

BCMS PTO Newsletter

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A word from your Co-president

The New Year is off and running and the BCMS PTO is happy to be busy with some great projects.

Preparations have begun for the sensational “Hollywood VIP” themed event to be held on March 21st. All BCMS students will be invited to participate in this social event. Parent committees are now forming, and we’d love your help. We are looking for adults who can assist with:

- Decorations
- Entertainment
- Food/Concession
- Ticket Sales
- Clean-up
- Activities

There’s no better way to get involved with BCMS than to help plan the event of the year! Please contact Sylvia Taylor if you can volunteer (taylorssaa@yahoo.com). Students will also be asked to participate in the party planning, and there will be a student poster contest.

In an effort to offset the cost of the field trips planned for BCMS students in 2014, the PTO Board has made a decision to allocate \$2000 per grade towards this initiative. Field Trip fundraising efforts will continue, in order to reduce costs further, but our goal is to make the field trips affordable so that all students have an opportunity to

participate. This year, the 6th grade students will venture to the NYC Museum of Natural History; 7th grade students will head to the Bronx Zoo and 8th grade students have voted to spend a day at the Great Escape in Lake George.

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.

BCMS PTO JOB Openings

Role/Title	Term	Job Description
Co-President	2013-2015	To assist in the leadership of the BCMS PTO.
Vice President, Hospitality	2014-2015	Oversees hospitality provided at 8-10 middle school events per school year. Hospitality coordination includes: planning of event with school administrators; set-up; clean-up; and recruitment of bakers as needed. A master list of volunteer bakers is established early in the school year, with the assistance of the volunteer coordinator.

Financial News

Fundraising/Treasurer Update

Thank you for all your support this year! As of Jan 14, we made a profit of almost \$3,000 in directory sales as well as direct donations of over \$3,300 to support the many new initiatives this year.

REMINDER: 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 school supply item that was purchased up front by the BCMS PTO. BCMS teachers do a remarkable job of training our children to organize their

homework and other priorities using the assignment notebook. The training prepares the students for the increased organizational needs of high school.

LAST CHANCE: If you wish to buy a student directory you can do so from the main office. We will continue to sell these through 10 Feb for \$6!

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, Jan 2014*

<i>Allocations applied toward field trips for 6th, 7th and 8th grades</i>	<i>\$6000</i>
<i>Grant for Character Initiative—author Mary Judd to provide weekly Character seminars starting in Feb until end of school year. Open to all students during 3 home base periods on Tuesdays.</i>	<i>\$2000</i>
<i>7 Mohawk Team Project</i>	<i>\$105</i>
<i>Dec Character Lunch</i>	<i>\$202.19</i>
<i>PTO Membership/Insurance</i>	<i>\$474</i>

Volunteer News

From your Hospitality Coordinator

Thank you for your support during the week of the book fair. We got lots of positive feedback about hosting the book sale and hospitality break in the LMC! Our next big baking event will be the spring fling on 21 March!

From your Volunteer Coordinator

Our next event will be the 6th grade social on 24 January from 7-8:45, more details about the event will come out soon. Volunteers will need to be there from 6:45 to 8:45—hope to see you there! I will also be requesting volunteers to help plan the Hollywood VIP Event as well as sell raffle tickets during, lunch periods, for the field trip fundraiser. Be on the lookout for these volunteer opportunities!

Committee Updates

Field Trip Committee: This committee's goal was to coordinate equivalent field trip experiences across each grade level. We got a late start this year but, our first fundraiser was held in December and almost \$3900 was made to help defray costs! Watch for next fundraiser which is an IPAD/technology raffle. In addition, you have the opportunity to help even more by becoming a PTO Field Trip Sponsor. Letters were sent out via students but you can access the letter by the attachment on this newsletter. Volunteers will be needed to sell raffle tickets during lunch hours. Contact David Cooper (dmcrider@yahoo.com) with questions. 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.

March Fundraising Committee: As noted by Kim above, the spring fling, Hollywood VIP", fundraising is underway! We are looking for committee chairs as well as volunteers for each committee. A separate request will be out soon requesting volunteers to sign up by 27 Jan. Co-chairs for this event are Tina Pantuso and David Cooper.

Upcoming Calendar Events

Jan 24 2014 6th Grade Social—Chaperones needed

Mar 7 7th/8th Grade Social—Chaperones needed

Mar 21 Hollywood VIP events—bakers and chaperones needed