

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010– FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2010
<http://www.btschools.org>

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Congratulations to both Conley School, for Literacy Night, and Hoppock School for their Curriculum Showcase. Students, faculty and administration worked very hard to display students' efforts and talents this week. We should all be very proud of both events. These special evenings demonstrate once again the excellent programs in our school district.

You will be receiving an e-alert this week that will provide answers to last week's budget blog questions on "Finance." I encourage you to check back to our previous blogs for answers to questions on Curriculum and Technology, Extra Curricular Activities, and Facilities.

April 20 is Bethlehem Township School District Board and Budget Elections. We have made some difficult cuts to the Bethlehem Township School District's budget without sacrificing our high quality programs. Your taxes from this budget will be lower this year than last year. **However, we still need you to vote on April 20.** If the budget is defeated it may result in additional budget cuts, which could have a serious impact on our school programs and staffing. Look for our special budget newsletter this weekend which will explain the budget in detail.

Have a great weekend!

Nancy Lubarsky

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, April 19	Game away at Tewksbury	Game away at Tewksbury
Tuesday, April 20	Practice Heritage until 4:30 p.m.	Practice Heritage until 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 21	Home game vs. High Bridge	Home game vs. High Bridge
Thursday, April 22	Practice Heritage until 4:15 p.m.	Practice Heritage until 4:30 p.m.

8th Grade Car Wash:

Please come out and support this fundraiser for the 8th graders by getting your car washed by the students. The date is Sunday, April 18, (rain date April 25) from 10:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Perryville Centre, 78 Rt. 173 West. Cars \$6.00, and SUV’s \$8.00.

Spring Dance:

The Student Council will sponsor a dance for all 6th through 8th graders on Friday, April 30, from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the door. The dance will be held in the school cafeteria.

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 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

Tricky Tray:

Tickets are now on sale for the biggest PTA fundraiser of the year, Tricky Tray, on Friday, April 23, at 6:00 p.m. Look for your invitation through backpack mail. Please fill out all ticket information and send your payment to Patti

Doscher, c/o Drew 2K. Reserved group seating is available. Enjoy a fun, inexpensive evening out and go home with some beautiful prizes such as Longaberger products, furniture and awesome themed baskets. Please direct all questions to Patti at 537-9265 or pattigymbo@embarqmail.com Kristen Johnson at 537-1106 or skjohnson212@comcast.net. Invite your friends - over 200 people attended last year.

We are still accepting donations, services or sponsorships! Hope to see you on the 23rd!

Tricky Tray 50/50 Tickets:

Tickets are now on sale! Last year's prize was over \$1200. Tickets are \$5 each or 5/\$20. Need not be present to win!!!! Volunteers are needed to sell 50/50 tickets. Please call Karen Crompton at 537-9614 or e-mail brpa@btpta.org for ticket purchase or ticket sales.

Used Clothing Drive:

Check for the flier that went home today. The used clothing drive will be held clean-up day, Saturday, April 24, 2010, 8:00–2:00pm at 405 Mine Road, Bethlehem Twp, NJ Municipal parking lot. What we collect has changed for 2010. Please pack all items in plastic bags. Tax receipts will be available. Arrangements for earlier drop off can be made. Please call Laurie Keefe at 908 479-1272 or email keefe397@embarqmail.com if you have any questions.

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. Remember, hanging baskets and individual flower pots will be available for purchase on May 6th and 7th at Hoppock (11:00 - 1:00) and Conley (10:15 - 11:30 and 1:00 - 3:00). Let your children purchase a gift or drop buy to purchase your own!

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:

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, 9a.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 or call the SKIT ticket office at (908) 638-5959. Feel free to call Mary Dickson at (908) 419-1689 with questions.

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. Come enjoy this great show with your family and friends!

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 (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

Tues. Apr. 20	Budget and School Elections	Municipal Building 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Fri. Apr. 23	Early Dismissal Teacher In-Service	Hoppock 12:00 p.m. / Conley 12:50 p.m.
Sat. Apr. 24	Clean Up Day 8:00-4:00 p.m. Used Clothing Drive 8:00-2:00 p.m.	Municipal Building
April 20 B.O.E.Meeting Re-scheduled to: Thurs. Apr. 29	B.O.E Meeting Conley School	New Board members will be sworn in at 7:00 p.m. Regular meeting to follow.
Fri. April 30	Hoppock Spring Dance	7:00 – 9:30 p.m. EHMS Cafeteria
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.