

**BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2009– WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2009**  
<http://www.btschools.org>

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Family fun night, sponsored by the PTA, was a great event and well attended by all. Thanks to the PTA and all the volunteers who made it successful.

For those of you who were able to visit your child(ren)'s classes this week during American Education, I hope you found your visit educational and that you learned something about our school program.

Wednesday, November 18 was an early dismissal day. Teachers worked together to develop our Continuity of Instruction Plan. This plan was developed in light of recent concerns over H1N1. While attendance levels have remained relatively stable, in the event of a full scale pandemic where we needed to close school, this plan would be posted on the web and would allow for students to work on assignments from home. Hard copies would also be available. Right now we are following all of the health advisories and protocols and we have no plans to close.

Just a reminder to 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 recognize all of our fall sports teams and their coaches.

Next week's newsletter will be an update on Wednesday, so let me take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

Have a great weekend!  
Nancy Lubarsky  
Superintendent

**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 a [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.

**Reminder: When calling a child out sick please include the child's symptoms and whether the child has a fever.**

### **Substitute School Nurse Employment Opportunity**

Substitute Nurses Needed for the Thomas B. Conley School and Ethel Hoppock Middle School. The substitute nurse rate is \$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**

#### **Lost and Found Clothing**

Please have your child check the lost and found for lost items. The clothes will be donated to a local charity on Wednesday, November 25.

#### **Winter Sports**

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**

The Winter Concert is Tuesday, December 8, 2009, 7:00 pm

The Winter Concert evening rehearsal is 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 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.

#### **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**

#### **BTPTA Family Fun Night**

The First Annual BTPTA Family Fun Night was a success! We enjoyed a delicious buffet which was catered (and donated!) by Rosa Luca's, played A LOT of Bingo (and won A LOT of prizes), and everyone learned how to do the "SPRINKLER", taught by Dr. K himself! A special thank you to the following individuals for their contribution to an amazing night: Jill & Carmine Castaldo of Rosa Luca's Italian Bistro – the food was fabulous; Dr. Ed Keegan- our

emcee & DJ; Kristen Johnson, our VP & registration chair (awesome job!), Susy Hogan, Patricia Fitzgerald, George Bunca, Virginia Wilson, Irene Kramer, Eileen & Lou Bancalari for all your help before, during & after; John Zinevich for providing us with the great speaker system during the dance; our custodial staff at Conley who are always so helpful and all our parents who volunteered to help set up and clean-up afterward! Finally, thanks to all the families who attended and supported this event. We hope you had a great time! Sharon Tanzler

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

## **SCOUTING**

### **Pack 191 “Last call for Poinsettia Sale”**

The new deadline is November 24. There are new selections for 2009, and its not just Poinsettia. These are beautiful, “Green”, and affordable gifts for friends or yourself. There are color posters in schools illustrating the plant choices. All plants are in grower’s pots with foil. Green order forms have gone out. Please return forms or call in orders to Irene Kramer (537-7802) c/o Mark 7L or Audrey 5P, or call Linda Jimenez 638-4334. Pick-up is at Conley School on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-6:30. Please provide two phone numbers on your order form if possible. Thank you for your support.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **2010 Hunterdon Mohawks Girl's Lacrosse Registration**

Registration is currently underway for girls in grades 3 through 8 interested in playing travel lacrosse for the spring 2010 season. The cost is \$160 per player until Dec 12. Thereafter, the cost increases to \$200. Please register early as the rosters fill quickly for this increasingly popular sport. Visit [www.hunterdonmohawkslacrosse.com](http://www.hunterdonmohawkslacrosse.com) for more info, registration forms and instructions. Contact Tom Jaeger at 537-4380 with your questions.

### **The Flemington Raritan Community Theatre (FRCT):**

FRCT's fall teen production is "Fiddler on the Roof". Show dates and times: 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 (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**

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
Thurs. Dec. 3	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent High School Info Meeting	Hoppock 6:30 PM
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	8 <sup>th</sup> grade cap and gown measurements	AM
Fri. Dec. 18	Grandparents' Day	Conley 10:00 AM