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Dear Bradley Beach Elementary School Community,

Hopefully your summer is off to a great start. We have great news here at the school. On June 20th, the Bradley Beach Board of Education voted to approve to have a chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. This is a great opportunity, not only for qualified students, but for the entire community. The NJHS is built on a pillar system that includes:

- **Scholarship**
Per national guidelines, at a minimum, students must have a cumulative GPA of 85, B, 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent standard of excellence. (Each school chapter is allowed to require a higher cumulative GPA.)
- **Service**
This involves voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation.
- **Leadership**
Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, and idea contributors. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.
- **Character**
The student of good character is cooperative; demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability; shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others; and generally maintains a clean disciplinary record.
- **Citizenship**
The student who demonstrates citizenship understands the importance of civic engagement; has a high regard for freedom and justice; respects the U.S. form of government; respects the law for all citizens at the local, state, and federal levels; and demonstrates mature participation and responsibility in activities such as scouting, community organizations, or school clubs.

Students who meet the scholarship requirement will have an opportunity to complete a form detailing their accomplishments in and commitment to service, leadership, character, and citizenship. (<https://www.njhs.us/parents/student-membership/how-to-become-a-member>).

Enclosed are the service logs. Please take this time to start completing service hours. It's never too early to start. An example of volunteer hours may include: helping with community events, helping teachers labeling their libraries, peer mentoring/ tutoring during extended school year, and/or tending to the community garden. Additional logs will be available online. The 6th and 7th grade students were given information on this prior to the end of the school year. The volunteer faculty council members for our NJHS include: Ms. Jeanne Acerra, Ms. Morgan Maclearie, Ms. Donna Hamernick, Mrs. Traci Rankel, and Mrs. Kirsty Sucato. They will be creating and voting on our chapter's bylaws and will be sharing them in the near future. Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Antonucci at 732-775-4413 or bantonucci@bbesnj.org. We are looking forward to this wonderful new opportunity and the positive impact it will have.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bridget Antonucci

