

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2009– FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2009
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DISTRICT NEWS

Public Invited to Comment on National Core Standards:

National standards for language arts literacy and mathematics have been drafted, and the New Jersey Department of Education is inviting members of the public to comment on the proposal.

The “Common Core Standards” were released by the National Governor’s Association and the Council of Chief State School Administrators. They represent the work of K-12

and post-secondary educators throughout the country.

After final standards are approved, each state would need to adopt the standards individually. The draft standards are available at www.corestandards.org.

Grade-by-Grade standards will not be ready for review until late December or early January. Those grade level standards would also have to go through a review and adoption process by the State Board of Education before they would apply in New Jersey.

Members of the public may send comments to commoncore@doe.state.nj.us or via regular mail addressed to Education Commissioner Lucille E. Davy at 100 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, NJ 08625-0500.

Return to School Note for Influenza (flu) Like Illness:

During a pandemic period when increased illness may be occurring, school procedures requiring doctor’s notes for influenza-like-illness can place an inappropriate burden on the local healthcare system. The Health Department and the County Superintendent of Schools Office are strongly recommending that all school districts in Hunterdon County use the attached *Return to School Note for Influenza (Flu) Like Illness*. Having a parent/guardian sign the attached note instead of a note from the doctor, which also requires verification from the school nurse, will eliminate an undue burden on health care providers and help assure that returning students meet CDC recommendations. Your use of this note will contribute to providing a healthier learning environment and to keep healthcare resources available to those who are seriously ill.

Substitute School Nurse Employment Opportunity

Substitute Nurses Needed for the Thomas B. Conley School and Ethel Hoppock Middle School.

New substitute nurse rate - **\$130.00 per day** – Effective immediately.

New Jersey RN License Required.

To apply - Please send, email or fax resume and a copy of nurse’s license to:

Janice Festa, Human Resources Coordinator,

940 Iron Bridge Road, Asbury NJ 08802.

Email address: jfesta@btschools.org

Fax: 908-537-4309

HOPPOCK NEWS

FALL SPORTS BANQUET, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 6:00 PM AT CONLEY SCHOOL

WINTER CONCERT, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009, 7:00 PM

Winter concert evening rehearsal, Monday, December 7, 2009

EMPTIES4CASH Fundraiser

Fundraise for the 8th grade and recycle at the same time. Whenever you or your family replace the ink cartridges in your printers, please send them to school in a Ziploc bag and deposit them in the green cardboard box near the office.

7th & 8th Grade Fundraiser:

The 8th grade fundraiser, "Gifts and Things", has begun and will continue until October 30th. All 7th and 8th grade students are encouraged to participate. The funds raised will be used for the 8th grade class trip. Students have the opportunity to win an I-Pod and other great prizes. Any questions please contact Sarah Lampariello at 908-479-6336 ext. 2725 or slampariello@btschools.org.

Attention 6th grade Parents

6th grade immunization records are past due. Please call Mrs. Myers with any questions or problems @ 908-479-6336 X 2225.

CONLEY NEWS

Birthday Books at Conley: Donate a book to the library in honor of your birthday for just \$10.00. If interested have your child bring a check made out to BTPTA (or cash) to Ms. Bjerre. First, pick out a birthday book from the birthday box. Be the first to check out your book. Take the book home and sign your name and date of birth on the book plate. Please return to the library for others to read and enjoy. Any questions call Maria Cannillo at 479-9830.

PTA NEWS

Summer Reading Awards:

All Conley Summer Reading Challenge Rewards (certificates & vouchers) were distributed through backpack mail this week. A record of the awards will be available at the Book Fair as well and with your child's teacher. If you have any questions or your child did not receive an earned certificate, please contact btpta@earthlink.net. Hoppock reward letters will be distributed at a later date. Congratulations to all our readers! Thank you, Donna Pearson.

Tyson Project A+ Label Collection Program:

Our school is taking part in a fundraising program sponsored by Tyson Foods, Inc. called Tyson Project A+. Start clipping & saving labels. Each label submitted is worth 24 cents! Through this program, our PTA has the opportunity to raise as much as \$12,000 this year! For more information on which labels to clip, visit <http://ProjectAPlus.tyson.com> or contact Ellen Clinebell at qponhunt@embarqmail.com. A collection box is located across from the main office at Conley or you may submit the labels to Ellen Clinebell c/o Becky Clinebell 8P at Hoppock.

