From the Principal....

February 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This month we were excited to celebrate as our very own Mrs. Atkinson was named the district’s Innovative Educator of the Year on January 23, 2018. Mrs. Atkinson has successfully initiated Mindfulness training with her kindergarten classes. As a result, she is witnessing the results of more time on task, better communication, and reduced anxiety. Mrs. Atkinson will share some of her news in an upcoming newsletter about her program.

Sincerely,

James Zavodjancik, Principal

---

Drop-off and Pick-up

Students are expected to be in class at 9:00 AM when the day commences. Late passes will be issued at the back entrance if a student arrives beyond this time.

When dropping off, it is okay to let your child off (weather permitting), two/three cars at a time, prior to arriving to the side entrance.

Thanks to everyone who gets to school on time each day. We appreciate your efforts in supporting our learning environment.

Lunch Payments

If you send in cash for lunch payment, please make sure it is in an envelope with the student’s name on the front. This will allow us to make sure it is put in the correct account.
Important Dates (Continued)

February 25, 2019 – After School Program (Session 2) Begins

February 8 & 22 – 8:00AM – Student Council Meeting – Library

WordMasters Challenge

The WordMasters Challenge Organization recently honored our Fourth grade class. Grade 4 ranks eighth in the nation in achievement on this challenge. Moreover, four students (pictured below) earned outstanding and top scores on the challenge. Those students are: Elaina Brilvitch, Samuel DeMartino, Finn Kilmartin, and Cara Vasser.

Elementary Arts Banquet

Two BHS students will be honored for their arts talents at this year’s Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) Elementary Arts Banquet. The Banquet will be on February 5 for the two students and their families. Our two celebratees are: Anilyn Aleman and Sofia Turosienski. Congratulations to these two stellar arts students for their contributions to the fields.

Kindergarten Registration

Know a family who will have a student in Kindergarten at Booth Hill for the 2019-2020 school year. If so, our registration begins on the following days:

- February 7 – 9:30-11:30
- February 8 – 9:30-11:30 and 1:15-3:00
- February 25: 9:30-11:30
- February 26: 9:30-11:30 and 1:15-3:00

Please call the main office to schedule an appointment in the above time periods.

We will also hold a presentation for new kindergarten students’ families on March 5th at 6:00 PM. We are looking forward to meeting our newest cohort of students.

SHS Animal Shelter Collection

BHS has teamed up with a Shelton High School student and Sunnyside School to partake in a collection for the Shelton Animal Shelter. The drive is organized by Hassan Valdez, a junior at SHS. The drive will run through February 26, 2019. We thank everyone who has or will support this endeavor. Items being collected include: litter, flea and tick products, dry and wet cat and dog food, assorted dog and cat toys and treats, bleach, dawn dish soap, and paper towels. All donations can be brought to your child’s classroom teacher.
Reading to Young Children K-3

- Keep reading to your children even when they can read alone. Read books that are too difficult for them to read alone.
- Talk with your child about favorite authors and help him find books by that author.
- Take turns reading a story with your child. Don’t interrupt or correct mistakes that do not change the meaning.
- Talk about stories with beginning, middle, and ends to organize thinking.

Continued

- Ask your child why a character might have taken a specific action. Ask for information from the text to support their response.
- Talk about the meaning of new words introduced in books.
- Build preferences – talk about what they like or don’t like and what genres they may be classified.

Good Character Matters – Mr. Messina and Mrs. Flores

It might’ve been a chilly December, but that didn’t stop BHS students from taking part in a little bit of outdoor fun for their first PAWS raffle tickets reward! The students reached our goal of receiving 500 tickets in one calendar month, and took part in a sidewalk chalk art activity on Thursday, December 20. Sections of the front sidewalk were divided among each grade level, and the students were given chalk to festively decorate the walkways into the building prior to Winter Break. It was a fun event despite the chill in the air, and it was wonderful to see all the children celebrating their accomplishment as a community.

2019 kicked off with a new core value, Persistence. Students displayed this trait immediately upon returning to school after the new year, as they found themselves faced with doing their best on their mid-year winter assessments. Teachers around the building recognized students for their determination and grit—the word displayed on this month’s Spirit Sticks to honor persistence—as the students work their hardest to show how much they had improved since beginning school in the fall. We would like to congratulate the following students:

Kindergarten- Amari Jones, Jakob Siclari, Carys Klauser, Alexandra Linden, Adrian Aleman, Liam Carey, Adriana Pannella, Jake Wilbur, Eli Palmiero

First Grade- Mylee Africot, Travis Arnette, Logan Eliot, Gary Hammill, Sophia Jarttian, Tyler Brown, Casey Martin, Ethan Rodrigues, Scarlet Ma, Ryan Duda, Lily Denton, Ahvah Marino

