

BCMS PTO Newsletter

December 2013

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A word from your Co-president

Two new initiatives are underway for the BCMS PTO!

First, we have begun preparations for a school-wide “Hollywood VIP” themed event to be held on March 21st, 2014. All BCMS students will be invited to participate in this social event. Parent committees will be forming in January to assist with planning for activities, decorations, etc.

Second, we have reached an agreement with the Bethlehem-based company, Platinum ITS, for the development of an exciting new PTO website! The new site will automate the collection of parent contact and volunteer information as well as allow for on-line payments for student assignment notebooks, directories and PTO membership dues. The projected completion date for the new website is early Spring of 2014.

The month of December will be busy for our middle school students. Our 7th graders will venture out on December 12th to Saratoga’s Home Made Theater to see a special performance of “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.” The cast and crew of the Seussical Jr musical will continue to prepare an extraordinary show for the January performances. And students will take part in an assembly called “Finding Kind,” an initiative to instill kindness in the communication between peers.

Please take a few moments to review our Newsletter, and as always, feel free to contact Kim Namkoong (knamkoo1@nycap.rr.com) if you have any questions about the PTO or its initiatives. Enjoy the December holiday season.

BCMS PTO JOB Openings

Role/Title	Term	Job Description
Co-President	2013-2015	To assist in the leadership of the BCMS PTO.

Financial News

Fundraising Update

HOT HOT HOT: All school dollars need to be turned into our local Hannaford Store # 8339 on Delaware Avenue by Friday, December 13th. Please note these cannot be mailed, but must be dropped off. The Price Chopper Tools for Schools is still going on. Thank you for all shopping at these locations and raising funds for our school..

Treasurer Update

If you have not paid for your child's assignment notebook, please send in a \$7 check to BCMS PTO in an envelope with your child's name and homeroom on it. This was a mandatory item for the school as well as a small fundraiser for the PTO. The 6th grade teachers do a remarkable job of teaching our children to organize their assignments and priorities and this is the tool that they are using to do that.

Thank you for your generous support. You can still help out with this by making a direct donation (which is an easy way to opt out of further general PTO fundraising). The suggested donation minimum is \$30; however, no donation is too large or small.

Please send your donation to:
 BCMS c/o David Cooper, PTO Treasurer
 332 Kenwood Avenue
 Delmar, NY 12054

Checks made payable to BCMS PTO with "Direct Donation" in the memo line.

BCMS PTO Project & Event *Funding, Oct/Nov 2013*

<i>Charity Drive for Bethlehem Community Fund/BCMS Nurses' Initiative</i>	\$200
<i>Junior Chef Club grant—cooking supplies for clubs</i>	\$250

7M Team Building Initiative	\$147
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Volunteer News

From your Hospitality Coordinator

Thank you to the team of bakers who generously supplied items for the American Education Week—a huge success! It was a great treat to take a break from “our” classes” and relax in the LMC!

From your Volunteer Coordinator

Our next event will be the 6th grade social in January—hope to see you there!

Committee Updates

Theater Experience Committee: Parents, administration, students and teachers came together to research and choose appropriate theater productions that are aimed at middle school audiences. All students must pay \$9 for attendance. Please refer to the SNN that Principal Klugman sent out. As a result, the students will enjoy the following experiences this year:

6 th Grade	Proctors Traveling Production of Henry Hudson	March, 2014 BCMS Auditorium
7 th Grade	SPAC Homemade Theater's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	December, 2013 SPAC Homemade Theater
8 th Grade	Shakespeare & Company Traveling Production of	April, 2014 BCMS Auditorium

	<i>Romeo & Juliet</i>	
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Field Trip Committee: The committee has set a goal of centralized fundraising, by grade and the first set of fundraising orders for the car wash needed to be in 4 Dec. In January, the committee will sponsor raffles for technology products. As a reminder, the field trips are the 6th Grade to the American Natural History Museum, 7th Grade to the Bronx Zoo and 8th grade to Great Escape.

Directory Committee: Thanks to the following people: Mandy Fallon, Kellie Morey, Meredith Schoenblum, Shannon Sell, Lauda Thompson, Christine Zemsky, David Cooper and committee chair Sylvia Taylor the student directory was distributed the week of Thanksgiving. A small number of extra copies are available in the main office for \$6.

Upcoming Calendar Events

December 23-3 Jan—HOLIDAY BREAK!!!!

Jan 24 2014 6th Grade Social—Chaperones needed