

# Bushy Bear Tales



Bushy Park Elementary School



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Mrs. Molly Ketterer, Principal

November 6, 2015

Dr. Teresa Via, Assistant Principal

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

11/9 – Quarter 1 Report Cards Issued

11/10 – PTA Meeting at 7 PM

11/13 – PTA Movie Night at 6 PM

11/26 & 27 - Schools and Offices Closed - Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

11/16-20 – American Education Week

11/23 & 24 – 3 Hour Early Dismissal/No PreK or RECC

11/25 – No School for Students

### From Mrs. Ketterer:

Report Cards go home on Monday! Please take time to review it with your child, reflect on their achievements, and set goals with them. They have worked hard and this is a perfect time to review, reflect, and look ahead! American Education Week, November 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, is coming soon! We hope to host family members who will visit their child's classroom throughout the week! Come and see what our students are learning -- you will be amazed!

*Remember our Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held in two weeks November 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. Students will have a 3-hour Early Dismissal at 12:47 p.m. both Monday and Tuesday of that week, and will not have school on Wednesday in order to allow teachers to meet with every family during the conference time. Please see the notice below regarding how to access Synergy to schedule the perfect conference time for you with your child's Homeroom or Block 1 Teacher!*

### **Schedule Your Parent-Teacher Conferences Using Synergy beginning Monday, November 9th**

Beginning fall 2015, HCPSS will be using Synergy Conference Management to schedule parent-teacher conferences. Synergy Conference Management provides a simple user interface and easy navigation. Starting at 9:00 AM on November 9, 2015, parents can log into HCPSS Connect to view and select a conference time slot provided by the teacher. Please refer to the directions on page four of this newsletter for setting up your conference/s. Fall conferences will be scheduled for Preschool/Prekindergarten homerooms, Language Arts teachers for grades K – 2, and Block One teachers for grades 3 – 5. Parents can register for conferences online through November 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.

If you have been having trouble getting signed in through HCPSS Connect, please go to the following link: [https://sisparents.hcpss.org/Login\\_Parent\\_PXP.aspx](https://sisparents.hcpss.org/Login_Parent_PXP.aspx). Once there, please use your email as the "User Name" and click on "Forgot Password."

Once you get a new password emailed to you, go back to the link, type your email as your user name and type in the new password. If you are still unable to get into your account, please call our main office. They will verify the email address associated with your account and try to assist in getting your account set up.

### **American Education Week Information**

The week of November 16-20 is American Education Week and is the designated week when parents are invited to visit their child's school and to observe them at work. The National Education Association's theme of Great Public Schools: *A Basic Right and Our Responsibility* continues from last year. Grade level teams at Bushy Park have selected special focus days for your attendance. The purpose of focus days is to reduce the amount of instructional distractions during the week. You are welcome to visit on any day that best meets your schedule, but please notify the teacher if you plan to come on a day other than the focus day. We look forward to you visiting your child's classroom so that you can see them at their daily job of learning.

### **SPECIAL FOCUS DAYS FOR AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK**

Monday,	November 16	Kindergarten, 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade, 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Tuesday,	November 17	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
Wednesday,	November 18	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
Thursday	November 19	(no specific grade)
Friday	November 20	Preschool/PreKindergarten

Extra parking will be available in our bus lanes from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

### **Fall 2015 MAP Reports**

Fall 2015 MAP Student Progress Reports will go home with report cards on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Students in Grades 1-5 recently participated in the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) in mathematics and reading. MAP is given in all elementary and middle schools throughout HCPSS. MAP is an untimed computer-adaptive assessment that measures student growth and achievement over time in reading and mathematics. In a computer-adaptive test, the difficulty of each new question is based on how your child answered the previous question. This means that each student takes his or her own personalized test, which is based on your child's own unique strengths and needs. MAP is norm-referenced, which means that you can see how your child did on MAP in comparison with other students in the same grade across the country. There is no time limit on the MAP tests, but most students take approximately 50 minutes to complete each test. Together with other classroom-based information, MAP data can help teachers make instructional decisions that match the needs of each child. On the back of your child's progress report is a quick reference that provides more details about the information on the report. For more information about MAP, you may visit the HCPSS website at <http://www.hcpss.org/academics/testing/map-information/>.

