



# BRADLEY HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Principal's Corner



*By Karen Caroscio*

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May was a busy month with a modified Field Day for students in Kindergarten to Grade 2 on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Thankfully, the rain held off, and our students had a blast rotating through games and activities such as Sharks and Minnows, Octopus, Drain Tail Tag, Bean Bag Toss, Thunder Stick/Jump rope, Around the World, Knockout, and Relay Races. Thank you, Mr. Anderson for organizing a fun event for our students and to all the staff members who helped with rotations!

BHES celebrated Wellness Week from April 26 to the 30<sup>th</sup>. The PTA Wellness Newsletter included hyperlinks for activities and resources to help our school community get active, get mindful, get sleep, get cooking, and go on a scavenger hunt! Monday was Get Your Sleep Day, Tuesday was Mindfulness/Mental Health Day - BHES will join the Children's Mental Health Matters Campaign to raise awareness of the importance of children's mental health and offer mental health resources, Wednesday was Screen limit Day /Safe Technology Day and students were encouraged to go on the Bradley Hills Wellness scavenger hunt, Thursday was Nutrition/Eat the Rainbow Day and we had a school-wide evening cooking class on Zoom, and Friday was Fitness Day.

Thank you to Anna Broome, Shelby Pike, Kelley Freeman, the PTA, and all parents who contributed to Staff Appreciation Week in May. The sign in the front of the building greeted the staff members with ----- every morning. Everyone enjoyed the delicious lunches and desserts, and the surprise snack bags were perfect for mid-afternoon energy boost! Your support, thoughtfulness, and generosity have been especially appreciated this year. A heartfelt thank you from all the staff at BHES!

Thank you from the BHES staff to the Denchfield family for the fragrant herbs! Many of us are cooking with them and enjoying the fresh flavors they add to our dishes.

The PTA Virtual Book Fair ran online from May 10 - 23 and offered families a chance to refresh their reading selections, gift books to classroom teachers, and support the PTA's efforts to buy new books for our Media Center. 25% of all purchases were given back to the BHES PTA to buy new books for our school!

The end of each school year brings some staffing changes. Don't miss the Fond Farewells section below for further details about departing staff.



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Please encourage your children to read, write, and work on math facts over the summer so they continue to practice the strategies and skills they learned this year.

Decided to take a break from school this summer? Don't worry! There are several things your child can do to keep their skills sharp and have them experience the content that students will participate in during summer school.

1. Use IXL for ten to fifteen minutes a day to brush up on skills in reading and mathematics.
2. Use Zearn to work through the mathematics content that was omitted this school year and some that will be introduced during summer school. The information in this [link](#) will show what mathematics content was omitted from the curriculum this year, how to sign up for an account, and what content to have your child complete over the summer.
3. Have your child read at least 30 minutes each day. Use the links [here](#) for grades 1-2 and the links [here](#) for grades 3-5 to support your students in reading/writing. The links also provide access to online databases where your child can access text for the work.
4. Have your child write in a journal at least three times a week. They could write about a book they are reading or something they did that day they enjoyed.

A SHOUT OUT to Mrs. Purdham, Mrs. Park, and Mrs. Applewhaite for creating these resources for families.

Have a wonderful summer. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September!

### **MODIFIED FIELD DAY FOR STUDENTS IN GR. 3-5**

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Students in **Week A** will participate in their modified field day on **Friday, June 4th from 1:10 – 3:10 p.m.** Students who are virtual will remain in the virtual classroom with their teachers.

Students in **Week B** will participate in their modified field day on **Monday, June 7th from 1:10 – 3:10 p.m.** Students who are virtual will remain in the virtual classroom with their teachers.

Please be sure to dress your child appropriately and send in a water bottle for them to use.

### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

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Do you have a kindergarten you need to register for kindergarten next year? Registration has begun.



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If you have a ParentVue account, use this link:

[https://md-mcps.edupoint.com/PXP2\\_Login.aspx](https://md-mcps.edupoint.com/PXP2_Login.aspx)

If you have neighbors with children who are entering kindergarten, please share this link with Parents/Guardians who are new to MCPS:

[https://md-mcps.edupoint.com/PXP2\\_OEN\\_Login.aspx](https://md-mcps.edupoint.com/PXP2_OEN_Login.aspx)

Once parents have registered through Synergy, they will need to provide a copy of the child's birth certificate, proof of residency, and complete all of the required forms. This information can be emailed to our register, Mrs. Ruth Donnellan or dropped off at school. Our front office is open from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Children cannot be registered without the required documentation.

The Kindergarten Handbook can be found on the MCPS website at this [link](#). There are multiple languages available.

Feel free to post the kindergarten registration information to community listservs. This will help ensure our numbers accurately reflect who will attend kindergarten in the fall.

**In-person Kindergarten Orientation will be held on Thursday, August 19th from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

### **SAVE THE DATES FOR 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE JUNE EVENTS!**

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Monday June 7th

6pm -8pm – 5th graders will be delivered “Goodie Bags” to their homes

Wednesday June 9th

9:30am – 10:30am - Virtual class party (this is required for each class)

Thursday June 10th

7pm - 5th grade Promotion -virtual webinar

Tuesday June 15th

5pm - Car Parade (same route as last year)

### **TECHNOLOGY TROUBLESHOOTING**

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Virtual learning can be even harder if the technology is not working properly. MCPS created information to help troubleshoot account or hardware issues you may encounter during online learning:

- [Student Accounts and Access - Getting Started](#)
- [Chromebook Troubleshooting](#)
- [ParentVUE Guides and Webinars](#)
- [Accessing myMCPS Classroom \(Canvas\) via mobile](#)

If all else fails, you can always contact the parent tech support phone line staffed 7 am-8 pm Monday through Friday at 240-740-7020. Parents can also email [communitytechsupport@mcpsmd.org](mailto:communitytechsupport@mcpsmd.org).

