

**BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2009– FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2009
<http://www.btschools.org>**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday with your family. You should have received our Fall District Newsletter in the mail before the Thanksgiving break. Additional copies are available in each of the school offices.

Please join us at our next board meeting on Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. at the Conley School gymnasium. A special encore performance will be provided by the Hoppock School Madrigals.

Please make note of the many special holiday activities planned for both schools. We welcome you to these events and know you will enjoy the talents of all our students.

Have a good 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. 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.

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 Fax: 908-537-4309

HOPPOCK NEWS

Winter Sports	Boys Basketball	Girls Basketball	Cheerleading
Mon. Dec. 7	No Practice	Conley until 4:45 pm	Hoppock until 4:15 pm
Tues. Dec. 8	Conley until 5:00 pm	No Practice	Hoppock until 4:15 pm
Wed. Dec. 9	Conley until 5:00 pm	Hoppock until 4:15 pm	Hoppock until 4:15 pm
Thurs. Dec. 10	Conley until 5:00 pm	Hoppock until 4:15 pm	No Practice

Winter Concert

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

The Winter Concert evening rehearsal is Monday, December 7, 2009

Hoppock Play:

There will be an informational parent meeting on Thursday, Dec 10 at 7:30 in the Hoppock Cafeteria for anyone whose children may be interested in taking part in this years' spring musical. Any questions, please contact Lauren Zalewski at 537-6834 or lauren@baweventplanning.com

Pajama Program:

The Student Council will be taking part in the Pajama Program which provides new pajamas and books to children in need. Many of these children live in group homes or shelters, and others have been abused or abandoned. Please join in with the Student Council and donate new pajamas for all sizes infant to size 17, and **new books** for these children to read. The drive will run from November 30 – December 18. We intend to make a difference-giving back is what it's all about. Please bring unwrapped pajamas and new books to rooms 10, 16 or the Hoppock office.

Book Fair

The Hoppock Fall Book Fair will run from Tuesday, December 8th through Thursday, December 10th in the school library. Parents please note that the fair will be open before and after the Hoppock Holiday Concert on December 8th. You can squeeze in a little holiday shopping and support our school. We are looking forward to a great Book Fair. This is a wonderful opportunity to promote reading and help our school. Thanks, Kathleen Cosgrove (908) 537-7590 or cosgrovekathleen@gmail.com

Lost and Found Clothing

We will be displaying our lost and found clothing next week during the Book Fair and Winter Concert.

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.

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

Warrior Lacrosse:

Registrations for the 2010 Warrior Lacrosse season are now being accepted. Registration & equipment distribution will be held at the Community Center (405 Mine Rd) on Thursday, December 10th from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Registrations will be accepted via mail or in person. See webpage (www.leaguelineup.com/bulax) for all forms (handout tab) and additional information. Any questions, please contact Commissioner Audra Hillman at 537-7505 or via e-mail at laxmomof2@comcast.net.

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

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>

SCOUTING

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 for more info, registration forms and instructions. Contact Tom Jaeger at 537-4380 with your questions.

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 (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

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 th grade cap and gown measurements	AM
Wed. Dec. 16	Teacher in-service Early Dismissal	Hoppock 12:00, Conley 12:50
Fri. Dec. 18	Grandparents' Day Conley 10:00 AM	Early Dismissal Conley only
Tues. Dec. 22	B.O.E. Meeting Conley Gym	Public Session 8:00 pm
Wed. Dec. 23	Early Dismissal	Hoppock 12:00, Conley 12:50
Thurs. Dec. 24 – Jan. 3	Winter Recess	
Mon. Jan. 4	Classes resume	