### **Bushy Bear Hug Winners for October 19<sup>th</sup>:**

Kindergarten	Peter Bytchkov	(Mrs. O'Leary's Class)
1 <sup>st</sup> - Grade	Lily Preston	(Mrs. Bruner's Class)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Kian Derenick	(Mrs. Rehrig's Class)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Mellanie Michael	(Ms. Hewitt's Block 1 Class)
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Annabelle Gannon	(Mrs. Lyter's Block 1 Class)
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Madison Sands	(Mrs. Yakscoe-Markle's Block 1 Class)

### **Bushy Bear Hug Winners for October 25<sup>th</sup>:**

Kindergarten	Cailin Dowd	(Mrs. Groh's Class)
1 <sup>st</sup> - Grade	Liam Dunlop	(Mrs. Lambros' Class)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Anvi Patel	(Mrs. Follmer's Class)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Riya Narasimhan	(Mrs. Pickett's Block 1 Class)
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Caroline Lowe	(Mrs. Castro's Block 1 Class)
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Kayla Brown	(Mrs. Cole's Block 1 Class)

### **Bushy Bear Hug Winners for November 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

Kindergarten	Jacob Brown	<i>(Mrs. Wilson's Class)</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> - Grade	Cheyenne Navalta	<i>(Mrs. Norris' Class)</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Daniela Mendez	<i>(Ms. Keats' Class)</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Ethan Sands	<i>(Mrs. Griffin's Block 1 Class)</i>
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Alex Corbi	<i>(Mrs. Egan's Block 1 Class)</i>
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Gianni Ko	<i>(Mrs. Felipe's Block 1 Class)</i>

### **Best on the Bus Award Winners**

Our wonderful bus drivers are recognizing students for being "Best on the Bus"! These students are exhibiting positive behaviors of respect, responsibility, and readiness. They are sitting flat, facing front, listening to directions, and keeping self to self.

Our recent award recipients are:

*Cade Ahearn, Quinn Ahearn, Duncan Beall, Hunter Daugherty, Kamryn Henson, Samuel Kersh, and Susie Park.*

Congratulations and keep up the great work!

### **FluMist Clinic**

The Howard County Health Department's FluMist Clinic for students has been rescheduled for Monday, December 14, 2015.

### **Illnesses**

Cold and Flu season is upon us. Students who are ill and have a fever should remain at home until the temperature has been normal, without the use of fever reducing medications, for 24 hours. Students with symptoms of acute illness such as vomiting, diarrhea, rashes, and persistent coughs should be observed at home and evaluated by their health care providers when necessary. If your child is diagnosed with a contagious illness (such as strep throat, pink eye, Fifth's disease, etc...), he / she may not return to school until they have been on antibiotics for 24 hours or until cleared by the health care provider. We also request that you please inform the Health Room staff of these diagnoses, so that we may observe for additional cases.

### **Medications**

All medications, even over-the-counter medications, require a complete written order form from the student's physician or health care provider. Parents / guardians are required to have this form completed and must provide the Health Room staff with the appropriate, properly labeled, unopened supply of medication. If medication will need to be administered to your child during the school day, please contact the Health Room staff.

### **Young Authors' Contest**

The State of Maryland International Reading Association Council has announced the beginning of their annual Young Authors' Contest. This annual contest gives students in grades 2-8 a chance to showcase their creativity and talents as young authors. All students in grades 2-5 at Bushy Park are encouraged to participate. Information regarding the contest has been shared with all classroom teachers. Official contest guidelines are included in this edition of the Bushy Bear Tales. Two winners from each participating grade will be selected from BPES to represent our school in the countywide contest. Winners of the countywide contest will compete at the state level. Bushy Park has been well represented in the past. We have even had a statewide winner!!!! Thank you in advance for your support and encouragement at home. Entries are due to classroom teachers no later than Wednesday, December 16, 2015. Should you have questions regarding the contest, please contact Mrs. Pestka at 410-313-5500. Happy writing!

