

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

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

First, I want to congratulate the faculty, students and parents who have worked so hard on this weekend's performance of *Li'l Abner*. The advance reviews have been terrific. I can't wait to see the show tonight!

On a more serious note, you may have heard the most recent announcement by Governor Christie about the continued cuts in aid facing local school districts. We realize that this is a difficult economic time period for people in Bethlehem Township, in New Jersey and throughout the country.

The administration and the Board of Education have been working very hard the past few weeks to develop a fiscally conservative budget that has the least impact on the high quality educational programs in our schools. We have had to make some difficult recommendations. In this budget the board has proposed some serious cuts while making every effort to maintain our programs. We will share our proposed budget at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> (Monday) board meeting. It will then be sent to the county for approval, followed by a public hearing on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

I also want to remind 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents that there will be a special parent forum about next year's 6<sup>th</sup> grade schedule on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Conley School Music Room.

You will be receiving an e-alert today that will provide answers to last week's budget blog questions on Curriculum and Technology. You will receive another e-alert with a video introduction to this week's topic, "Extracurricular Activities." I encourage you to post your questions. Answers will be provided next week.

I would like to thank the PTA for assisting us in distributing our "Save the Date" magnets. You should have received yours by now. The vote on the budget will be on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to vote. It is more important than ever.

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

#### Baseball

#### Softball

	Baseball	Softball
<b>Monday, March 22</b>	<b>Tryout Heritage until 4:15</b>	<b>Tryouts Heritage until 4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 23</b>	<b>Tryout Heritage until 4:15</b>	<b>Tryouts Heritage until 4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 24</b>	<b>Tryout Heritage until 4:15</b>	<b>Tryouts Heritage until 4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, March 25</b>	<b>Practice TBA</b>	<b>Tryouts Heritage until 4:30 p.m.</b>

### Li'l Abner Door to Door Transportation:

Take the shuttle bus from Conley School or the Municipal Building to see the performances of Li'l Abner.

On Friday and Saturday nights 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. 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., Fri., and Sat. March 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) 419-1689

### “Hoppock’s Got Talent” Show:

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation committee is looking for many creative and talented students to perform at “Hoppock’s Got Talent” show on April 16th. Entry forms will be accepted right up to Tuesday, March 23, afternoon tryouts. Students can show up with forms and \$5.00 fee at tryouts. Open to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8th Grades. Be creative ...Share your talent... Show us what you’ve got!

### Hoppock Spring Book Fair:

The Hoppock Spring Book Fair is coming! The Book Fair will run from Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Check out 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 contact Kathleen Cosgrove at (908) 537-7590 or [cogrovekathleen@gmail.com](mailto:cogrovekathleen@gmail.com).

### Baseball/Softball:

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

### Debate Team Practice

<b>Monday, March 22</b>	<b>2:30 – 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 23</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.

## **EMPTIES4CASH 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**

### **Conley Spring Book Fair:**

The Spring Book Fair is April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 14<sup>th</sup> (Literacy Night) from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. til ?, and April 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. Come and explore your imagination. If you want to volunteer or have any questions just call Jodi 537-9219 or Kristen 537-1106. Thanks.

### **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**

### **12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:pattigymbo@embarqmail.com) or Kristen Johnson at 537-1106 or email at [skjohnson212@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](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**

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- Sunday, March 21, at Round valley Youth Center

District Pinewood Derby- Saturday, April 10.

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

Fishing Derby- Saturday, 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)

### **The Flemington Raritan Community Theatre:**

The FRCT presents a multi-generational cast in **Jesus Christ Superstar** at J P Case Middle School in Flemington. Evening performances are Thursday, April 22, Friday April 23, and Saturday April 24 at 7:30 p.m., and matinee performances are Saturday, April 24 and Sunday, April 25 at 2 p.m. Ticket costs are \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors and students. Seniors receive complimentary tickets to the Saturday matinee performance. Tickets can be purchased at the door, or can be pre-ordered through Lynn Shannon at 537-7210 or [lynnshannon@earthlink.net](mailto:lynnshannon@earthlink.net). Come enjoy this great show with your family and friends!

### 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 (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**

Fri. Mar. 19	Early Dismissal –Teachers’ In-service	Hoppock 12:00 p.m. Conley 12:50 p.m.
Fri. March 19 Sat. March 20	Li'l Abner	Fri. 7 p.m. Sat. 1 p.m., and 7 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. Conley Music Room
Mar. 23, 24, 25	Spring Book Fair	Hoppock
Fri. Mar. 26	Budget Public Hearing	Conley Music Room 5:00 p.m.
Mon. Mar. 29 – Mon. Apr. 5	Spring Recess	
<b>Tuesday, Apr. 6</b>	<b>School Resumes</b>	