

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010– FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2010
<http://www.btschools.org>

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please remember to check our website for the Budget Videos and submit your questions about the budget.

On Wednesday, March 17th at 7:00 p.m. there will be a special work session of the board to discuss the proposed 2010-11 budget and not a regular board meeting. There will be opportunity for public comment but it will be limited to budget discussion only.

We look forward to the Hoppock Play on March 18, 19 and 20.

Special Note: On Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. we will have a special parent forum to respond to any questions or concerns about the sixth grade program for next year. More details will follow. Please mark your calendar!

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

Li'l Abner Door to Door Transportation:

Take the shuttle bus from Conley School or the Municipal Building to see the weekend performances of Li'l Abner. The bus will leave from Conley School at 6:15, stop at the Municipal Building. The bus will leave the Municipal building at 6:30 and arrive at Hoppock at 6:40, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. For the Saturday matinee

the bus will leave Conley at 12:15 p.m., and leave the Municipal Building at 12:30 p.m. The bus will return you to your original location.

Li'l Abner:

Performances for Li'l Abner are 7:00 p.m., Thurs, Fri., and Sat. March 18, 19, 20, and a matinee Sat. March 20, at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$10.00 for Students and seniors. For more information or to reserve seats, please contact Mary Dickson @ (908) 479-1689. There is also a complimentary coffee social "Meet & Greet" followed by free performances open to Senior Citizens on Thurs. and Fri, March 18, and 19, at 9:00 a.m. Please contact Peggy Andrews @ (908) 537-4044 ext. 1221.

Hoppock's Got Talent" Show:

The 8th grade graduation committee is looking for many creative and talented students to perform at "Hoppock's Got Talent" show on April 16th. Entry forms are due Friday March 19th. After school tryouts are Tuesday March 23. Open to 6th, 7th, and 8th. Grades. Be creative ...Share your talent... Show us what you've got!

Hoppock Spring Book Fair:

The Book Fair will run from Tuesday, March 23rd to Thursday, March 25th. Check out a sample some of the hottest new books that will be at our upcoming Book fair on our Book Fair homepage: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/hoppock>. We are looking forward to a great Spring Book Fair. This is a wonderful opportunity to promote reading and help our school. For more information or to volunteer to help at the Book Fair please contact Kathleen Cosgrove at (908) 537-7590 or cosgrovekathleen@gmail.com.

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

Monday, March 15	2:30 – 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 19	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 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.

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

12th Annual Tricky Tray:

Save the Date! Friday, April 23, in the Conley Multi-Purpose Room beginning at 6:00 p.m. If you have never had an opportunity to attend, you don't know what you are missing. Ticket information will be coming home soon through backpack mail and also online. Donations are still needed! Please contact Patti Doscher at 537-9265 or email at pattigymbo@embarqmail.com or Kristen Johnson at 537-1106 or email at skjohnson212@comcast.net with questions. Great prizes to be won including vacation homes, Longaberger baskets, pottery and wrought iron and awesome themed prizes your whole family can enjoy.

Used Clothing Drive:

The used clothing drive is Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 8:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Municipal Parking lot on 405 Mine Road. For earlier drop off or any questions please call Laurie Keefe or email at keefe397@embarqmail.com. See the PTA website for more information.

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:

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 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. 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 Gymnasium 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. Advance registrations are encouraged! Go to 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 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.

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

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

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 (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

Wed. Mar. 17	BOE Work Session Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Thurs. Fri. Sat. 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
Tues. March 23	Special Parent Forum to Discuss Next Year's 6th Grade Schedule	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 23, 24, 25	Spring Book Fair	Hoppock
Fri. Mar. 26	Budget Public Hearing	5:00 p.m.
Mar. 29 – Apr. 5	Spring Recess	
Apr. 6	School Resumes	