# HCPSS Connect

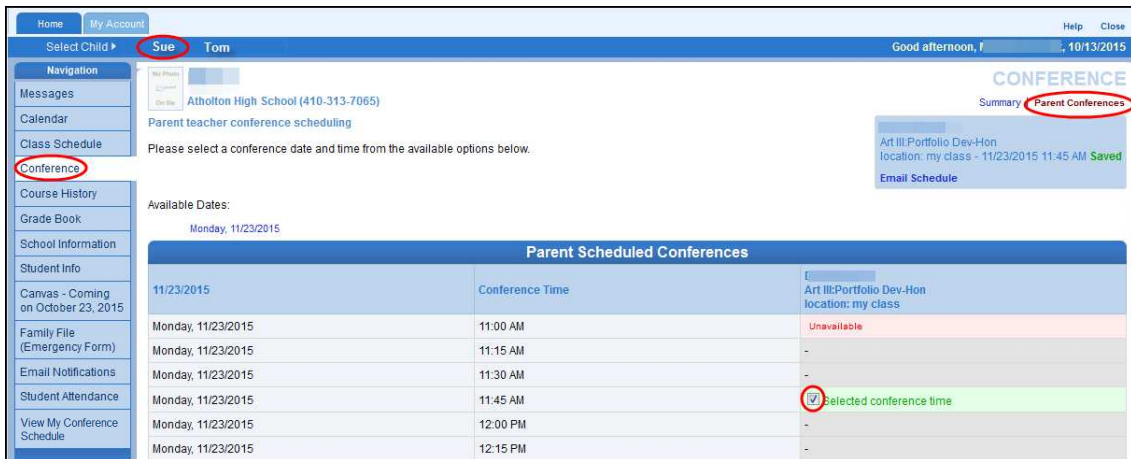
## Parent Conference Registration

Howard County Public School System Office of Accountability Document: SYN073 Revision Date: 10/16/2015

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### Register for a Conference

1. Log into HCPSS Connect.
2. In the Navigation Panel, select **Conference**. The Conference Summary page will display showing any conference history.
3. Click the **Parent Conferences** link in the top right corner to schedule conferences.



11/23/2015	Conference Time	Art III:Portfolio Dev-Hon location: my class
Monday, 11/23/2015	11:00 AM	Unavailable
Monday, 11/23/2015	11:15 AM	-
Monday, 11/23/2015	11:30 AM	-
Monday, 11/23/2015	11:45 AM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Selected conference time
Monday, 11/23/2015	12:00 PM	-
Monday, 11/23/2015	12:15 PM	-

4. Select a time option for each class listed. The conference will be saved automatically. Once you select a time option, all other time options for that class will become unavailable.
5. To select a different time option, clear the first checkbox and select a new option.
6. If you have more than one child, select the next child in the banner across the top.

 **NOTE:** Keep in mind the conference times you selected for your first child when selecting conference times for any additional children.

### Change Conference Times

1. In the Navigation Panel, select **Conference**. The Conference Summary page will display showing any conference history.
2. Click the **Parent Conferences** link in the top right corner to schedule conferences.
3. To select a different time option, clear the first checkbox and select a new option.

### View Conference Schedule

1. In the Navigation Panel, select **View My Conference Schedule** at the bottom of the list.
2. Click the **View My Conference Schedule** link. A page displays listing all of the conference for your child.
3. Select another child and repeat if necessary.





## YOUNG AUTHORS CONTEST SoMIRAC 2015-2016 COVER SHEET

**Please print clearly- information will be used for publication and certificates**

<b>Student/Author's Name:</b>	Student's full name <i>(as it should appear in the publication)</i>
<b>Student/Author's Home Address:</b>	<i>(street, city, state, zip)</i>
<b>Student/Author's Home Phone:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>School Name/ Address:</b> <i>(Full Address with zip code)</i>	<b>Bushy Park Elementary School 14601 Carrs Mill Rd. Glenwood, MD 21738</b>
<b>Grade:</b>	<b>Grade:</b>
<b>Teacher:</b> First/Last Name	<b>Mr., Mrs., Ms</b> <i>(circle one)</i>
<b>Teacher Email:</b> <b>** Must be included</b>	
<b>Local Reading Council:</b>	<b>Howard County Reading Council</b>
<b>Title of Entry:</b>	<b>Title:</b>  <i>Circle one:</i> <b>POEM</b> <b>SHORT STORY</b>

