

BCMS PTO Newsletter

October 2013

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Volunteer Coordinator Sylvia Taylor

CALENDAR ALERT!!!

Our first general BCMS PTO meeting will be held on **Monday, October 7th at 7pm** in the BCMS Library Media Center. We invite parents and students to attend this meeting where student club members will present the great opportunities that exist for joining a wide variety of clubs at the middle school.

A word from your Co-president

The 2013-2014 school year is off to a great start, and the BCMS PTO is excited to be involved with many of this year's great events and activities. We want to thank the parents who have already volunteered their time for: school planner distribution, the Theater Experience Committee, Picture Day assistance, baking for Open House and chaperoning the school social. Aside from providing enthusiastic volunteers, the BCMS PTO has also provided funding support for some of this year's early initiatives, including: the Fall scarecrow exhibit, the Character Initiative, and the Halloween Ball. The PTO Board encourages you to review our Newsletter so that you can stay involved with our school community. 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.
Recording Secretary	2013-2015	Record and distribute the minutes at monthly PTO Board meetings.

FUNDRaising News

Fundraising Update

During the week of the Patroon and Mohawk open houses, the PTO distributed letters on how you can consider doing a direct donation to the BCMS PTO. In an effort to minimize fundraising efforts, you can donate money directly to the PTO by sending in the donation in an envelope clearly marked "BCMS PTO" with either check or cash in it to your child's homeroom teacher. Alternatively, you can mail donations to our treasurer; David Cooper, c/o BCMS, 332 Kenwood Ave, Delmar, NY 12054.

How to help your school while SHOPPING!

Our local grocery stores and retailers offer wonderful programs that allow your purchases to accrue points that can be used to purchase supplies for our school. Please take a moment to make Bethlehem Central Middle School (Delmar, NY) your beneficiary with any or all of the following stores:

Price Chopper: to register your Price Chopper Card use this link:

<http://www2.pricechopper.com/toolsforschools/>

Hannaford: No card necessary. Purchase 4 products with the "Hannaford Helps Schools" tags and receive 3 school dollars at the register. Deposit the school dollars in the Bethlehem Middle School collection bin inside the store. Program runs from September 1st, 2013-December 13th, 2013.

Target: if you are a REDCard holder, you can register your card at the following link: <https://www-secure.target.com/redcard/tcoe/home>.

Treasurer Update

Thanks to all who have joined the PTO as well as donated money. We are still collecting money for the mandatory purchase of the academic planners as well as PTO dues so if you have not done so already, print the form out from the PTO website on the BCMS website and send in with your child to his/her homeroom. Below, see your dollars at work:

BCMS PTO Project & Event Funding, Sept/Oct 2013

Character Initiative Banners	\$1057
Fall Scarecrow Exhibit	\$301
Halloween Ball	\$600

Volunteer News

From your Hospitality Coordinator

Thank you to the team of bakers who generously supplied items for the BCMS PTO hospitality table at Open Houses in September. See below for the opportunity to provide baked goods in October .

From your Volunteer Coordinator

Thanks to all you have already volunteered their time. BCMS parents are the BEST! You donated time to distribute assignment notebooks and made sure picture day went off without a hitch! The 7/8th grade social was a hit thanks to our parent chaperones! There are many more opportunities coming up in Oct so look below! Contact me, Sylvia Taylor at taylorssaa@yahoo.com with any questions or if you are ready to volunteer your time!

Upcoming Calendar Event

October 7	PTO General Meeting at BCMS LMC	
October 18	6th grade Fun Fair chaperones needed evening event	
October 24 9 am	Parent and Counselor Coffee--Bakers Needed	
October 23-25 lunch hours	Halloween Ball ticket sales--ticket sellers	needed during the
October 25	Halloween Ball chaperones needed evening event	