

BCMS PTO Newsletter

November 2013

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Hospitality Tina Sheehan

Volunteer Coordinator Sylvia Taylor

Recording Secretary Adrienne Emery

A word from your Co-president

October was a busy month at the middle school, with school socials, character recognition awards and a spooky celebration at the Halloween Ball where over 900 students and 100+ volunteers took part. We also had our first PTO General Meeting of the year where we heard students present details about their personal experiences in school clubs and we initiated two new PTO Board members: Tina Pantuso as the Special Projects Officer and Adrienne Emery as the Recording Secretary.

November brings with it an invitation for parents to join their students in classrooms for American Education week (11/19 and 11/20). The PTO Board welcomes you to visit the Library Media Center during your school visit, where there will be refreshments and a book fair presentation for you to enjoy.

Please review our Newsletter so that you can stay involved with BCMS PTO. If you have any questions about the BCMS PTO, please contact Kim Namkoong, co-President: knamkoo1@nycap.rr.com.

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

Thank you to the businesses that purchased advertising space in the upcoming BCMS Directory publication.

Treasurer Update

Thank you for your generous support. So far, BCMS parents have donated over \$2100 supporting our new direct donation initiative this year. 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>"Kind Campaign," an initiative aimed at improving the way that girls treat other girls, especially using social networking. This is a film and discussion program. Boys will be utilizing a different film.</i>	\$599
<i>Thanksgiving Pumpkin Bread Project</i>	\$215
<i>Student Character Lunch</i>	\$125

Volunteer News

From your Hospitality Coordinator

Thank you to the team of bakers who generously supplied items for the Guidance Coffee on Oct 24th—a huge success! The first character awards breakfast was Nov 6th and you can see the website for photos and details. In addition, parents provided a

generous amount of baked goods at the Costume ball. The next big opportunity for baked goods will be American Ed week Nov 19-20th. Get those ovens going!

From your Volunteer Coordinator

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers, here are some of the highlights of what you made happen:

Sep-Oct

Picture Day—approx 98 vol hrs—over 1000 students pictures

7/8th Grade social—approx 22 vol hrs- 250 students enjoyed!

6th Grade Fun Fair—approx 44 vol hrs-over 200 students relaxed!

BCMS Costume Ball—approx 228 vol hrs—902 students celebrated!

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. As a result, the students will enjoy the following experiences this year:

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

Field Trip Committee: The committee has set a goal of centralized fundraising, by grade, in order to offer exciting grade level field trips that are reasonable in cost per student. Fundraising efforts for field trips will be coordinated by parent leaders and team teachers. As of now, the 7th grade-wide trip is to Bronx Zoo and the 6th grade-wide trip is to the American Natural History Museum.

Directory Committee: Thanks to a wonderful group of volunteers, the student directory is in the final stage of input. A team of seven input over 650 families into the directory!

We hope to send the directory to print next week and plan to deliver directories to students no later than Thanksgiving. A small number of extra copies will be printed, so if you did not order one and wish to do so, please contact David Cooper (dmcride@yahoo.com). The cost of the directory is \$6.

Upcoming Calendar Events

November 19th & 20th American Education Visitation Days – Bakers needed

November 15th, 18th, 19th and 20th BCMS Book Fair –in the Library Media Center

Thanksgiving Giving Week Pumpkin Bread Donation - 7th grade students will work with the FACS teachers to prepare numerous loaves of Pumpkin Bread to be donated to local food pantries for Thanksgiving Day Meals