

BCMS PTO Newsletter

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From your Co-Presidents

With the school year well under way, the PTO would like to thank our families for making the start to the new school year a very successful one. The PTO extends its thanks to those who made generous contributions of their time and money. Your assistance and support is valued more than you know and thank you for your continued support.

Thanks to You:

- two **Open House** events offered many delicious snacks for parents as they navigated through a “day at school;”
- the **6th grade social** was a success that was supported by many families who volunteered to chaperone;
- Pictures Days** operated smoothly due to parent volunteers who coordinated all aspects of this program;
- payments to the PTO for assignment notebooks, directories, and PTO membership are winding down.

Current Efforts Behind the Scenes:

-the **PTO Field Trip Committee** and the faculty are finalizing plans for the 8th grade field trip. The “SaveARound” coupon book sales to offset field trip expenses will come to a close next week so please return or sell those books!

-the **Theater Group Committee** has heard student proposals and is finalizing decisions concerning theater performances that each grade will attend;

-the **Fundraising Committee** is considering potential revenue opportunities such as Spirit wear sales and a take home chicken dinner provided by Nicole’s restaurant of Delmar. Please contact Kathie Dubin at bcmspto12054@gmail.com if you want to participate in planning any of these projects.

Upcoming Events and Deadlines:

4 Oct--Coupon Book Orders- Payment of \$20 for coupon books (either online or via check to homeroom) or return of coupon books that you choose not to purchase should be returned to your child’s homeroom teacher.

7 Oct--General PTO Meeting at 7 pm in the LMC- Please join us for our first general meeting of the year. The agenda includes a vote to approve new board members; short presentations by Bethlehem Public Library representatives discussing the available resources that will help your children in their studies; a presentation about the BCMS Character program by Mr. Klugman; and student presentations detailing BCMS clubs.

10 Oct--7/8th grade social- This event is for 7/8th graders. Students must pay a small entrance fee for this event where there will be a snack bar, music in upper gym and basketball/sports in lower gym. **Chaperones are needed for this event!** If you would like to volunteer, please contact *Kathie Dubin, PTO Volunteer Coordinator* at: bcmspto12054@gmail.com

15 Oct--PAYMENT- for Assignment notebooks ARE DUE.

17 Oct and 18 Oct--The Helping Hands Club- will be sponsoring the showing of last year's BCMS movie production of "13 Scarecrows: Eddie's Revenge." The doors will open at 6:40 and the movie will play from 7pm-8:45pm. The Helping Hands club students are expected to sell tickets at the door. A few **parent volunteers are needed** to assist them with supervision, along with general supervision in the auditorium during the movie would be greatly appreciated. If parents could arrive by 6:35pm it would be great. If you would like to volunteer, please contact *Kathie Dubin, PTO Volunteer Coordinator* at: bcmspto12054@gmail.com

24-Oct--Costume Ball- The PE department and garden club host this school wide event that is open to all students. Students (and parent volunteers) dress up and roam the dimly lit hallways of the school and play games in classrooms, play ball and music in the gyms, purchase snacks in the cafeteria and make their way through a haunted house the PE dept hosts. Over 900 students attended last year! Bracelets for entry into the event will be sold three days prior to the event during lunch hours—so we need your help! We need **volunteers to bake, and to bring snacks including healthy ones.** If you would like to bring in snacks please contact or Hospitality Coordinators, Jennifer Gallagher at: jengal@verizon.net or Heather Rutski at: rutski@icloud.com rutski@icloud.com. **Chaperones are also need for this event as well as ticket sellers during lunch hours!!** If you would like to volunteer, please contact *Kathie Dubin, PTO Volunteer Coordinator* at: bcmspto12054@gmail.com

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.

To learn about the most immediate volunteer needs, see the "Volunteer News" section below.

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!

Volunteer News

From your Hospitality Coordinator

By Heather Rutski and Jennifer Gallagher**

24-Oct – Costume Ball--Volunteers to bake, and to 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 or rutski@icloud.com.

From your Volunteer Coordinator

By Kathie Dubin**

10 Oct - 7/8th grade social--CHAPERONES NEEDED

17 and 18 Oct--Helping Hands Movie Showing – PARENT VOLUNTEERS needed to supervise students selling tickets at the door.

22-24 Oct--Tickets Sellers are needed during lunch—2 shifts daily 10:15-12:15 and 12:15-2:00

23 Oct--volunteers needed after school for setting up the haunted house with the PE dept. Details to follow

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