

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009– FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2009
<http://www.btschools.org>

DISTRICT NEWS

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Family Fun Night, sponsored by the PTA, will be held this evening at Conley School. Fun for the entire district is planned. Once again, DJ Dr. K will provide the music.

This is just a reminder that we are celebrating American Education Week during the week of November 16-20. 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. You may sign up for additional slots on Tuesday, November 17, once all parents have signed up for one.

Wednesday, November 18 will be an early dismissal day for teacher in-service.

The sports banquet was held this past week on Monday evening. It was a wonderful showing of all of our athletes. We appreciate their hard work, the hard work of the coaches, and the tremendous support of the parents. Please join us at the next board meeting on Tuesday, November 24 at 8:00 PM in the Conley gym where the board of education will also recognize all of our fall sports teams and their coaches.

Have a great 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.

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

SIGN UP FOR BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING NOW. Sign up sheets are on the Hoppock gym door. Check with Mrs. Myers to make sure you are cleared to tryout.

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

Winter concert evening rehearsal, Monday, December 7, 2009

Winter Concert 2009 Program Design Contest

We are holding a Winter Concert Program Design contest. Interested students can pick up the correct size paper in the Art Room. All entries must be submitted to the art teacher, Ms. McConnell, by Nov. 24. All entries must have a winter theme and include the words "Ethel Hoppock Middle School or EHMS" and the words "Winter Concert 2009".

EMPTYES4CASH 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.

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

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

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> 1st Game: 5th or 12th December.

SCOUTING

Pack 191 Holiday 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 18th. Pick-up at Conley School on December 9th, 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 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

Tues., Nov. 17	Sign up to visit classrooms during the school day for American Education Week	Conley and Hoppock
Wed. Nov. 18	Early Dismissal Teacher in-service	EHMS 12:00, TBC 12:50
Fri. Nov. 20	Picture Retake Day	Conley
Tues. Nov. 24	B.O.E. Meeting Conley School Music Room	Public Session 8:00 PM
Tues & Wed. Dec. 1 & 2	Holiday Shop	Hoppock Gym
Tues. Wed. & Thurs. Dec 2, 3 & 4	Holiday Shop Thurs. open only to Noon	Conley School
Mon. Dec. 7	Picture Retakes	Hoppock 8:00 AM
Mon. Dec. 7	Winter Concert Rehearsal	Evening Hoppock
Tues. Dec. 8	Hoppock Winter Concert	7:00 PM Hoppock
Tues. Wed. Thurs. Dec 8, 9, 10	Book Fair	Hoppock Library
Wed. Dec. 9	8th grade cap and gown measurements	AM
Fri. Dec. 18	Grandparents' Day	Conley 10:00 AM