

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2009– FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009
<http://www.btschools.org>

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year, and welcome back to school. I hope your holidays were enjoyable and that you had relaxed time to spend with loved ones. We look forward to a very productive new year.

There will be a special public board meeting on Tuesday, January 12, to discuss building projects at 7:00 PM in the Conley School music room.

Also, just a reminder that there will be an early dismissal on Friday, January 15 for a teacher in-service day. The following Monday, January 18, school is closed in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Remember to check our website for emergency closing information.

Sincerely,

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. Jan. 11	Home Game vs. High Bridge	Game away at High Bridge	Game vs. High Bridge 5:15
Tues. Jan. 12	Practice Conley until 5:00	Practice Hoppock until 4:15	No practice
Wed. Jan. 13	Practice Conley until 5:00	Practice Hoppock until 3:45	Practice until 4:15
Thurs. Jan. 14	Game away at Tewksbury	Home Game vs. Tewksbury	Game vs. Tewksbury 5:15

Li'l Abner

Fri. Jan. 8	Li'l Abner Entire Cast Parent Pick up	2:30 – 4:00 pm
Sat. Jan. 9	Rehearsal specific times will be emailed	9:00 – 12:00 pm
Sun. Jan 10	Rehearsal specific times will be emailed	1:00 – 4:00 pm
Sat. Jan. 16	Rehearsal specific times will be emailed	9:00 – 12:00 pm
Sun. Jan. 17	Rehearsal specific times will be emailed	1:00 – 4:00 pm

Student Council Dance

There will be a student council dance on Friday, Jan. 22, from 7:00 – 9:30 pm. A \$5.00 charge for all students grades 6-8.

EMPTYIES4CASH 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!!

SCOUTING

Girl Scout News:

Save the Date! The 5th Grade Junior Girl Scout Troop 80619 is sponsoring a Blood Drive with the Blood Center of NJ. The first time event in our school will take place in the Conley All Purpose Room on Friday, March 19th, from 1 – 6pm (this is an early dismissal day). The troop has chosen this project to earn their Bronze Award and help the community with a vital service. More details and appointment link to follow! Contact Sharon Witkowski at (908) 892-4691 or email psaj2001@yahoo.com for more info.

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP RECREATION NEWS

Warrior Lacrosse:

In person Warrior lacrosse registrations will be held at the Union township elementary school on Friday, January 8th and Friday, January 17th from 6:00pm until 9:00 pm. Equipment will be distributed. All forms can be found on the website at www.leaguelineup.com/bulax. Registrations can also be sent via backpack mail to Audra Hillman c/o Russel 6T. Any questions, please contact Audra 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.

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 (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. Jan. 12	Special Public Board of Ed. Meeting	Conley School Music Room - Public Session-7:00 p.m.
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Fri. Jan. 15	Early dismissal Teacher in-service	Hoppock 12:00 pm, Conley 1:50 pm
Mon. Jan. 18	No School	
Fri. Jan 22	Student council Dance	Hoppock 7:00 – 9:30 pm
Tues., Jan. 26	Regular Board of Ed. Meeting Conley School Music Room	Exec. Session - 7:00 p.m. Public Session-8:00 p.m.