Second Grade- Sarah Mencel, Andre DeVellis, Josh Parkosewich, Aubrie Glendening, Rocco Falzarano, Tessa Bouteiller, Gabby Corona, Brook Plain, Avery Jansen, Evi DeWitt, Bryce Brown, Emma Savino, Alejandro Guzman, Emilie Innocent, Tanish Pandikannan

Third Grade- Brayden Tait, Emaline Turner, Camilo Dib Khawam, Ekam Mohel, Avery Dwyer, Cristian Stiuj, Julianne Twarog, Carter Klauser, Siena Hernandez, Hailey Ames, Juliette Martinez

Fourth Grade- Alayna Huestis, Lucy Zaccagnino, Anna Ghaemialehashemi, Jayden Johnson, Hanan Sandokj, Penelope Tatalias, McKayla Stewart, Monica Duarte, Dylan O’Grady, Kirsten Costanzo, Ariela Clemente, Kyle Wicker, Gavin Long, Faith Scully, Helen Bukoski

Our core value for the month of February is Compassion. With Valentine’s Day around the corner, teachers felt this is the perfect month to discuss and celebrate this beautiful value.
Congratulations!

We are excited for Mr. Chavez as he leaves Booth Hill School for Chaplin Elementary School. Mr. Chavez spent the last three decades as a member of the Shelton Public Schools in a variety of roles. Mr. Chavez was recently selected among a group of candidates to become the new principal of that school. We wish him well in this new position and look forward to his many successes in administration. Chaplin Elementary School is fortunate to have such a dedicated teacher as the building’s new leader. Please join me in wishing Mr. Chavez well in this new endeavor.

Grade 2

Ms. Theresa Scott will assume Mr. Chavez’s role as the new grade two teacher. Ms. Scott was selected among a group of qualified teacher applicants and quickly rose to the top. Ample transition time has been allocated for Ms. Scott and Mr. Chavez to collaborate and plan for the duration of the year. Information has been provided to this specific class.

Evacuation Drill

February’s Emergency Drill will be a Lockdown.

Connecticut Association of Schools
Elementary Leadership Conference

Fourth grade student council members spent the day at Sacred Heart University on January 3, 2019 as part of a leadership conference. Student council teacher leaders Ms. Lussier and Ms. Lindstrom accompanied and planned the event.

The conference is designed to foster leadership skills in elementary school children. The focus this year was on decision-making, communication, and growth mindset.

Student objectives included:
- Empowering students to be leaders in their schools and communities.
- Training in twenty first century skills such as collaboratively working, building ethics, and accountability.
- Becoming an upstander versus a bystander.
- To take action to help others when faced with a difficult task or encounter mean spirited behavior.
Parent Teacher Organization – PTO

The PTO will be sponsoring BHS’s first Sweetheart Dance on February 1, 2019. Please see attached documents for more information regarding registration and details.

In February, the PTO will also sponsor a cultural assembly for the entire school. It is tentatively scheduled for February 22. This date may change due to scheduling in February.

Please join our PTO meetings. They take place on the first Wednesday of each month at 7PM in our Library Learning Commons. If you can’t make our meetings, we hope you can volunteer or join a committee. We appreciate all you do for BHS. The power of this committee is seen in each of our events and their successes.

Booth Hill School’s Mission

*It is the mission of Booth Hill School to provide a safe and supportive learning environment with high academic standards for all students. In partnership with staff, parents, and community, we are committed to educating each child academically, socially, and culturally.*

Remember to follow us on TWITTER @BoothHillSchool
For the latest and most up-to-date happenings and information!

Our Past Words of the Week for December

- **Originality** – The ability to think independently and creatively; the quality of being novel or unusual.
- **Metacognition** – Awareness and understanding of one’s own thought processes.
- **Growth** – A stage in the process of growing; Progressive development; something that has grown.
- **Metacognition** – Awareness and understanding of one’s own thought processes.
Rewards Program

Please consider joining our Rewards Programs through Stop and Shop and Big Y Supermarkets. Moreover, invite family and friends of Booth Hill to do the same.

*Stop and Shop* –
Visit [www.stopandshop.com](http://www.stopandshop.com) and select SIGN IN at the top right to log into your rewards account. Once logged in, select MY ACCOUNT, MANANGE MY ACCOUNT, then REWARDS AND SAVINGS.

*Big Y –*
[www.bigy.com/rs/educationexpress](http://www.bigy.com/rs/educationexpress)
Please go to the above link and log-in and register your card number.

At each organization, when your card is scanned, a percentage will be sent back to Booth Hill School. We hope you will consider joining the rewards program.

