

**BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2010– FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2010**  
<http://www.btschools.org>

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

This week will begin our “paperless” budget information process. The only flyer you will receive is a green one that you will get through e-alert and the entire community will get through regular “snail” mail. On this flyer will be directions for posting questions you have about the budget and obtaining answers through our website. I encourage you to participate in this process. Look for introductory videos that spotlight members of our administration, teaching staff and students. This Tuesday (March 9) will be a special work session of the board to discuss the proposed 2010-11 budget and not a regular board meeting. As such, public comment will be limited to budget discussion only.

At the board meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, there were a number of concerns raised about the sixth grade schedule for next year. There was a misconception that the board was ready to vote on a draft of the schedule that was discussed by Mr. Wark at previous board meetings. The resolution on the agenda about the schedule is the legal way that enables the board to discuss an issue in public. Please know that we continue to work on the schedule and no final decisions have been made. We will be discussing the Hoppock schedule at our regular board meeting on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Other concerns were raised at the board meeting about specific curriculum content and teachers in the fifth grade. When I brought these issues back to Dr. Keegan he informed me that he had not heard from any parents about these concerns. For future reference, the most expedient way to address your concerns about your child’s program and/or teacher is with the principals. This is the normal chain of command and it is the quickest way to resolve these kinds of issues.

Since we have used one snow day more than our allotted four, we are extending the school calendar one additional day at the end of the year. The last day of school, barring any additional emergency closing days, will be Thursday, June 24, 2010.

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.

#### **Baseball/Softball:**

Tryouts will be held starting March 22, for all student athletes who are medically cleared.

#### **Debate Team Practice**

<b>Monday, March 8</b>	<b>2:30 – 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 9</b>	<b>2:30 – 4:00 p.m.</b>

#### **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**

#### **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:**

Please continue to be part of this successful and easy fundraiser! Our next contest, for the most family amount, will run from now until next October. Keep Clipping! Any questions? Contact Tricia Morris at [morris5@comcast.net](mailto:morris5@comcast.net) or 735-4521

### **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**

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 now closed. If you have not been contacted by the end of March by a coach please contact 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

### **Bethlehem Township Performing Arts Association**

"Travelin Show" -The BTPAA is looking for singing talent for the Citizens Band Radio concert on April 10th.  
Summer Camp 2010 - Registration forms are now available online for our popular Summer Camp (children entering grades 4-12).

For these and other BTPAA announcements, visit us online at [www.btpaa.org](http://www.btpaa.org)

### **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).

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Tues. Mar. 9	BOE Meeting Work-Session	Public Session at 7:00 p.m.
Thurs. Fri. March 18, 19, 20	Li'l Abner	Thurs. 7 p.m., Fri. 7 p.m. Sat. 1 p.m., and 7 p.m.
Fri. Mar. 19	Early dismissal –Teachers' In-service	Hoppock 12:00 p.m. Conley 12:50 p.m.
Mon. Mar. 22	BOE Meeting NEW DATE	Executive session 7 pm, Public Session 8 pm
Mar. 23, 24, 25	Hoppock Spring Book Fair	
Fri. Mar. 26	Budget Public Hearing	5:00 p.m.
Mar. 29 – Apr. 5	Spring Recess	
Apr. 6	School Resumes	