### Permission for Publication

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give permission for SoMIRAC  
Print first and last name

representatives to reproduce my child's work in an anthology of writing, in the event he/she becomes a State Winner.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES 2-8**  
**2015-2016 YOUNG AUTHORS' CONTEST GUIDELINES**

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Students in **Grades 2 through 8** are eligible to enter a previously unsubmitted short story and/or poem written within the 2015-2016 school year. Each entry may have only one author and only one entry per author may be submitted for each category.

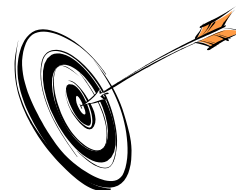
**CONTEST GUIDELINES:**



1. Entries must be the student's **original work**. Peers or adults may provide editing assistance (spelling, punctuation, etc.), but revisions should be student-generated and the final product must be the student's own work.
  - All entries must be submitted in a **word processing file** with no less than **12 point** font using either **Times New Roman or Comic Sans** font.
  - Each short story entry may range from a minimum of two (2) paragraphs to no more than three (3) typed pages (300-800 words for elementary submissions).
  - Each poem entry will consist of a single poem of any style (25-150 words for elementary submissions).
2. Entries must **not** include graphics.
3. All entries must include a **completed "Cover Sheet"** signed by the student author and sponsoring teacher.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:**

1. Entry meets all of the above guidelines.
2. Story reflects creativity and appropriate use of language and short story structure.
3. Poem reflects creative and appropriate use of language and imagery.
4. Entries of a violent nature will be deemed inappropriate.
5. Any violation(s) of these guidelines or criteria will disqualify the entry. The decisions of the state judges panel are final.



**DEADLINE:**

Entries must be received by your local reading council Young Authors Program Chairperson (Mrs. Pestka) by **Wednesday, December 16, 2015**.

**WINNERS:**

Each local State of Maryland International Reading Association Council will select **one short story and one poem per grade level** to submit to the state contest. The State Young Authors Program Committee will then select a first and second place winner per category at each grade level. All winning entries will be published in an anthology and each student author and his/her teacher will receive a copy. A reception honoring all Young Authors first and second place state winners, their parents, families, teachers, chairpersons and judges will be held at the SoMIRAC Conference, on **April 6-8, 2016** at the Hunt Valley Marriott in Hunt Valley, MD.



State Of Maryland International  
Reading Association Council

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## **Chapelgate Presbyterian Church**

Daddy Daughter Dance, Sat. **Nov. 7**, 7-9 p.m., 2600 Marriottsville Road, Marriottsville, MD.

[www.chapelgate.org/dddance](http://www.chapelgate.org/dddance)

## **Bethany United Methodist Church**

Choirs from five churches will join forces at a Benefit Concert on Sun., **Nov. 8**, 3 p.m. at Bethany United Methodist Church, 2875 Bethany Lane in Ellicott City. The event will benefit the American Cancer Society.

Choirs from Bethany, Glen Mar, Glenelg, Linden-Linthicum and Mt. Zion United Methodist Churches will participate. The Columbia Brass Quintet will perform. The public is invited.

There will be no charge, but a free-will offering will be taken. For more information, call 410-531-2324 or 410-796-0290.

## **Sundays At Three**

Chamber Music Series will present internationally acclaimed pianist Brian Ganz, one of Columbia's favorite sons, and Wilde Lake High School's first music prodigy, in an all-Chopin program, Sun., **Nov. 8**, 3 p.m., Christ Episcopal Church, 6800 Oakland Mills Rd, Columbia. Adults \$15. Age 17 and under admitted free with an adult.

[www.SundaysAtThree.org](http://www.SundaysAtThree.org) or 443-288-3179.

