

# BCMS PTO Newsletter

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## From your Co-Presidents

Welcome new and returning families to the Bethlehem Middle School. With the start of the school year upon us, the PTO is gearing up for what we hope will be another successful school year.

As many of you know, the PTO's primary objective is to enrich and support the education of our children by fostering relationships among the students, teachers and school staff. In order for the PTO to be effective in furthering this goal and be truly representative of the school, it is essential to have parental/guardian involvement from as many as possible. There are endless possibilities in ways you can help. Whether you lend support as a volunteer or provide financial support, the PTO welcomes your contribution with gratitude and appreciation.

In the past, the programs and initiatives sponsored by the PTO came to fruition, thanks to the sustaining support of BCMS families who have been generous with their time and financial support; we have funded school wide character-guiding programs, grants for innovative teachers, important guidance projects, equipment for school events, PE equipment, school fieldtrips, chaperoned grade level socials, and much more. Hopefully, we can build on this legacy and work together to continue building a meaningful educational environment for our children.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, how to become PTO member, and/or how to make a direct donation, please visit our new website at [bcmspto.org](http://bcmspto.org). In addition, the website features an interactive school store that provides for easy access in purchasing the required student assignment notebook as well as your PTO membership and student directory. We hope that you find this website easy to navigate.

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

We encourage you to attend the first general **BCMS PTO Meeting on October 7 at 7 pm** in the **LMC!** Be a part of your child's middle school experience!

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.

# Volunteer News

## From your Hospitality Coordinator

By Heather Rutski and Jennifer Gallagher

Upcoming hospitality events include:

23 Sep BCMS Patroon Open House—needed: baked goods, fruits and veggies

30 Sep BCMS Mohawk Open House—needed: baked goods, fruits and veggies

## From your Volunteer Coordinator

By Kathie Dubin

There are several upcoming events that will enlist the help of volunteers:

**26 Sep:** 6<sup>th</sup> grade fun fair-Need volunteers to chaperone

**29 Sep:** Picture Days volunteers to work shifts during school from 8:15-2:30

**10 Oct:** 7/8 Grade Social

**Field Trip Committee**

**Theater Group Committee**