### FREE TUTORING

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Tutor Me is a 24/7 on-demand tutoring in over [300 subjects](#), from a topic as common as algebra to quantum mechanics. Students can instantly connect with an expert tutor - outside of class, faculty office hours and when other on-campus services are closed. See attached flyer for how to register.

### SUMMER MAILING ONLINE

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Reducing the amount of paper we send home continues to be part of our work as a Maryland Certified Green School. We will put summer information online later in August. When everything has been posted, you will receive an email to let you know where to find the information on the Bradley Hills website. Please make sure to update your email address on the Parent Portal.

### FOND FAREWELL

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As the school year closes, we will be saying farewell to some staff members who will begin new adventures. Please join us in sending well wishes to Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Morstein, and Ms. Rule-Peterson. We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors!

Mrs. Brooks:

*Dear Bradley Hills Friends and Families,*

*It has been an honor to be a part of the Bradley Hills Elementary School Community for the past 22 years. Back in the spring of 1999, I entered the workforce again after 18 years at home taking care of my four children. I instantly felt welcomed by the staff, parents, and most importantly, the students. I have thoroughly*



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*enjoyed watching our students learn and grow and have even seen some return for a visit while in high school and/or college.*

*As some of you may have heard, I made the tough decision to retire on July 1st. I will miss you all so much and will often think of the happy memories we made. I am looking forward to having the time to watch my five grandchildren grow as I turn the page to the next chapter of my life.*

*Thank you for all your support and for allowing me to learn from and with your children.*

*Fondly,*

*Terri Brooks*

Mrs. Foster:

*Hello families! I wanted to let you know some very exciting news that I would like to share for next school year. I will be starting a new adventure at Strawberry Knoll Elementary School. I am very excited, but it is truly bittersweet. It was a true honor to be a teacher at Bradley Hills Elementary School this past year. I really enjoyed working with your child and will remember them always. Thank you for all your hard work and support throughout the year.*

*Have a great summer!*

*Mrs. Foster*

Mrs. Morstein:

*Dear Bradley Hills Community,*

*After having the pleasure of teaching at Bradley Hills for seven years, I have made the decision to transfer to a school closer to my home. I have enjoyed teaching many of your children and watching them grow and prosper. Thank you for always making me feel welcome, and I appreciate all that you have done for me.*

*Warm regards,*

*Jody Morstein*



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Ms. Rule-Peterson:

*Bradley Hills Staff and Community,*

*I want to take a moment to THANK YOU for welcoming me into the Bradley Hills community for one amazing, unique, and crazy school year! When I was transferred to Bradley Hills in August, I had no idea that I would spend the vast majority of my time interacting with all of these brand new faces via Zoom. Yet, parents, staff, and students all welcomed me with open arms! Unfortunately, it looks as though I will be making some personal and professional changes, once again, for the 2021-2022 school year. I wish everyone at Bradley Hills the best and hope to be a part of this wonderful community again in the future.*

*Lisa Rule-Peterson*

### **SCHOLASTIC SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

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This summer students can participate in the Scholastic Summer Reading Program where you are encouraged to read, celebrate your achievements, and help increase access to books for their peers. Use the steps in the letter shared with parents to create a Home Base account, and students will be able to read books and stories; attend weekly author events; interact with their favorite characters; and play book-based games and activities. Students can also keep track of their reading streaks, which are days that they read in a row. Their reading streaks will help to unlock books that will be donated to those in need. Students can also bring in a completed reading certificate with their reading streaks and a report of their reading progress to earn a prize at the start of next school year. Log on and create your student's Home Base account now! Students will have until September 3rd to log their reading streaks!

### **IDENTITY OFFERING ASSISTANCE TO COUNTY RESIDENTS**

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Identity is receiving clients and offering services for:

- Help in applying for the county's Rental Relief Program (up to \$12,000 for qualifying residents who are behind in rent)
- Vaccination information and free COVID-19 testing
- Food and SNAP (food stamps)
- Care for Kids and referrals to Proyecto Salud Clinic and Care For Your Health
- Emergency cash assistance
- Connections to other social services in Montgomery County



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They are able to offer help in English and Spanish. For more information, call Maribel at 301-800-5519 or Rita at 240-306-7626.

### **IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

All students must have up to date immunization records prior to the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

Parents should contact their doctor to make sure their child is properly immunized and submit a copy of the documentation to the Health Room at your child's school as soon as possible, but no later than **Monday, August, 30, 2021** the first day of the 2021-2022 school year.

Immunizations for students new to MCPS and children in Kindergarten through Grade 12, are available Monday through Friday, by appointment, at locations in Rockville and Germantown.

Appointments are available at:

**School Health Services Immunization Clinic at Rocking Horse Road: 4910 Macon Road. Rockville; Phone: 240-740-4430**

**Germantown Health Center: 12900 Middlebrook Rd. Germantown; Phone: 240-777-3380**

[Visit this webpage](#) to view the full list of immunization requirements for students.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>School Events</b>
June 4, 2021	Gr. 3-5 Week A Modified Field Day – 1:10-3:10 p.m.
June 7, 2021	Gr. 3-5 Week B Modified Field Day – 1:10-3:10 p.m.
June 9, 2021	Gr. 5 End-of-Year Class Party (Virtual) – 9:30-10:30 a.m.
June 10, 2021	Fifth Grade Promotion Ceremony (Virtual) – 7:00 p.m.
June 15, 2021	Fifth Grade Car Parade: 5:00 p.m.
June 16, 2021	K-Gr. 4 End-of-Year Class Party (Virtual) – 9:30-10:30 a.m.
June 16, 2021	Last Day of School Early Release Day – 10:30 a.m.