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# BRADLEY HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

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*Giving a Voice to Tomorrow's Leaders*

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## Principal's Corner

*By Sandra S. Reece*

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Last week marked the beginning of the second semester. It is hard for me to believe that we are halfway through the school year!

We are feeling more at home each day. The hectic pace of the move is over, and, for the most part, both staff and students are acclimated to our new surroundings. Students in Kindergarten through Grade 2 have finished up the second round of Primary Assessments and MAP-P. Second language learners are busy with the new state ESOL assessment, ACCESS.

You may be wondering when the MSA is scheduled. The dates are March 12-27. Please, please, please do not schedule any trips or doctor's appointments in the mornings during that window if you have students in Grades 3-5. If doctor's appointments are unavoidable, please check with your child's teacher to find out the exact dates for testing based on grade level.

No snow of consequence this winter yet, but Old Man Winter may still impact our schedule. Please be sure to check radio, television, or Internet, if we have snow or ice. You can never tell when we might have a delayed opening or early dismissal.

Many students in Grade 5 have petitioned for permission to bring electronics from home for use during instruction and during bus rides on extended field trips. All students in Grade 5 will be bringing home a waiver form with outlined expectations for student use. Currently, these opportunities are reserved solely for Grade 5 students.

Thanks to all the parents that helped make Bingo Night such a success. Another thanks for those who put together our first silent auction. I can only imagine how much time was spent organizing these activities. We couldn't do it without you. You're awesome!

Construction on our addition isn't scheduled to begin until April 1. Right now, MCPS is busy filing building permits. I have great news, however. The Media Center will be enlarged and updated as part of the project! Many thanks to the families that rallied time and time again for this consideration. It worked!!

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## PTA Corner

*By Meredith Switkes*

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Here we are, into February already! Where does the time go? I think we made it through the move to Radnor really well. The kids were very excited and are enjoying their new "home". I wanted to send a huge Thank You to all of the staff for making the transition so easy for the children!

I hope everyone enjoyed Bingo Night – it was a huge success. Thank you to Jennifer Gaum and Christine Del Toro for making it a fun evening for the families at BHES. Also, what an amazing Silent Auction. First, thank you to all the families that donated to the auction. We made a nice amount of money for the PTA and our children. Kudos to Amy Elliott and Kristin Alexander for spearheading and organizing the auction. It was a huge success.

Our next big event isn't until April, but I'm sure everyone got their form to fill out for the Variety Show. Get your acts ready for the big auditions that will take place in March! You'll be hearing much more about the show

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from our committee chairs, Lisa Mandell and Mercedita Roxas-Murray. If you would like to help out with the show, please email Lisa at [lmandell2@yahoo.com](mailto:lmandell2@yahoo.com).

Again, thank you all for all your support of the PTA! The staff and children really do appreciate it! Have a great February and a Happy Valentine's Day!

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## **Yearbooks On Sale Through March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Forms for placing an order for the 2011-2012 Bradley Hills yearbook will be sent home next week. Yearbooks are all color and feature every student and all staff in the school. The front and back covers are student designed, as well as some of the pages. Copies are still only \$20. Please complete the form and return it to Ms. Anthony in the Main Office with your payment – cash or check made payable to BHES. Yearbooks will be on sale through March 29, 2012. Don't delay – order your copy today!

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## **Calendar of Events – February, March, and April 2012**

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| February 7          | 10:45 a.m. – Open House for Prospective Families (Media Center)<br>7:00 p.m. – PTA Meeting (Media Center) |
| February 9          | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Grade 5 Parent Meeting   |
| February 14         | Jump Rope for Heart<br>1:45 p.m. – Valentine's Parties  |
| February 17         | Birthday Bash   |
| February 20         | HOLIDAY – President's Day – No School for Students and Teachers   |
| February 24         | African American History Museum   |
| March 2             | Early Release – 12:35 p.m.  |
| March 6             | 10:45 a.m. – Open House for Prospective Families (Media Center)<br>7:00 p.m. – PTA Meeting (Media Center) |
| March 12-27         | Grades 3, 4, and 5 – MSA Testing  |
| March 26-29         | Ocean Week  |
| March 30            | No School for Students – Professional Day for Teachers  |
| April 2-5           | Spring Break – No School for Students and Teachers  |
| April 6 and April 9 | HOLIDAY – Easter – No School for Students and Teachers  |
| April 10            | 7:00 p.m. – PTA Meeting (Media Center)  |
| April 12            | Report Cards Distributed  |
| April 13            | Spring Individual Pictures  |