

**BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010– FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010**  
<http://www.btschools.org>

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

Congratulations to the Hoppock Boys Basketball Team for yesterday's play-off win against Califon. The final score was 38-12. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments. It's nice to know that in the midst of all the worldwide Olympic excitement we have our very own "medalists" right in Bethlehem Township. The championship game will be held on Monday at Voorhees High School at 7:00 PM.

The last couple of weeks have brought about many changes in New Jersey's school funding. The Bethlehem Township School District has been notified that the State of New Jersey will withhold \$383,052.00 of this current year's state aid which will result in a shortfall. In addition, the district has been informed that there will be no additional federal stimulus funds in 2010-2011 which will result in a decrease in the resources for our district of \$189,131. As of yesterday, we have been directed to budget for an additional 15% decrease in state aid. The implications of these shortfalls and how they will impact our school budget will be discussed next week at the Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 23.

A highlight of the next board meeting will be a preview of this year's Hoppock musical production of Li'l Abner. I encourage you to attend.

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

### Spring Is On The Way:

Spring sports will be here before you know it. Check the website or call Mrs. Myers for more information. Please remember to take physical forms to the doctor if you have an appointment soon.

### Winter Sports

Mon. Feb. 22	Playoff Game Voorhees High School 7:00 p.m.
Thurs. Feb. 25	Winter Sports Banquet 6:00 p.m.

### Debate Team Practice

Monday, February 22	2:30 – 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 23	2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

### Hoppock Art:

Please help the Hoppock Art classes by sending in your Styrofoam egg cartons to use as paint trays.

### 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

### Great Job Conley Students:

On behalf of the Conley School Spirit Committee and Brownie Troop #1183, we want to thank all of the students of Conley School for helping with the Haitian Clothing Drive during Spirit Week. We collected 620 children's tops, 395 children's bottoms and 50 pairs of pajamas. That's 1265 pieces of summer clothing for the Haitian children! All of the clothes were delivered to HeartHaiti.org and were very well received.

### 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

### BT PTA Valentine's Day Breakfast:

I would like to thank my committee, Melissa Parson, Leslie Salkin, Denise Daniel, Valarie DeCleene, Lisa Howald, Stephanie Logar and Debbie Woods for all their help in planning and implementing this event. Thanks as well to Dr. Keegan, Mr. Meck and the evening custodial staff and Mrs. Tufaro for their help with the building logistics and our beverages. Hope to see you all again next year. Linda Garvey – Chairperson”

### 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 [gponhunt@embarqmail.com](mailto:gponhunt@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 closed yesterday. 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. The first time event in our school will take place in the Conley Gymnasium 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. Advance registrations are encouraged! Go to [www.bloodnj.org](http://www.bloodnj.org). Scroll to the center of page and click on where it says “Have a password for a specific drive? Schedule your donation here”. Enter your e-mail, address, birth date and sponsor code (32909) and click login. Click on March 19, 2010. Select an available appointment time. Click confirm appointment. Contact Sharon Witkowski at (908) 892-4691 or email [psaj2001@yahoo.com](mailto:psaj2001@yahoo.com) for more info.

### **Cub Scout Pack 191**

February 25, at 7pm in the Conley MPR is our next **pack meeting**. Come prepared to party as we celebrate Scouting's 100th birthday!

March 13- Saturday is the Yukon Trail at Round Valley Youth Center from 10am-3pm.

<http://www.pahaquarra.org/Events.htm> for more info and click on the link for Yukon Trail Information. This looks like it will be loads of fun! Look for more info on registration.

March 14, Blue and Gold at Hawke Pointe from 1-4 - Our 100th birthday celebration continues on! A nice dinner, crossover ceremonies including our Webelos 2 becoming boy scouts, cake and of course some famous entertainment (TBD). Blue and Gold committee- please look for an email for a very important committee meeting!

Spring overnight camping adventure- June 12-13 (11th is optional) at Round Valley Youth Center. Details to follow.

Other district events can be found at <http://www.pahaquarra.org/Events.htm> including:

Go Fly a Kite- March 21, at Round valley Youth Center

District Pinewood Derby- April 10.

Webelos Woods (weekend camping for Bear level and up) May 14-16 at Yards Creek

Fishing Derby- June 26, at Yards Creek

As always, please see our website <http://www5.packsonline.com/NJ/191>

## **BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP RECREATION NEWS**

### **Baseball/Softball:**

Registration is still open. Please go to [www.freewebs.com/btrec](http://www.freewebs.com/btrec) for forms and updated information regarding the leagues. Mail to: Sandy Visicaro, 822 Norton Church Road, Asbury, NJ 08802. 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).

<b>COMMUNITY NEWS</b>
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**Truck Depot Meeting:**

Recently you received an e-alert explaining the Bethlehem Township Board of Education's position against the proposed Truck Depot in Franklin Township. To see a copy of this resolution, go to our website, click on Board of Education → Board Meetings → Meeting Minutes. If you would like additional information about this issue, there will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at the Franklin Township School gym (in Warren County) at 7:30 p.m.

**Voorhees Pasta Night for Haiti:**

The Voorhees High School community is providing a pasta dinner for the surrounding community that will benefit the victims of the Haiti earthquake. The event will take place tonight, February 19, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the Voorhees Cafeteria. The cost is \$5.00 for students and seniors and \$7.00 for adults (all proceeds donated to the Haiti Relief efforts). Contact for more information, Brian Baumann [bbaumann@nhvweb.net](mailto:bbaumann@nhvweb.net) or Nancy Castello [ncastello@nhvweb.net](mailto:ncastello@nhvweb.net)

**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 (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).

<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b>
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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.