



Booth Hill Elementary School

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From the Principal

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Dear Parent(s), Guardian(s), and the Booth Hill Elementary School Community,

We live and educate our students in a wonderful community. This past weekend I was reminded of how great our students and their families are. I happened to open my email late Sunday evening and noticed a sender's name I didn't readily recognize. When I opened the letter, it stated an experience this community member had. She was walking through her residential area and happened to notice some children cleaning up the area. When she stopped and asked them what they were doing, they stated it was a service project, specifically for Earth Day to help clean up parts of the community. When she further inquired about their grade and school, they responded that they attended Booth Hill School. This is fabulous work and volunteering activity demonstrating citizenship and values instilled by families and teachers. I also thank that community member who took the time out of her day to track me down and write such a beautiful letter commending our students. I shared this with the classes. No act is too small and this seemingly small act in a broader worldly perspective is huge in regard to teaching students about citizenship, values, and their role in the world and environment. I wanted to express what a great job our students and their families are doing – and to all the families and students who daily contribute to our community and mostly unrecognized.

There are also people inside our school who many times go unrecognized. The beginning of May marks Teacher Appreciation Week. I wanted to express my appreciation for each teacher at Booth Hill School. I witness their dedication each and every day. I enjoy going into classrooms and seeing engaging learning experiences that I know take time and resources to plan and implement. Their work goes beyond classroom duties. Our teachers are truly magnificent and always have the best interests of children in mind. Please join me in thanking our teachers for the hard work they do in collaboration with you.

With that said, I hope you find the information in this newsletter helpful. There are a lot of activities coming up in the next few months. As we are winding down the school year with fewer than forty days of school left – it is bound to go quickly.

Updates from the Principal:

Smarter Balanced Assessment – Starting on May 8 through May 19, 2017, students in grades 3 and 4 will take State mandated Smarter Balanced Assessments. Although it is a two week span, students in both grades will take one English Language Arts and one mathematics computer test. There will also be a performance test in mathematics. Thus, they will not be testing each day. Testing days will alternate between third and fourth grade and make-up days. As always, students should be well rested and ready to do their best. Finally, this is an untimed, dynamic test. Students are able to take as long as they need in order to complete all parts. The data this test provides will help in instructional and curricular planning for each student in their next year.

of study. It will also inform us about students' proficiency against Common Core college and career readiness standards.

Universal Screeners – All students will take different end of year assessments which will remain in district. These are not data that are shared broadly and remain with the classroom teacher and student profile. They eventually get uploaded to Infinite Campus for you to review. School faculty also analyzes these data to inform decisions about instructional opportunities. All of these data are important in planning for each student's program of study, their achievement, and progress against standards. If you have any questions regarding this information, please ask me or your classroom teacher.

Kindergarten and Grade 1: DRA; Letter name, letter sound, phonemic segmentation, and nonsense word fluency. Oral Counting, Number Identification, Quantity Discrimination, and Missing Number; Sight words

Grade 2 – DRA; Scholastic Reading Inventory; Reading Curriculum Based Measure; Mathematics Concepts, Computation, and Application

Grade 3 and Grade 4: DRA; Scholastic Reading Inventory, Measures of Academic Progress – Math; Reading curriculum Based Measure

Next Year – Do you have plans to move before the start of next year's school year? If so, please make the main office aware of the possible change. It helps us when making class lists.

One School – One Book – Our book this year is *Frindle* by Andrew Clements. Our kick off assembly was on Friday, April 21, 2017. The calendar of readings each night is attached. A trivia question is asked each morning regarding the prior night's reading. Also, please visit the One School One Book website at: <http://boothhillosob.weebly.com/> and watch our schools video at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gmiA_tgEnBU

JA in a day – What a success! Our students thoroughly enjoyed the many activities, personal stories, and guests last month for JA in a day. These lessons required active engagement and critical thinking. A special thanks to Mrs. Recker for her planning and preparation of this day.

College and Career Week – beginning 4-24-17 and led by our school counselor Ms. Cathy Lindstrom

Tuesday, April 25, 2017 – Students will share *When I Grow Up* career dreams with their classes and will conduct interviews with adults to share the following day.

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 – Students will share those interviews with their classes.

Thursday, April 27, 2017 - Students will be asked to come up with some thoughtful questions for the next day's career/college speaker.

Friday, April 28, 2017 – There will be guest speakers for each grade. Guests will discuss their career path and answer students' questions. If you would still like to volunteer your time to speak to a class, please let us know by emailing Cathy Lindstrom at Clindstrom@sheltonpublicschools.org or calling at 203-929-5625.

Safety – May’s safety drill will be a fire/ building evacuation drill.

School Store – It is open each Tuesday. May 7 – Grades K, 3, and 4; May 9 is for grades 1 & 2 and May 16 is Grades K, 3, and 4; May 23 is for grades 1 & 2, and May 30 for grades K, 3, and 4.

Spring Book Fair – The spring book fair is April 24 through April 27, 2017. Browse Days will be Monday 4-24 and Wednesday 4-26-17. Buy days will be Tuesday 4-25 and Thursday 4-27-17. Specific information from classroom teachers was given to students and parents regarding schedules for browse and buy days.

