

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2010– FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2010
<http://www.btschools.org>

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you enjoyed the extended weekend and that you had a chance to spend time with your family. We did get some glimmers of a warming trend this week. I did hear some weather talk of some freezing rain late Sunday/early Monday so we will keep you posted if it impacts our school day.

This is just a reminder to please join us at our next board meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. at the Conley School music room. Students will present a special math project known as a “JING” and I am sure it will be very informative. This will be the first of several board meetings where we ask for your input on the budget process.

Please look for our next district newsletter. It should be arriving in your mailboxes in the next week or so. It contains some special information about our new and improved budget information process.

Have a good weekend!

Nancy Lubarsky
Superintendent

DISTRICT NEWS

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 25	Game away @ Hampton 5:00	Game away @ Hampton 3:45	Practice until 4:15 p.m.
Tues. Jan. 26	Practice Conley until 5:00	Practice Hoppock until 4:15	No practice
Wed. Jan. 27	Practice Conley until 5:00	Practice Hoppock until 4:15	Practice until 4:15 p.m.
Thurs. Jan. 28	Game away @ Clinton Public	Home Game vs. CPS	Home Game vs. CPS

Li'l Abner

Fri. Jan 22	See email	2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Sat. Jan 23	Entire Cast	9:00 – 12:00 p.m.
Sun. Jan. 24	Entire Cast	1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Student Council Dance

There will be a student council dance on Friday, Jan. 22, from 7:00 – 9:30 pm. There is a \$5.00 charge for tickets bought in advance or \$7.00 admission at the door.

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:

Keep Clipping! We have another Box Tops Contest for February! The Homeroom that collects the most Box Tops wins a Pizza Party awarded by the PTA! Send in your Box Tops with your Homeroom clearly written on the envelope or baggie. The contest closes Thursday 2/18. Please contact Tricia Morris morris5@comcast.net with any questions. Thanks for supporting this great fundraiser!

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. This 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:**

Warrior lacrosse registration 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 1laxmomof2@comcast.net.

Recreation Committee:

Meetings are the 1st Wednesday of every month, at 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**Musconetcong Watershed Association**

This local non-profit organization is sponsoring a Dragonfly Mobile Project on February 13, 20, and 27, from 10:00-11:30 am, at 10 Maple Ave, in Asbury. The program is opened to young artists ages 10-14. There is limited space so please pre-register. Student sculptures will be assembled into an indoor/outdoor mobile so everyone can enjoy them in motion. Students must attend all 3 sessions. The cost is \$60.00 for non-member and \$50.00 for members (all materials included) Contact Adrienne @908-537-7060 or adriene@musconetcong.org with any questions or concerns. Checks made payable to MWA

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 \$200 per player. 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 (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

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.
Fri. Feb. 12	Early dismissal	Hoppock 12:00 p.m. Conley 12:50 p.m.
Mon. Feb. 15	School Closed	Presidents' Day
Fri. Feb. 26	Early dismissal	Hoppock 12:00 p.m. Conley 12:50 p.m.