

**BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER
MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010– FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2010
<http://www.btschools.org>**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last night the Board of Education met with the Town Council. The school budget was further cut by \$51,200. This will mean an additional tax reduction of almost one point. Most of the cuts were taken from retirement savings. However, we also needed to cut the Hoppock boys' gym lockers and a large portion of our professional development dollars.

There has been some confusion about the end of the year half days so I wanted to clarify. The last day of school is June 24 for both students and teachers. June 23 and June 24 are the only half days. Hoppock graduation will be held on June 24th.

Congratulations to two Hoppock students who were recognized this week. Sarah Flaim was chosen for the Hunterdon County Distinguished Student Award and Connor Lane received the Hunterdon County Library Association Enthusiastic Reader Award. Thanks for representing Bethlehem Township in such a positive way!

Have a great 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

Baseball

Softball

Monday, May 10

Game away Clinton Public @ Gebhardt Field

Game away @ Clinton Public

Tuesday, May 11	Practice Heritage until 4:15 p.m.	No Practice
Wednesday, May 12	Home game vs. Franklin	Home game vs. Franklin
Thursday, May 13	Practice Heritage until 4:15 p.m.	Practice Heritage until 4:30 p.m.

Dove Self Esteem Workshop:

The Voorhees High School Student Council is sponsoring a workshop for 6th/7th/8th grade girls and their mothers on Saturday, May 15, from 10:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the Voorhees High School Cafeteria. The workshop will address issues with self esteem, and body image through fun interactive sessions with the Student Council members who have successfully completed the Dove training program. If you are interested in attending or have any questions please call 908-638-2199 x 2388. or email dpapa@nhvweb.net or sdagresti@gmail.com to register. Please leave you name, your daughters name and grade level.

Teen Arts:

The Teen Arts Festival is Tuesday, May 18, at Deer Path Park (adjacent to the Deer Path YMCA). Please join us and watch our Hoppock students perform at the following times:

10:00 a.m.	Hoppock Wind Ensemble	11:10 a.m.	Hoppock 7 th /8 th grade Chorus	12:30 p.m.	Hoppock Theatre Performances
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The Theater Performances include 2 scenes from Li'l Abner and a Pantomime performance.

Spring Concert:

The Hoppock Spring Concert is Tuesday, May 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the gym at Hoppock.

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

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

Cub Scout Pack 191 News:

Thank you for your advance orders for the Mother's Day Annual Flower Sale! Pick up will be Wednesday, May 5th, 5:00 - 6:00 at Conley.

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:

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

No 2010-2011 Basketball Season:

No Basketball Season for 2010-2011 - Commissioner is resigning. Someone needs to step up by September 1, 2010 or there will not be any winter basketball. Please contact Martin Auger at martin.j.auger@sanofi-aventis.com or come to the monthly recreation meetings.

Summer Rec is back:

July 22nd through August 6th, 9 a.m.-noon. Come join us at the Heritage Park pavilion.

All new for 2010: Interested? Please let us know - send an email to recreation@bethlehemnj.org

Let us know the family name and ages, possible number of days attending and any other questions or concerns you may have. Also, if you would like to help out or sponsor an event or have your high school children earn service hours, this would be the opportunity. No Payment Now. Ages K – 6th grade Crafts, Trips, Games, Sports, and Fun For 1 or 2 kids each - \$10 per day / \$45 for week / \$80 for 2 weeks, 3rd or 4th child-½ price.

Baseball/Softball:

Please contact Warren Link at lynxrus5@embarqmail.com with any questions.

Warrior Lacrosse:

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

SKIT:

SKIT is presenting "The Music Man!" on Saturday May 15 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, May 16, at 2:00 p.m., Friday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 22 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 23, at 2:00 p.m. All shows will take place

in the Voorhees High School auditorium, Route 513, Lebanon Township. Tickets are priced between \$11.50 and \$18.50. Select your seats and print your own tickets via www.showkids.org <<http://www.showkids.org/>> or call the SKIT ticket office at (908) 638-5959. Feel free to call Mary Dickson at (908) 419-1689 with questions.

Summer Drama Camp 2010

The Bethlehem Township Performing Arts Association is again holding a summer drama camp Monday through Friday from 9:00 – 1:30 p.m. on the following weeks. Session I, will run from July 5 - July 16 for grades 4 - 6 and Session II, from July 19 - July 30 for grades 7 - 12. Registration forms and more information can be found on their website www.btpaa.org.

2010 Hunterdon Mohawks Girl's Lacrosse Registration

Visit www.hunterdonmohawkslacrosse.com for more information or 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 (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

Sun. May 16	8 th grade Car Wash @ The Perryville Center	10:00-4:00 p.m. Rain date May 23
Friday, May 21	Early Dismissal Teacher In-Service	Hoppock 12:00 p.m. Conley 12:50 p.m.
Mon. May 24	Dress Rehearsal Hoppock School	TBA
Tues. May 25	Spring Concert Hoppock School	7:00 p.m.
Mon. May 31	No School Memorial Day	
Wed. June 23	Early Dismissal	Hoppock 12:00 p.m. Conley 12:50 p.m.
Thurs. June 24	Early Dismissal Last Day of School	Hoppock 12:00 p.m. Conley 12:50 p.m.
Thurs. June 24	8 th Grade Graduation	Conley School 7:00 p.m.