

**BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NEWSLETTER  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010– FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2010  
<http://www.btschools.org>**

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

Thursday morning was a real challenge weather wise since the conditions worsened in the middle of the bus routes. Student safety was of our utmost concern and we acted accordingly. Fortunately everyone arrived home safely. The good news is that this is only the first snow day of the year. By this time last year we had used up all of our snow days!

Please look for our next district newsletter. It should be arriving in your mailboxes in the next day 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](mailto:jfesta@btschools.org) Fax: 908-537-4309

**HOPPOCK NEWS**

Winter Sports	Boys Basketball	Girls Basketball	Cheerleading
<b>Mon. Feb. 1</b>	<b>Home Game vs. Franklin Twp.</b>	<b>Game away @ Franklin Twp.</b>	<b>Boys' Game</b>
<b>Tues. Feb. 2</b>	<b>Game away @ Clinton Public</b>	<b>Home game vs. Clinton Public</b>	<b>No Practice</b>
<b>Wed. Feb. 3</b>	<b>Practice Conley until 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Practice Hoppock until 4:15</b>	<b>No Practice</b>
<b>Thurs. Feb. 4</b>	<b>Home Game vs. Lebanon Twp.</b>	<b>Game away @ Lebanon Twp.</b>	<b>Boys' Game</b>

## **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.

## **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](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:**

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](mailto: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](mailto:pattigymbo@embarqmail.com). Thanks and hope to see you at the Lanes!!

## **SCOUTING**

### **Girl Scout News:**

Save the Date! The 5<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:psaj2001@yahoo.com) for more info.

## **BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP RECREATION NEWS**

### **Baseball/Softball:**

Registration will be held on February 4, from 6:00-7:30pm at the Bethlehem Township Community Center, 405 Mine Road. \$50 late fee apply after February 12, 2010. Please go to [www.freewebs.com/btrec](http://www.freewebs.com/btrec) for forms and updated

information regarding the leagues. Contacts: Registration coordinator, Sandy Visicaro at [savum@embarqmail.com](mailto:savum@embarqmail.com) or Commissioner, Warren Link at [lynxrus5@embarqmail.com](mailto:lynxrus5@embarqmail.com).

### **Warrior Lacrosse:**

Warrior lacrosse registration forms can be found on the website at [www.leaguelineup.com/bulax](http://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](mailto:1laxmomof2@comcast.net).

### **Recreation Committee:**

Meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:gailcoe@comcast.net).

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Tues. Feb. 9	PTA Valentine's Day Breakfast K-5	Conley School 7:45 – 8:45 a.m.
Fri. Feb. 12	Early dismissal	Hoppock 12:00 p.m. Conley 12:50 p.m.
Mon. Feb. 15	School Closed	Presidents' Day
Tues. Feb. 23	B.O.E. Meeting Conley Music Room	Executive Session 7:00 p.m. Public Session 8:00 p.m.
Fri. Feb. 26	Early dismissal –Teachers' In-service	Hoppock 12:00 p.m. Conley 12:50 p.m.