

**BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2009– FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2009**  
<http://www.btschools.org>

**DISTRICT NEWS**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This week, during our parent conferences, I hope you have had the opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) and learn more about their academic progress and our program.

We are celebrating American Education Week during the week of November 16-20. As part of the celebration we are inviting parents to visit classrooms on Tuesday, November 17. We ask that you limit your advance sign-up to one 15 minute slot. If you attended conferences this week you had the chance to sign up. If you were unable to attend, please contact the individual teacher whose class you would like to visit. You may sign up for additional slots on Tuesday, November 17, once all parents have signed up for one.

The principals, the nurses, and I participated in a phone conference with the Hunterdon County Health Department this week to receive the latest information about H1N1. Please continue to follow the guidelines that we have posted on the web site. Our most recent E-alert provides a flow chart advising how you should respond depending on your child's symptoms and health status. I know you will find this useful. I would ask that you refrain from identifying flu-like symptoms as "H1N1" unless your child's nasal swab has been sent to the state health department for confirmation. Since all flu-like symptoms are being treated similarly, we want to avoid children receiving any unnecessary stigma.

Enjoy your long weekend!  
Nancy Lubarsky  
Superintendent

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Thank You**

Many thanks to the West-Portal Pumpkin Patch for supplying, again this year, enough pumpkins so that the entire 7th grade could conduct a math investigation rich in discovery. Through the examination of pumpkin seeds as compared to the weight of pumpkins, our students studied 4 of the 5 strands of the NJ State Math Curriculum Standards. Technology was emphasized through the use of graphing calculators and the Windows Excel graphing program. It was a wonderful real life, hands-on experience for the students and we couldn't have done it without the Pumpkin Patch. Thank you, Mrs. Bunting and Mrs. Race

### **Attention 6<sup>th</sup> grade Parents**

6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup>.

Evals w/b November 9<sup>th</sup>

1st Game: 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> December.

## **SCOUTING**

### **Pack 191 Plant Sale**

New selections for 2009! Beautiful, “Green”, and affordable gifts for friends or yourself. Color posters in schools illustrate plant choices. All plants in growers pot with foil. Green order forms have gone out. Please return to Irene Kramer (537-7802) c/o Mark 7L or Audrey 5P, or call Linda Jimenez 638-4334 by November 18<sup>th</sup>. Pick-up at Conley School on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-6:30. **PLEASE PROVIDE TWO PHONE NUMBERS ON ORDER FORM IF POSSIBLE.** Thank you for your support.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **The ShowKids Invitational Theatre (SKIT):**

The ShowKids Invitational Theatre (SKIT) will be presenting 'Annie' on Friday, November 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](http://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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:gailcoe@comcast.net).

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>Nov. 5, 6</b>	<b>School Closed</b>	<b>NJEA Convention</b>
<b>Mon. Nov. 9</b>	<b>Sports Banquet</b>	<b>CONLEY SCHOOL 6:00 PM</b>
<b>Tues., Nov. 17</b>	<b>Sign up to visit classrooms during the school day for American Education Week</b>	<b>Conley and Hoppock</b>
<b>Tues. Nov. 24</b>	<b>B.O.E. Meeting Conley School Music Room</b>	<b>Public Session 8:00 pm</b>
<b>Tues. Dec. 8</b>	<b>Hoppock Winter Concert</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>