Food Services

Do you know you can apply for free or reduced lunch for your children? Applications are available on [www.sheltonpublicschools.org](http://www.sheltonpublicschools.org). Please follow the links – District Information>School Lunch Program>Family application. All questions regarding the program can be directed to 203-924-1023, ext. 309

Student Lunch Accounts

Please log-in to Infinite Campus to find out your child’s lunch account balance. Money can be submitted through Infinite Campus. You can also continue to send it in with your child. Please make sure it is in a sealed and labeled envelope. Checks can be made out to Shelton Lunch Program.

Attendance Protocol

All late arrivals (after 9:00AM) and early departures (before 3:45) are considered unexcused. A doctor’s note can excuse a late arrival and/or early departure. It will still be marked in attendance as an excused tardy or early dismissal.

An absence is considered excused when a doctor’s note is received by the school within ten days of the child’s absence.

A student is considered truant when he/she has accumulated four unexcused absences in a month or ten in a year.

A student is considered chronically absent when they have missed ten percent of their enrolled school days.

All absences should be called in by the parent/guardian each day that a child will not be in school. Our phone number is 203-929-5625. Calling in the absences does not mean that it will automatically become an excused absence.

Each trimester the school awards Perfect Attendance Distinction to students who have no absences, late arrivals, or early dismissals. Students must be in school each day, be on time, and never leave early. There can be no unexcused and/or unexcused codes on the child’s record.
February 2019

“If you can’t make a mistake, you can’t make anything.”
Marva Collins

We continue our focus on being Innovative Designers. In our Library Learning Commons Makerspace, students will use a design process to solve problems by creating new, useful and imaginative solutions.

Here's how we are collaborating, creating, communicating and thinking critically at each grade level:

Kindergarten is learning to login to the LLC computers, to access books and coding activities on the LLC website. We will also be rotating through coding and building stations in small groups.

Grade 3 read Blizzard! and researched how snow plows work. Teams will design and build an Ozobot-powered snow plow to clear the neighborhood.

Grade 1 has been reading fiction and nonfiction books about snow. After reading All You Need For a Snowman, teams were challenged to build the tallest snowman they could. We will now move to coding and building centers.

Grade 4 watched a video and explored resources about Snowflake Bentley who made photographing snowflakes his life's work. Now partners will collaborate to design and code a snowflake catching game using Scratch.

Grade 2 read Brave Irene, noting the challenges she faced delivering a ball gown to the palace in a snowstorm. Teams will design an Ozobot-powered land vehicle to help Irene carry the package.

Questions? Comments? Contact Mrs. Clark, Library Media Specialist, arclark@sheltonpublicschools.org

BHS Library Learning Commons
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
<th>Saturday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**February 2019**

**Booth Hill School Parent Calendar**

**Note:**
- The table above represents the school's weekly schedule, including various activities and events.
- Specific times and locations are indicated for different activities such as basketball games and meetings.
- The schedule includes a mix of student activities, professional development, and administrative meetings.
- Events marked with an asterisk (*) indicate special occasions or significant dates.

For more detailed information, please refer to the school's official calendar or contact the school directly.
PTO Information
February Newsletter

- Visit boothillschoolpto.org for reminders and information

- February PTO Meeting is Wednesday, February 6th at 7 PM in the BHS Media Center. Superintendent, Dr. Clouet, will be a guest speaker.

- Sweetheart Dance will be held Friday, February 1st from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Girls – please RSVP by Wednesday, January 30th. Visit this link to sign up to volunteer or donate items: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4da5ab2ea7fc1-sweetheart

- Box Tops contest will be held February 11th to February 22nd

- After School Programs #2 will begin on February 25th. Flyers will go home in the beginning of February.

- Junior Achievement in a Day will be Thursday, March 28th. Please sign up by March 1st if you would like to become a Junior Achievement Volunteer.
Sweetheart Dance Raffle (as of 1/23/19)

**Tickets will be sold at the event**
$5.00 for 3 tickets
$10.00 for 10 tickets
$20.00 for 25 tickets
Cash/Checks made payable to BHS PTO

Raffle drawing will be at 8:15 pm.
Must be present to claim your prize.

