Report Card Available in Student and ParentVUE
May 4, 2021	PTA Meeting (Virtual)
May 13, 2021	Professional Day – No School for Students
May 31, 2021	Memorial Day - No School

*Schedule change