

**BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2009– FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2009**  
<http://www.btschools.org>

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope everyone enjoyed the PTA picnic last weekend. It was a wonderful event and seemed to be enjoyed by all. What terrific volunteers our school community has. And what great sports the teachers and the principals were for participating in the dunk tank event. The heated water saved the day!

Wednesday evening was the second of our presentations about the math initiative. (Some of you may have attended the first one we had last spring). Jane Smith, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, gave an update on the program and its implementation this year. She spoke about strategies, materials, and the web links that both students and parents can access at home. It was very well attended. Mrs. Smith was able to clarify any questions that were asked about the program.

Reminder:

On Tuesday, October 6, after 7:00 PM there will be a test message of our Global Connect phone system. More details will follow in today's backpack mail and on our website, including a chart that explains under what circumstances the individual phone numbers on your list are called.

Don't forget to sign up on our website in order to receive important information from the district.

Have a great weekend!

Nancy Lubarsky  
Superintendent

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**ATTENTION STAFF AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS:**

A Global Connect test message for staff and students for the new school year will be broadcast to all numbers on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> between 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Please press

#4 to confirm receipt of the test message. Please contact the individual school offices to make any changes or corrections. Thank you.

**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 [Return to School Note for Influenza \(Flu\) Like Illness](#). Having a parent/guardian sign the 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.

**Substitute School Nurse Employment Opportunity**

Substitute Nurses Needed for the Thomas B. Conley School and Ethel Hoppock Middle School.

New substitute nurse rate - **\$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

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**Volleyball**

Away @ Union

**Girls Soccer**

Practice until 5 pm

**Boys Soccer**

Practice until 4:30 pm

**Cross Country**

Home vs. Union

Mon. Oct. 5

Practice until 4:00 pm

Home vs. Clinton

Away @ Bundt Field

No practice

Tues. Oct. 6

Away @ Franklin Twp.

Practice until 5 pm

Practice until 4:30 pm

Away @ Tewksbury

Wed. Oct. 7

Practice until 4:00 pm

Away @ Union

Home vs. Union

Practice ‘til 4:15

Thurs. Oct. 8

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade cover contest:**

The deadline has been extended until Monday October 5. Have your artwork featured on the front cover of the PTA directory. Please go to the PTA website for more information about this great contest.

**Attention 6<sup>th</sup> grade Parents**

Please check the 6<sup>th</sup> grade immunization requirements posted on the website. Please call Mrs. Myers with any questions or problems @ 908-479-6336 X 2225.

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**PTA MEMBERSHIP NEWS: \*\***

MEMBERSHIP FORMS ARE DUE NOW\*\* IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED YET, OR HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR FORMS WHICH WERE SENT OUT ON 9/11, please email Karen Crompton at [kcrompton@earthlink.net](mailto:kcrompton@earthlink.net) or call 537-9614.

**Trunk-Or-Treat**

Mark your calendar for the annual Bethlehem PTA Trunk-or-Treat event at Thomas B. Conley School for Friday, October 30, 2009. Trunk-or-Treat is the safe and fun way for our children to trick-or-treat without going door to door. Decorate your car trunk in the school lot and hand out your treats. Refreshments, games and prizes awarded for your creative efforts. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

**Hope everyone who attended the Welcome Back Picnic enjoyed themselves – it was wonderful seeing all the smiles and celebrating the start of a new school year.**

**A special thanks to the dedicated picnic committee for an incredible job:** Kristen Johnson (**Carnival Games**), Cindi Jackson (**registration**), Ardis Miller (**face painting/tattoos**), Karen Crompton (**family contests/data management**), Virginia Wilson (**dunk tank**), Sharlene McQuade (**disc toss/welcome tent**) and George Bunca (**welcome tent**). **In addition, thanks to the BT Environmental Commission, the Bloomsbury Hose Company, Tim McQuade, Bill Wilson, Patricia Fitzgerald, and our prize donors** Adristy Salon, Executive Gifts and Come Back Farm in Asbury. **We are also very grateful to the many parent, scout & student volunteers who assisted and made sure everyone had a great time. We couldn't have done it without you all! The PTA would like to extend a special thanks to our amazing volunteers who braved the Dunk Tank:** Ed Keegan, Ken Wark, Deidre Terpin, Kathy Harvey, Dan Hathaway and Dennis Drake. **They set a new world record! LOST & FOUND: a 5<sup>th</sup> grader is missing a favorite Met's sweatshirt. If anyone mistakenly went home with it (or knows its whereabouts) please let us know so we can get it back to him. If any**

**volunteers need letters as confirmation of their service hours, please contact Kristen Johnson at 537-1106 or [skjohnson212@comcast.net](mailto:skjohnson212@comcast.net) Sharon Tanzler**

**This September's Clothing Drive was a success!**

We received over \$1100 to add to our budget. This fall, we didn't have a township cleanup collection on the clothing drive day - which definitely affected our usual totals. Getting the word out (word of mouth always works great!) to as many people as we can will in the future will help since the township is no longer sending out the biannual newsletter. **The next clothing, baby equipment & stuffed animal drive is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2010** along with our township's annual clean up day. It will remain at the Municipal Building. We are brainstorming many other ideas to increase participation - we'll keep you posted. PLEASE HELP THE PTA SPREAD THE WORD and forward any information in the future to other residents and friends that don't have children in the schools. We need their support also and we'll support them by cleaning out their basements and attics. Thank you, Laurie Keefe 479-1272

**Box Tops4Education News:**

Support your school and clip those Box Tops!! Please send in your Box Tops with your FAMILY NAME on the envelope or baggie. The contest for the most Box Tops turned in ends October 16th. Any questions? Contact Tricia Morris at [morris5@comcast.net](mailto:morris5@comcast.net).