1. Quassy – After 5 pm Passes for two persons. Value $60
2. Jones Family Farms – Complimentary Wine Tasting for two people, and one bottle of wine
3. Bed, Bath, and Beyond - $25 gift card
4. Sports Center – Free ice skating outing for you and 7 friends!
5. Wellington’s Restaurant - $25 gift card
6. Piano Time – Piano instruction valued at $160
7. Doggie Styles Grooming - $25 gift card
8. Blue Lotus – Manicure gift cards for 3 winners
9. LOVESAC – Footsac blanket valued at $150
10. I LOVE KICKBOXING – Gift basket with 3 free classes gift certificates
11. Giggle Pig - $18 gift card for a walk in craft or beginner art class. Small art picture included.
12. Lalaloopsy Baking Oven – Valued at $120
13. Town Nail & Spa – Manicure gift cards for 5 winners
14. Rockin Jump – 2 free half hour passes
15. Starbucks – Coffee gift basket
16. Common Bond – Gift basket
17. Bad Sons Beer Co. – Gift basket (includes two 32 oz growlers, one large can with free fill-ups, and more!)
18. New Day Hair Salon – Free haircut & blow dry
19. Adventure Park at the Discovery Museum – 4 tickets
20. The 2019 American Girl Doll
21. Blue Spruce Farm – 45-minute horseback riding lesson
22. Mulberry St. Cigars - Box of hand rolled cigars with different grades. Cigar cutter included. Value $65
23. Brick & Wood Restaurant – $50 gift card
24. Wiffle Ball, Inc. – 24 Wiffle ball/bat sets (Win one for your whole Booth Hill Class!)
25. Bow Tie Cinema – 4 movie passes
26. Vazzy’s Restaurant - $25 gift card
27. JuliArt - $35 gift card
28. Coco Spa - Manicure gift cards for 3 winners
29. BDX Fitness – 3 sessions of personal training for 30 minutes
30. Cinemark Connecticut Post 14 – (2) movie passes
31. Stop & Shop – 17” Unicorn Plush stuffed animal with a bag of Ghirardelli chocolates!
32. Pet Supplies Plus - $25 gift card
33. Orangetheory – 3 free classes and a free workout towel! Value $99
34. Hawley Lane Shoes - $25 gift cards for 6 winners!
35. Big Y – TY Beanie Boo ~ Tasha pink/grey leopard
36. Thrive: The Essence of Dance – 3 drawings!!!
   a. Free birthday party
   b. Free Creative Movement class
   c. Free Summer class
37. PEZ donation
38. Wine Emporium donation
39. Focaccias donation
You are cordially invited to...

The 1st Annual
Booth Hill School
Sweetheart Dance
2019

Friday
February 1st
6:30-8:30 PM
(Snow date: Friday 2/8)

Booth Hill School
Gymnasium

Girls - Invite your favorite gentleman for a night of sweet treats, dancing, photos and raffles! Dress up for this exciting evening!

$20 per family (one student and one gentleman)
$5 per each additional family member
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4da5ab2ea7fc1-sweetheart

Please send this form and payment to Attn: Sweetheart Dance

Student Name(s): ____________________________

Contact Email: ______________________________ Phone Number: ____________________________

Teacher Name(s): ____________________________

Student Grade(s): ____________________________

Total Number of Attendees: ____________ Total Amount Paid: ____________

Checks can be made to “BHS PTO” or visit https://squareup.com/store/BHS-PTO to make online payments
Contact Sandra Peck (peckingpost@gmail.com) or Lynn Hicks (irieger2070@yahoo.com) for questions
Is returning for another exciting year at...

Booth Hill School

PARENTS – WE NEED YOU TO SHARE IN THE FUN AND EXCITEMENT OF TEACHING BOOTH HILL STUDENTS ABOUT THE WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE!

Junior Achievement programs bring volunteers into the classroom to lead students in engaging hands on activities to help them explore the concepts of financial literacy, business and community as it relates to them and their families, entrepreneurship and work readiness. JA provides all of the necessary materials for the lessons and activities along with a detailed lesson plan book to follow. JA program materials are age appropriate, engaging and complement school curriculum making the activities fun for the students and easy for the volunteer to deliver. This is a great opportunity for both moms and dads!

What is the commitment?

- Come to JA in a Day – Thursday March 28th 2019!
- Arrive at the school by 9:15am on March 28th and teach the 5 JA lessons in succession, volunteers usually finish their JA program by or before 2pm depending on grade level
- New volunteers attend a 30 minute JA Volunteer Orientation
- JA provides all materials needed with a very detailed lesson plan book to follow
- Teachers remain in the classroom to assist
- You provide your life experience, enthusiasm, and time!

YES! SIGN ME UP! I WANT TO BECOME A JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT VOLUNTEER!

NAME: ____________________________________________

PHONE: ____________________________________________ E-MAIL: ____________________________________________

GRADE: ___________________ TEACHER NAME: ____________________________________________

Do you have prior JA volunteer experience? ______ Yes ______ No (note: none needed)

Please return this form to the school front office c/o Jennifer Recker by March 1st Questions - call Meg Melagrano
JA Program Manager, at 203-382-0180 ext. 18, e-mail to mmelagrano@jagfc.org

Sign Up – Your kids will love it!