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| |  | | --- | | **Winter Concert is December 14**  Mrs. Phelps, Mrs. Beauchamp, and Mrs. Cherry have been working very hard with our 4th and 5th grade chorus, 4th and 5th grade band, and 4th and 5th grade strings students to prepare for their winter concert!  Students will be performing for their peers during the school day on Thursday, December 14.  Parents, families, and other guests are invited to attend the evening performances.  Due to space limitations in the cafeteria, we are not able to accommodate parents and guardians during the school day performance.  **Recess Reminders**  As the cold weather seems to have arrived, we would like to remind families of the HCPSS procedures with regard to recess during the winter months.  Please be sure to send your student to school with a coat, hat and gloves each day. Per HCPSS policy, students will be outside for recess when the temperature combined with the wind chill is not less than 20 degrees Fahrenheit. If the temperature combined with the wind chill is below 20 degrees, students will have indoor recess.  **Calendar Reminders**  December 14 - Winter Concert  December 22 - Spirit Day: Pajama Day  December 25-January 1 - Winter Break; Schools & Offices Closed  January 2 - School resumes  January 5 - Bushy Boutique  January 8 - Winter MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Assessment window opens  Julia K. Bialeski (She/Her/Hers)  Principal  Bushy Park Elementary School  [bpes.hcpss.org](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/_cx8Xq5soOFXAE6WC7kVkQ~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRnWw6iP0QWaHR0cDovL2JwZXMuaGNwc3Mub3JnL1cHc2Nob29sbUIKZXMi23llJfRFEFIVZGVuaXNlMjAwNzdAZ21haWwuY29tWAQAAAAB)  410-313-5500  **PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS:**  **Winter Coat Drive**  Running Brook Elementary has reached out asking if our families can assist thier families this year. They are asking for donations of joggers, sweatpants/shirts, and coats. We will be collecting until January. We are happy to partner and assist RBES. Please look for an additional box to drop your new items in.  We will continue to collect through Dec 22nd for our drive to assist Human Services of Carroll County. Please donate new coats, sweat outfits, and various toiletries- all sizes, new with tags.  Please refer to the flyer for more detailed information [https://www.bushyparkpta.org/](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/cLTzSYwfxBnmxTCUJI10ag~~/AAAAAQA~~~)  **Upcoming Events: Look for information coming out soon and volunteer opportunities.**  Bingo Friday January 12th, 2024 Tony Locos Restaurant Night January 16th International Night TBD Sweetheart Dance February 2, 2024.  **PTA Meeting**  Next Virtual Meeting will be Wednesday, January 10, 7:30pm.  **PTA wishes everyone a great winter break and a happy healthy 2024!** | |

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