## **Centennial Boosters**

5K Fun Run/Walk and 1K Kids Run, Sun., **Nov. 15**, at 9 a.m., at Centennial High School. All proceeds will benefit the Centennial Boosters which funds CHS team sports, clubs and student organizations. Register at

[www.centennialboostersonline.com](http://www.centennialboostersonline.com) Jackie Crispell at [jcrispell@verizon.net](mailto:jcrispell@verizon.net)

## **Howard County Police Department**

Collision Avoidance Training classes beginning, **Nov. 21, and Dec. 12.**

The C.A.T. program is an advance defensive driving and vehicle control program for licensed teenage driver's ages 16-20 years old. The one-day program (8.5 hours) is designed to provide young drivers with the knowledge and understanding of vehicle dynamics. The course and classroom are instructed by Police Officers. The cost to each student is \$ 95.00. Any questions or inquiries may be directed to: Ms. Jessica Beram- C.A.T. Coordinator

[JBeram@howardcounty.gov](mailto:JBeram@howardcounty.gov), Howard County Police Department Special Operations Bureau  
410-313-3700 / 410-313-3758.

## **Howard County Government**

Teen Opportunities Fair, Sat., **Nov. 21**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Ellicott Mills School, 4445 Montgomery Rd, Ellicott, MD. This FREE event showcases leadership, volunteer and recreational opportunities for 11-17 year olds. For more information, or to become an exhibitor, please contact Holly Harden at [harden@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:harden@howardcountymd.gov) or 410-313-4625.

## **Oakland Mills Community Association**

Jazz in the Mills is proud to present the Holiday Extravaganza featuring Lori Williams on Sun., **Dec. 6**, 5-8 p.m. at The Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, MD. "Light fare" will be included. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$25 at The Other Barn or

online at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1316398](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1316398) or call 301-596-5128 or 410-730-4610;  
[manager@oaklandmills.org](mailto:manager@oaklandmills.org).

## **Howard Community College**

Advanced Driving Skills, Sat. **Dec. 12**, 12:30-4 p.m.

Designed for newly licensed and seasoned drivers and offered in partnership with DriveTeam. Learn a variety of skid avoidance and recovery skills using state of the art equipment (Skid-Vehicle). Offered at HCC (Main Campus, Lot F). For more information go to [howardcc.edu/ConEd](http://howardcc.edu/ConEd) or call Loretta Farb at 443-518-4971.

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## Glenwood Branch of Howard County Library

### **READING THROUGH THE DECADES BOOK CLUB**

*Celebrate our 75th anniversary with award-winning books and related activities from each decade of HCLS' history. Decade inspired attire optional.*

Ages 6-8 (adults welcome.)

45 - 60 minutes.

Thursday, Nov. 12, **2000s & 2010s**, 4:30 pm.

### **MEET MOLLY**

*Celebrate the 1940s with American Girl Molly McIntire. Games, music and crafts illustrate what life was like during WWII. All dolls welcome.*

Ages 6 & up.

60 minutes.

Monday, Nov. 2, 4:30 or 7:00

### **LOOK UP IN THE SKY - IT'S A METEOR SHOWER!**

*Learn about the Leonid Meteor Shower phenomenon, with Dr. Goodman of the Howard Astronomical League -- begins indoors, but followed by outside observation (weather permitting.)*

Families.

90 minutes.

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 7:00 pm.

### **JUST FOR ME**

*Ready for an independent class.*

Ages 3-5.

30 minutes.

Tuesdays, Nov. 3 - 17, 10:30 am.

### **TURKEYS AND TRIMMINGS**

*Thanksgiving stories, activities and a holiday craft.*

Ages 2-5 with adult.

Tuesday, Nov. 24, 10:30 am.

### **SLOPPY SATURDAYS**

*Seasonally themed crafts.*

Ages 5-10.

20 minutes.

Saturday, Nov. 21, 3:00 pm.

### **INSPIRING ILLUSTRATORS**

*Learn how pictures tell and enhance stories, by reading and discussing the works of selected illustrators. Apply form, color, texture, and imagination to create an art project.*

Ages 6 & up.

45 - 60 minutes.

Monday, Nov. 9, 4:30.