**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!!

<b>BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP RECREATION NEWS</b>
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**Community Day:**

Saturday, October 3, Heritage Park, 4-9pm. DJ, Food Vendor, Magician, Girl Scout Cookies and Games, Fireworks. Clean up 10am Sunday, October 4-Service Hours for Confirmation and High School Kids. Call Laurie Keefe for details 479-1272 or email [keefe397@embarqmail.com](mailto:keefe397@embarqmail.com).

**Recreation Committee:**

Meetings: 1st Wednesday of every month, 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).

## **BT Rec Basketball**

Registration is now open for BT Rec Basketball 2009-2010 season. Your commissioners will be Martin Auger (908-537-1248) and Julian Oliver (908-735-7690) Registration forms can be found on the BT Rec Web Page

<http://www.freewebs.com/btrec/basketball.htm>

The registration deadline is November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Evals w/b November 9<sup>th</sup>

1st Game: 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> December.

## **SCOUTING**

### **Pack 191 Updates & Reminders**

\*Pack Meeting is this Thurs, Oct 1 at 7pm in Conley MPR

\*Sunday, Oct 4 from 11-4- Jungle Safari Cub Adventure Day at Yards Creek. Questions and RSVP [richardkimmick@msn.com](mailto:richardkimmick@msn.com)

Pack will cover cost of the Scouts

All Scouts that attend this will receive a chance to win a Mountain Bike in the District Giveaway

\*Popcorn Sale Fundraiser is about to begin- look for more emails on this very soon!

\*Orienteering- Oct 31- Look for more info on this FUN event and start your Halloween off with a bang! [christiangartlgruber@gmail.com](mailto:christiangartlgruber@gmail.com) with questions

\*Round Table Meeting- North Hunterdon High School - Cafeteria A&B at 730pm on Oct 7- All Parents - especially those new to scouts- are encouraged to attend this particular meeting to learn more about what BSA is all about!

\*Committee Meeting- Hoppock at 730pm on Oct 8- All are invited to attend, each den should have representation!

\*Halloween Pack Meeting- Oct. 22 at 7pm in Conley MPR- Come dressed for some Halloween Fun!

Visit our website at [www5.packsonline.com/nj/191](http://www5.packsonline.com/nj/191)

### **Environmental Commission Green Challenge Results:**

Congratulations to all the students of Conley and Hoppock schools! Your participation in our Green Challenge collected 202 pairs of sneakers and over **1000** books swapped hands in 4 hours. A special thanks to Maria and Laura Cannillo, Deb Palahnuk, Sara Janosko, Rosanne and Carmella Schwab, Charlie Caly, Girl Scout Troops #1183 and #832, Alexa Parliyan, Sharan Curley, Walt Steele, Jason Molzen, Maura Clancy and all the PTA Volunteers. A special thank you to Lynn Coates for letting us borrow her book racks.

The sneakers are on their way to the Nike Factory to be broken down and used in athletic courts and tracks. The left over books have gone to AmeriCorp to give books to children who live at poverty levels through out the USA.

Who won the pizza party? Stand by to see the class by class environmental impact reports, generated by Mrs. Terpin's science class. These results will determine the winner of the pizza party.

### **Conquer the Mountain**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Fitness Event, a 5K run/walk; will be held Sunday, October 11, starting at 9:00 am. Hosted by the U.S. Family Martial Arts Center, Perryville State Police and Washington State Police, all proceeds will go directly to: Greenwich/Stewartsville, Pattenburg Fire and Rescue, Bloomsbury and Phillipsburg Rescue, and Harmony and Huntington Fire. The entry fee is \$25.00 including a t-shirt. Call 908-735-4017 to register. Refreshments, Demos and Activities to follow

### **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 (10/21, 11/18, 12/16, 1/20, 2/17, 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**

<b>Mon., Oct. 5</b>	<b>Hoppock Picture Day</b>	<b>Morning</b>
<b>Fri., Oct. 16</b>	<b>No School</b>	<b>Teacher's In-service</b>
<b>Tues. Oct 20</b>	<b>Board of Education Meeting</b>	<b>8:00 pm. Conley School Music Room</b>
<b>Fri. Oct. 30</b>	<b>Early dismissal – Teacher In-Service</b>	<b>Hoppock 12:00 p.m./Conley 12:50 p.m.</b>
<b>Sat. Oct. 31</b>	<b>Halloween 2009 – Bethlehem Twp. Trick or Treat</b>	<b>12:00 pm – 8:00 pm</b>