



## Principal's Corner

*By Sandra S. Reece*

The grounds are looking fabulous due to our recent Bradley Beautiful outdoor workday. The other Whitman cluster principals visited Bradley Hills today and several remarked how nicely manicured the flower beds are. I appreciate the on-going efforts of parents in keeping our grounds in great shape.

Temperatures are reminding us that fall is really here. Believe it or not, the first marking period is almost over, signaling the completion of one quarter of the school year. Soon we'll celebrate the end of October with our Halloween Parade and Parties (October 30 at 1:45 p.m.). Join us for the fun!

Remember that **November 2** is a no school day for students. Teachers will be busy completing report cards and preparing for upcoming parent conferences. They are anxious to share your children's progress and work together to set goals for the upcoming marking period. Conference time is also a great opportunity for parents to reflect with children on what has worked for the first nine weeks of school and what goals they have for the next marking period.

*Don't forget to set your clocks back on November 1st.*



## Halloween

It is hard to believe that Halloween will soon be here. As is the Bradley Hills tradition, there will be a parade beginning at 1:45 p.m. on October 30. Weather permitting, we will exit the rear door and walk around the soccer field. Class parties will follow. Students should bring, not wear, costumes to school. If make-up is required, parents should speak to individual teachers to make arrangements. Any accessories resembling weapons should remain at home.



## PTA Corner

*By Cathy Scherr*

Thank you to all the parents and students who participated in Bradley Beautiful this past Saturday. The school grounds look amazing. **Jennifer Ferrara** and **Amy Reyer** did a great job organizing the event, soliciting donations, and motivating people to come. I would also like to thank **Lisa Davison** and **Eve Mills** for organizing another great parent coffee for the BHES Open House.

I am delighted to announce that due to the incredible generosity of so many BHES families we have exceeded our Annual Campaign goal by over \$2,000. Thank you so much for all of your contributions. Your contributions will support, subsidize, and enrich your child's day-to-day activities and experiences at Bradley Hills throughout this school year. I especially want to thank **Claudia Ades**, the Annual Campaign and Membership chair, for all of her amazing work to ensure that the Annual Campaign and Membership drive was successful. I also want to thank **Nina Nathani** for entering a barrage of data that helped us track information about membership and the Annual Campaign.

Our **Innisbrook** fundraiser is still under way. Because of the speed of the Internet, **Beth D'Arcy** has informed me that Innisbrook can continue to take orders until Monday, October 26, for delivery on November 5, 2009. Last year, the school received over \$10,000 from this fundraiser, and Beth is determined to do it again. Please keep those orders coming to school. If you have already sent in your forms, you can continue to sell by adding the information on-line and sending in a supplemental check.

On October 28, 2009, MCPS will issue its recommendations regarding whether the BHES addition should be funded. We are extremely hopeful that the recommendation will be favorable. We will discuss the recommendation at the PTA meeting on

Tuesday, November 3, at 7:00 p.m. On November 11 or 12, **Scott Jofthus**, the PTA Advocacy Chair, will testify before the Board of Education in an effort to secure funding for the BHES addition. Millions of dollars are at stake. We **REALLY NEED** to show **PARENT SUPPORT**. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend. The actual date will be announced soon.

**School Visitor Procedures**

Due to updated MCPS regulations designed to improve safety and security in schools, some modifications have been implemented to our school visitor policies. When you sign-in in the office, please indicate your purpose as well as your destination. Of course, please remember to sign out as we need to account for all visitors in case of an emergency. In addition, please refrain from entering hallways until after dismissal. Teachers are not available for impromptu conferences as they need to monitor students leaving the classrooms. We have large numbers of students exiting the building, and we need to keep the hallways clear. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Flu Clinic Update**

**The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has no plans to administer the H1N1 (swine) flu vaccine to MCPS students during the school day.** DHHS has identified county clinics where the free H1N1 flu vaccine will be offered after school hours to MCPS students, private school students, and healthy children ages 2 to 18.

Clinics will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, October 28, Wednesday, November 4, Wednesday, November 11, and Wednesday, November 18, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at these locations:

- Northwood High School, 919 University Blvd., West, Silver Spring, MD 20901
- Northwest High School, 13501 Richter Farm Rd., Germantown, MD 20874
- Rockville High School, 2100 Baltimore Rd, Rockville, MD 20851

H1N1 vaccine will also be offered for students at the School Health Services Center, MCPS Rocking Horse

Road Center, 4910 Macon Rd, Rockville, MD 20852 starting on Thursday, October 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Please review the enclosed letter from the DHHS for more information.

<b>LOOKING AHEAD</b>	
<b>OCT. 16</b>	<b>MSTA CONVENTION - NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>OCT. 23</b>	<b>2:00 PM - BIRTHDAY BASH (APR) "WEAR RED DAY"</b>
<b>OCT. 26</b>	<b>"MAKING UNHEALTHY LIFE DECISIONS IS BACKWARDS DAY" (WEAR YOUR CLOTHES BACKWARDS) 7:30 PM - COMMUNITY GARDEN MEETING (APR)</b>
<b>OCT. 27</b>	<b>"LET'S TEAM-UP AGAINST MAKING UNHEALTHY DECISIONS DAY" (WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM APPAREL)</b>
<b>OCT. 28</b>	<b>"HATS OFF TO LIVING A HEALTHY LIFE DAY" (WEAR YOUR CRAZIEST HAT)</b>
<b>OCT. 29</b>	<b>"LET'S SOCK IT TO MAKING UNHEALTHY LIFE DECISIONS DAY" (WEAR YOUR SILLIEST PAIR OF SOCKS)</b>
<b>OCT. 29</b>	<b>5:00 - 10:00 PM - FIVE GUYS' RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER FOR BHES</b>
<b>OCT. 30</b>	<b>1:45 PM - HALLOWEEN PARADE 2:15 PM - HALLOWEEN PARTIES</b>
<b>NOV. 3</b>	<b>7:00 PM- PTA MEETING (MEDIA CENTER)</b>
<b>NOV. 2</b>	<b>PROFESSIONAL DAY FOR TEACHERS - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>
<b>NOV. 10</b>	<b>PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY</b>
<b>NOV. 11</b>	<b>12:35 PM - EARLY RELEASE, PARENT CONFERENCES</b>
<b>NOV. 12</b>	<b>12:35 PM - EARLY RELEASE, PARENT CONFERENCES</b>
<b>NOV. 13</b>	<b>5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FIELD TRIP TO MT. VERNON</b>