



Bushy Bear Tales

Bushy Park Elementary School



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Mr. Edward Cosentino, Principal May 22, 2015 Dr. Teresa Via, Assistant Principal

Upcoming Dates to Remember

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| 5/25 – Schools & Offices Closed/Memorial Day | 6/1 – 5 th Grade Simulated Congressional Hearings |
| 5/27 – Chorus Concert 7 PM | 6/4 – Strings Concert 7 PM at BPES |
| 5/29 – Chorus Sings at Frederick Keys Game 7 PM | 6/9 – Band Concert 7 PM at GHS |

A MESSAGE FROM MR. COSENTINO AND DR. VIA

Field Day Was A Tremendous Success!

Our students had a beautiful day to enjoy all of the fun Field Day events and our guest speaker, Dr. Recess! Be sure to ask your child/children what they enjoyed most about their active day. A big “thank you” to Mr. Cruz and Mr. Rosenthal for all the planning they did and to all of our wonderful parent volunteers and staff for assisting in today’s events. We couldn’t have done it without you!

Discovering the GIFTS of Every Child - An Evening of Excellent Thinking

Join us for the annual Bushy Park Gifted and Talented Enrichment Fair on Thursday, June 11th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Students who participated in G/T Mathematics and/or G/T Curriculum Extension Units will be anxiously waiting to share their learning experiences and all they need is an audience. Please join us for a celebration of creative thinking. See you at the fair!

The Last Day of School

The Maryland State Board of Education has approved the HCPSS 2014–2015 Calendar Waiver request to waive one instructional day that was lost due to inclement weather. The last student day will now be on Friday, June 19, 2015. All schools will be open for a full day on Wednesday, June 17. All schools will close two hours early for students on Thursday, June 18, and will close three hours early for students on Friday, June 19.

Green Notes and Early Dismissals

The Front Office is getting multiple phone calls daily from parents requesting green notes be written for their child/children. These calls are causing many disruptions to the secretarial staff, the teachers, and the student instruction time. These notes are the responsibility of the parent/guardian and should be sent in with children in the mornings. As stated in the student agenda books, phone calls to change a child's dismissal procedure should only occur if there is an emergency.

In addition, parent/guardians are also calling ahead from home/cars to request their child/children be called down to the office to be waiting for them when they arrive for an early dismissal. This causes students to miss important instruction time. Secretaries will only call students for an early dismissal once the parent/guardian has arrived and signed the student/s out.

COMMUNITY NEWS *These events are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System.*

Howard County Recreation & Parks Preschool

The Bushy Park Early Learning Center is currently enrolling children for the Fall program which starts August 31, 2015 and ends May 2016. We offer opportunities for your preschool age child to grow socially, academically and emotionally, while enhancing the skills necessary for a successful transition to Kindergarten. Early Learning Center is a participant of the Healthy Howard program and the Maryland EXCELS program. Our combined 3 and 4 year program is held in the Activity Room inside Bushy Park Elementary with Director Teresa Ryan. All school closings during the year will coincide with the Howard County School schedule. Mon. & Wed. is a half day program from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for the 3 year old. Mon., Wed. & Fri. is a full day program from 9:30 a.m.-3p.m. for the 4 year old. For further information contact Shavon, Program Supervisor at 410-313-4633.

Columbia Association

Painting Exploration and Design with Manique Buckmon begins with the basics for ages 6-9, Tues., May 26-June 16, 5:30-7 p.m. Painting by Design with Kate Cavanaugh explores composition and color theory for students ages 10 and up begins Mon., June 1-22, 5:45-7:15 p.m. To register, please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075 or email art.staff@columbiaassociation.org.

STEMulating Minds

HoCoSTEMFestival! Activities, demonstrations, discussions, giveaways, and more guarantee fun that's FREE for the entire family!!! Date and time of event: June 7, 1-5 p.m., Howard Community College, STE Building
Contact Information: Melvin@stemulatingminds.com Visit our website www.STEMulatingMinds.com

Columbia Association

Mixed Media Mania with Korey Rosenbaum ages 5-10, Sun., June 7-28, 1-2:30 p.m. To register, please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075 or email artstaff@columbiaassociation.org

Columbia Association

Free Mosaic Mural, join celebrated artist Susan Stockman and your fellow community create a collaborative mosaic. Sat., June 13, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., call 410-313-2787.

Benjamin Banneker Historical Park

Colonial market fair, Sat-Sun., June 13-14, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., Benjamin Banneker Historical Park, 300 Oella Avenue, Catonsville, MD., A \$5.00 donation for parking is requested.

Columbia Association

Schools Out Botanical Printmaking, June 17; Dimensional Explorations, June 18. To register, please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075 or email art.staff@columbiaassociation.org

Howard Community College

Kids on Campus, now celebrating its 29th summer, enroll your child (ages 7-17) in Howard Community College's Kids on Campus courses. Over 250 enrichment classes being offered June 22-August 14, in the morning and afternoon, with supervised lunch, before and after care. For more information, go to www.howardcc.edu/kidsoncampus or contact Sara Baum at 443 518-4976 or Elizabeth Watson 443 518-4102.

Soccer Association of Columbia

Now registering players for SAC Training Academy Summer Camps scheduled throughout the summer. Players of all abilities, ages 5 to 14 years old, take part in SAC's professionally run summer camp. Both full and half days sessions are offered. SAC also offers extended care from 4-6 p.m., for an additional fee. Go to www.sackick.com For more information, contact ask@sac-hc.org

Soccer Association of Columbia

Now registering players for the Fall 2015/Spring 2016 season for the Clinic and Recreation programs. The leagues are open to players from ages 4 to 19. Teams meet for eight weeks each season for practices and weekend games. Register before July 15 to receive an early registration discount. Go to www.sackick.com to register. For more information, contact asksac@sac-hc.org.