

BCMS PTO Newsletter

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From your Co-Presidents

October was a busy month with many fun events. The annual Costume Ball was, again, a huge success thanks to the many volunteers who chaperoned, baked treats, sold tickets, set up and cleaned up afterwards. Thanks to you, the students had a great and safe event. View some fantastic pictures taken by Mrs. Neri at the gallery facebook website.

Many thanks also to the parents who volunteered for the Helping Hands Movie Showing.

Finally, thanks to everyone who made our first field trip fundraiser, the Save-Around Coupon Book, a huge success. Over 1,030 coupon books were sold with 473 students participating. The Sixth Grade raised \$3950. The Seventh Grade raised \$3915 and the Eighth Grade raised \$2395. This fundraiser would not have been possible without the help of Darlene Ward, Patti Michaelson, Kurt Uhl, Veronica Roddy, and Lisa Wilson.

Current Efforts Behind the Scenes:

-The **Field Trip Committee** is currently finalizing plans for the grade level field trips. Payments for field trip busing has been paid by the PTO in the amounts of \$2,000 for grade 6; \$2000 for grade 7; and \$1800 for grade 8.

-**Spirit Wear!** The PTO is pleased to be able to offer our families the opportunity to purchase spirit wear. Purchase forms were sent home and sales are underway. **Orders are due Monday, November 17th**—no exceptions. Orders will be processed and available for pick up sometime before the winter break. These items make great gifts and allow you and your family to show your school pride wherever you go!
GO EAGLES!

-Thanks to your support, the PTO has purchased **two television monitors** that will be installed in the cafeteria for the purpose of streaming announcements and instructional clips for students during the lunch hour.

Upcoming Events, Deadlines and Reminders:

14 Nov--School Directories. If you wish to be **included in the Bethlehem Middle School Student/Parent Directory** you have one last chance! To be included, please complete the directory information form **ONLINE at the PTO website:** bcmspto.org **NO LATER THAN 11/14/14.** We cannot extend the date any further since the PTO would like to be able to distribute the directories prior to Thanksgiving.

To Purchase a Directory. You can purchase a directory on line when you submit your directory information. Just complete the easy form on the website.

To Place an Ad in the Directory. Also, if you are small business and would like to place an ad in the directory, please e-mail David Cooper with a pdf version of your ad at dmcride@yahoo.com. You will need to provide a pdf version of your ad and complete a purchase form. Both check and cash payment is accepted and the PTO can bill you for your ad later. The BCMS Student directory reaches approximately 500 families so your ad is a great means of advertising your business while providing support to our PTO!

14-19 Nov--BCMS Book Fair –

The annual BCMS Scholastic Book Fair will be held from Friday, Nov. 14, through Wednesday, Nov. 19. The hours are:

- Friday, Nov. 14: 8 – 2:45 pm
- Monday, Nov. 17: 8 – 2:45 pm
- Tuesday, Nov. 18: 8 – 3:45 pm
- Wednesday, Nov. 19: 8 – 3:45 pm

Much of the profit is used to bring authors to the school each year. For more fair details, go to <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/bethlehemcentralmiddlesch>.

18 and 19 Nov--American Education Week. Spend the day at school going to class with your student! Classroom visitations begin at 8:20 a.m., which is when first period begins, and concludes at 1:59 p.m., which is the end of period eight. The LMC will serve as a break room for parents during your student's lunch period or any other time of the day. Visitors are encouraged to go to the library to relax and visit the fair. Volunteer bakers/buyers are needed for this event; see "Volunteer News" below.

OVERDUE – Payment for assignment notebooks were due on October 15. We are grateful to those who have made this purchase and hope to remind around the 300 students that may have forgotten. If you are unsure about whether you paid for your student's notebook, please feel free to e-mail the PTO at ptobcms@gmail.com.

OVERDUE: Coupon Book Returns/Payment- If you have not yet returned your "Save Around" Coupon Book or remitted payment of \$20 for it (either online or via check to homeroom) please either return the book to your child's homeroom teacher or remit payment at your earliest convenience. The PTO will incur monetary loss for each book that is not returned or for which payment is not received.

Volunteer News

From your Hospitality Coordinator

By Heather Rutski and Jennifer Gallagher**

18 and 19 – American Education Week-Volunteers to bake, or bring snacks (including healthy ones).

**If you would like to bake or provide a snack you can contact Jennifer Gallagher at: jengal@verizon.net or Heather Rutski at: rutski@icloud.com.

From your Volunteer Coordinator

By Kathie Dubin**

Thank you for your support over our busy September and October. Stay tuned for upcoming events in the new year!

**If you would like to volunteer, please contact *Kathie Dubin, PTO Volunteer Coordinator* at bcmspto12054@gmail.com

From your Treasurer

Thanks to you we are off to a running start! Here are the expenditures that directly support students:

- Expenditures
 - \$149 6th grade Welcome/beverage containers
 - \$169 Character Breakfast Recognition
 - \$56 Guidance-Parent Coffee
 - \$218 Character Lunch Recognition
 - \$600 Halloween Ball prizes/support
 - \$1200 Raptor Project
 - \$217 Supplies and cider for Scarecrow Initiative
 - \$5800 6th, 7th and 8th grade bus deposit for field trip

To learn more about the PTO, how to become PTO member, and/or how to make a direct donation, please visit our new website at bcmspto.org. In addition, the website features an interactive school store that provides for easy access in purchasing various items throughout the school year. We hope that you find this website easy to navigate.

Please feel free to contact Sylvia Taylor or David Cooper (via our website) if you have any thoughts you would like to share about the PTO or its initiatives. In the meantime, we hope to see you at the first general meeting!

