



BRADLEY HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

240-204-5210

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May 3, 2021

Principal's Corner



By Karen Caroscio

April was a great month, as we finally had most students in all grade levels back in the school building for partial in-person learning. While the changes in schedules and lunch, recess, and wellness breaks following the Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention and Montgomery County guidelines have been challenging, our students have adapted to those changes and are finding creative ways to engage with each other and have fun. The last marking period started on April 19th, and we want our students to finish the school year focused on learning and social and emotional well-being. Please encourage your student(s) to do their best on bringing this school year to a successful close.

Please make sure your child dresses appropriately for the weather and brings a water bottle to school. Since the water fountains are turned off due to COVID-19 protocols, if students do not bring their own water bottles, it is difficult for them to get a drink of water, especially when they are at lunch/recess/wellness break outside. As the weather gets warmer, we will continue to eat lunch outside as much as possible. Feel free to send a hat for your child to wear outside during lunch/recess.

Many thanks to Veronica Velez-Burgess and Juliet Hoopes for planning a fun wellness week.

Congratulations and a HUGE thank you to Tessa Hicks, Pamela Horn, Colleen Fahey, and Heather Denchfield for all their work with the Green Team on our Maryland Green recertification.

Thank you to Kelley Freeman and Shelby Pike for the welcome back sign for the 4th and 5th grade students who returned to in-person learning in April and organizing the Potomac Pizza fundraiser.

Many thanks to Anna Broome for organizing the staff appreciation lunch in April. Everyone enjoyed the delicious sandwiches and salads from the Big Greek Café!

Don't forget **NEXT WEEK** begins our **BHES Virtual Spring Book Fair!** The Fair will run between **5/10 and 5/23** and will feature free shipping for orders over \$25, with books shipped directly to your home from Scholastic. Best of all, we receive 25% of sales back to spend on new selections for our BHES Media Center.

Mark your calendars for online shopping through <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/bhessbf>, and for storytimes and games by grade:

Tuesday, May 11, 6pm - Kindergarten Storytime zoom



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Thursday, May 13, 6pm - 1st Grade Storytime zoom

Tuesday, May 18, 6pm - 2nd Grade Storytime zoom

Thursday, May 20, 6pm - 3rd - 5th Grades Game time zoom (Kaboot)

We'll also have wish lists for your individual teachers coming soon, should you wish to add to their classroom libraries with the gift of a book.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

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!

For questions about registration for any grade level, please contact Mrs. Donnellan at 240 204-5210 or [Ruth T Donnellan@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Ruth.T.Donnellan@mcpsmd.org).

2021 GAITHERSBURG BOOK FESTIVAL

The 2021 Gaithersburg Book Festival (GBF) will be held virtually, with 30+ author presentations, as well as several writing workshops for adults, teens and children scheduled throughout the month of May. The festival will kick off on Saturday, May 1, and programming will run on both weekdays and weekends through May 28. The Festival offers something new practically every day. The first two weeks of May will focus on programming for adults, with the following two weeks designed for kids. Please visit the [GBF website](#) regularly and subscribe to our e-newsletter for program schedule updates.

The schedule-at-a-glance can be [downloaded here](#). For more details including author bios and overviews of their works, visit the [Festival website](#).



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MCPS is one of the sponsors of the book festival and it would be greatly appreciated if you shared this information about this event with your school community. More information will be released to schools as the event details are finalized.

2021 SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW

MCPS is planning a wide range of summer programs for elementary, middle and high school students. Programs will focus on helping students engage in unfinished learning following this unprecedented school year, with a focus on mathematics, literacy, enrichment/specials, and preparing for the next grade level. Below you will find information about our in-person summer school program and the MCPS Virtual Summer School Program.

[Summer School Registration Community Message- Elementary and Middle School Programs SPANISH](#)

Families can choose to register for one of the programs listed below:

| | In-Person Summer School | Virtual Summer School |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| How to Register? | Registration through your current school of enrollment. HERE | Registration using Parent-VUE Scan the QR code or go to  https://mdmcps.edupoint.com/PXP2_Login.aspx to register |
| When to Register? | Available from Monday, May 3, 2021 - Friday, June 4, 2021 | Available from Monday May 3, 2021 - Friday, June 4, 2021 |
| Start Dates for Summer School: | Tuesday, July 6, 2021 through Friday, July 30 2021 for a total of 19 days. | Tuesday, July 6, 2021 through Friday, July 30, 2021 for a total of 19 days. |



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| Days/Times/Hours for Summer School: | See your child's summer school flyer Here | Monday - Friday 8:30am-12:30pm 4 hours per day |
| Subject Areas | Math English Language Arts Special (elementary school programs) Electives (middle school programs) | Math English Language Arts Special (elementary school programs) Electives (middle school programs) |
| Note | Enrollment Limited by Space | Enrollment is Limited |
| Questions/Concerns | Contact your school. | Visit the MCPS Summer Programs webpage. HERE |

TUTORME FREE SERVICE IS NOW AVAILABLE

TutorMe.com, a new, free student online tutoring and homework help service, is now available in any subject for students in grades 3-12. TutorMe.com is a secure, online resource easily accessible through MCPS student Canvas and StudentVUE accounts and offers on-demand assistance. More information is [available here](#).

2020-2021 MCPS (VIRTUAL) ART SHOW

The 2020-2021 MCPS Annual Art Show has gone LIVE! Please visit the link below to check it out. sites.google.com/mcpsmd.net/mcpsartgallery

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to our 5th graders, **Alexandra Mantelmacher** and **Hannah Eskinazi**, for their entries into the Black Rock Festival of the Arts, art exhibit! Alexandra received the "Most Creative Artwork" award and Hannah received the "Best Drawing" award in the elementary school division.

COVID-19 DASHBOARD

The MCPS COVID-19 dashboard helps the community keep track of key health metrics and positive cases in our school communities. All school notification letters are posted on this webpage: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/coronavirus/dashboard/>. The dashboard will be updated



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to display the cumulative number of positive cases reported for students and staff. These updates will be available in early April.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Date | School Events |
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| May 4, 2021 | PTA Meeting (Virtual) |
| May 13, 2021 | Professional Day – No School for Students |
| May 31, 2021 | Memorial Day - No School |
| June 9, 2021 | 5 th Grade End-of-Year Party (Virtual) – 9:30 a.m. |
| June 10, 2021 | 5 th Grade Promotion (Virtual) |
| June 15, 2021 | 5 th Grade Drive Out |
| June 16, 2021 | Kindergarten-4 th Grade End-of-Year Party (Virtual) - 9:30 a.m. |
| June 16, 2021 | Early Release Day – Last day of School for Students |
| June 17, 2021 | Professional Day for Teachers |