Box Tops

Congratulations to our Box Top Family winners! The Clinebell, McQuade and Muzzin families submitted the most Box Tops! There were lots of families that submitted large amounts which in total equaled almost \$1,000 for our school! Way to go everyone!! This is a quick and easy way to make money for our school so keep clipping and send in those Box Tops! The next contest is in February for the classroom amount. So please write your child's classroom on the baggie/envelope you send in. Happy Clipping! Tricia Morris 735-4521 or morris5@comcast.net

Friday Morning Bowling League:

Looking to have some fun and socialize with the ladies/gentlemen of Bethlehem Township and surrounding towns – look no further!!! Come to Oakwood Lanes in Washington and bowl with a great group of people. No experience necessary and BABYSITTING IS FREE to all bowlers. We meet on Friday mornings at 9:20 a.m. for practice and start bowling at 9:30. We follow the school calendar for closing, delayed openings, etc. We currently have 8 teams and are looking to expand the league. Please direct any questions to Patti Doscher, 537-9265 or email pattigymbo@embarqmail.com. Thanks and hope to see you at the Lanes!!

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP RECREATION NEWS

Recreation Committee:

Meetings: 1st Wednesday of every month, 7:30pm, Community Center on Mine Road. Open to All, more members, more activities. Sports for adults and kids, exercise classes, senior activities, bus trips. Be part of the fun and planning. Call Laurie Keefe for details 479-1272 or email keefe397@embarqmail.com.

BT Rec Basketball

Registration is now open for BT Rec Basketball 2009-2010 season. Your commissioners will be Martin Auger (908-537-1248) and Julian Oliver (908-735-7690) Registration forms can be found on the BT Rec Web Page <http://www.freewebs.com/btrec/basketball.htm> The registration deadline is November 6th.

Evals w/b November 9th

1st Game: 5th or 12th December.

SCOUTING

Pack 191 Updates & Reminders

*Popcorn Sale Fundraiser has begun.

*Orienteering- Oct 31- Look for more info on this FUN event and start your Halloween off with a bang! christiangartlgruber@gmail.com with questions

The Annual Holiday Flower Sale is coming soon. There is an expanded selection of colors and plants. Watch for more information to follow in November.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The ShowKids Invitational Theatre (SKIT):

The ShowKids Invitational Theatre (SKIT) will be presenting 'Annie' on Friday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, November 14 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, November 15, at 2:00 p.m. All shows will take place in the Voorhees High School auditorium. Tickets are priced between \$9.50 and \$13.50 and are available via www.showkids.org (select your own seats and print your tickets) or by calling (908) 638-5959. Call Mary Dickson at 735-6315 with questions.

The Flemington Raritan Community Theatre (FRCT):

FRCT's fall teen production is "Fiddler on the Roof". Show dates and times: Thursday November 19 at 7:30 pm; Friday November 20 at 7:30 pm; Saturday November 21 at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm; Sunday November 22 at 2:00 pm. All shows will be in the theatre of the J. P. Case Middle School in Flemington. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors and students. Seniors are welcome to attend the Saturday matinee free of charge but must reserve a ticket in advance. To order tickets, contact Lynn Shannon at 908-537-7210 or lynnshannon@earthlink.net. We hope to see you there!

Bethlehem Township Parent-Tot Time:

Come sing, dance, rhyme and listen to stories with Gail Coe former Conley Kindergarten Teacher. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month (11/18, 12/16, 1/20, 2/17, 3/17, 4/21, 5/19, 6/16). Children from birth to four and their parents are invited to attend. Please share this information with your Bethlehem Township neighbors. For more information contact Gail Coe at 537-2525 or gailcoe@comcast.net.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat. Oct. 31	Halloween 2009 – Bethlehem Twp. Trick or Treat	12:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Nov, 2, 3, 4	Parent/Teacher Conferences Early dismissal	Hoppock 12:00 p.m./Conley 12:50 p.m.
Nov. 5, 6	School Closed	NJEA Convention
Mon. Nov. 9	Sports Banquet	CONLEY SCHOOL 6:00 PM
Tues. Nov. 24	B.O.E. Meeting Conley School Music Room	Public Session 8:00 pm
Tues. Dec. 8	Hoppock Winter Concert	7:00 pm