Attendance – Remember to send in doctor’s notes within ten days of the absence to the main office when your child is absent from school so that we can appropriately excuse the absence.

From the Nurse:

The CDC has projected a surge in tick-borne illnesses in the upcoming 2017 spring and summer months. To date, we have seen an increase in the presence of ticks on students here at BHS. It is uncertain whether students are carrying ticks in from home, or are getting them while playing outside during recess. Consequently, in an effort to keep tick-borne illnesses to a minimum at BHS, I am requesting that families begin to add a “tick check” to your daily routines. You may be asking what a tick check entails. Below please find some helpful hints to best complete tick checks:

- 1) Check your children while in the shower for ticks *(especially in places they like to hide including the scalp, behind the ears, armpits and groin area)*
- 2) If you do find a tick, get it off as quickly as possible. The longer an infected tick stays on your skin, the greater the chance it will pass bacteria, including Lyme, on to you. *(Generally, it takes about 24 hours for the tick to infect a person after it starts biting).*
- 3) Then be on the lookout for Lyme symptoms — like a red rash or a fever. If anything crops up, go see a doctor immediately. Don't wait. *(The earlier you get treated, the better chance you'll have for a full recovery).*

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

~Nurse Lauren

Upcoming Important Dates (please see our calendar for more information):-

April 26, 2017 – Board of Education Meeting – Central Office – Long Hill Avenue

April 28, 2017 – Mid-point for Marking Period 3; Author Visit (Barbara McClintock)

May 8, 2017 – Bridgeport Bluefish Read-a-thon begins. Please be on the lookout for more information from our PTO.

May 1 -5, 2017 – Teacher Appreciation Week

May 11-12, 2017 – Plant Sale

May 8 & 15, 2017 (split) – Grade 2 Field Trip 10-12:30 at Caloroso

May 17, 2017 – Grade 3 Field Trip to SHU

May 23, 2017 – Grade 3 Field Trip – Maritime Center
PE Classes – Walk for Diabetes

May 24, 2017 – Board of Education Meeting – Central Office – Long Hill Avenue

May 26, 2017 – Grade 4 – Field Trip to the Science Center

May 29, 2017 – No School – Memorial Day

June 1, 2017 – Fourth Grade Visit to Perry Hill @ 9:15

June 2, 2017 – Kindergarten Presentation at 3:00
End of Year Picnic – PTO at 6:00

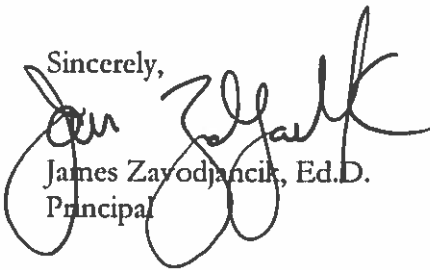
June 8, 2017 – *Tentative* 4th grade celebration – more information to follow

June 12 through June 16, 2017 – Half Day Schedules – June 16 – Last Day of School

Lastly, for the most up-to-date information and postings, please *follow me* on Twitter
@BoothHillSchool

Take care of yourself, take care of each other, and take care of your school!





Sincerely,



James Zayodjancik, Ed.D.
Principal

BOOTH HILL SCHOOL PARENT CALENDAR

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Teacher Appreciation Week	2	3	4	5 Teacher Appreciation Week Gr. 1 Daisy 3:45-5:15	6
7	8 Coloroso (Gr. 2 Gr/CA) 10-12:30 Gr. 2 Brownies 3:45-5:10 Bridgeport Bluefish Read a thon starts Mascot in Cafe	9 PTO SOCIAL @6:30	10	11 Plant Sale Setup	12 Plant Sale PTO Quassy Night Cub Scouts @6:00-8:30 Café access Gr. 3 Girl Scouts @3:45-5:15	13 
14 Mother's Day 	15 Coloroso (Gr. 2 G/Ch) 10-12:30	16	17 Gr. 3 Field Trip to SHU 9:15-12:30	18	19 PTO ADULT NIGHT Gr. 1 Daisy @3:45-5:15	20
21	22 Gr. 2 Brownies @3:45-5:10	23 Gr. 3 Maritime Center 9:30-2:45 Walk for Diabetes	24 Gr. 3-4 Author Skype Visit @1:15-2:00 Walk for Diabetes RAIN DATE BOE Mtg. @7:00	25	26 Gr. 4 Ft (CT Science Center) 8-3:00 Gr. 3 Girl Scouts @3:45-5:15	27
28	29 No School Memorial Day 	30	31			

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April / May 2017 Reading Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
16	17	18	19	20 Kickoff Assembly: Chapter 1 Chapter 2 at home	21 Chapters 3 & 4	22
23	24 Chapter 5	25 Chapters 6 & 7	26 Chapter 8	27 Chapter 9	28 Chapter 10	29
30	1 Chapter 11	2 Chapter 12	3 Chapters 13 & 14	4 Chapter 15	5 Please return books to school.	

Please return books upon completion of the program



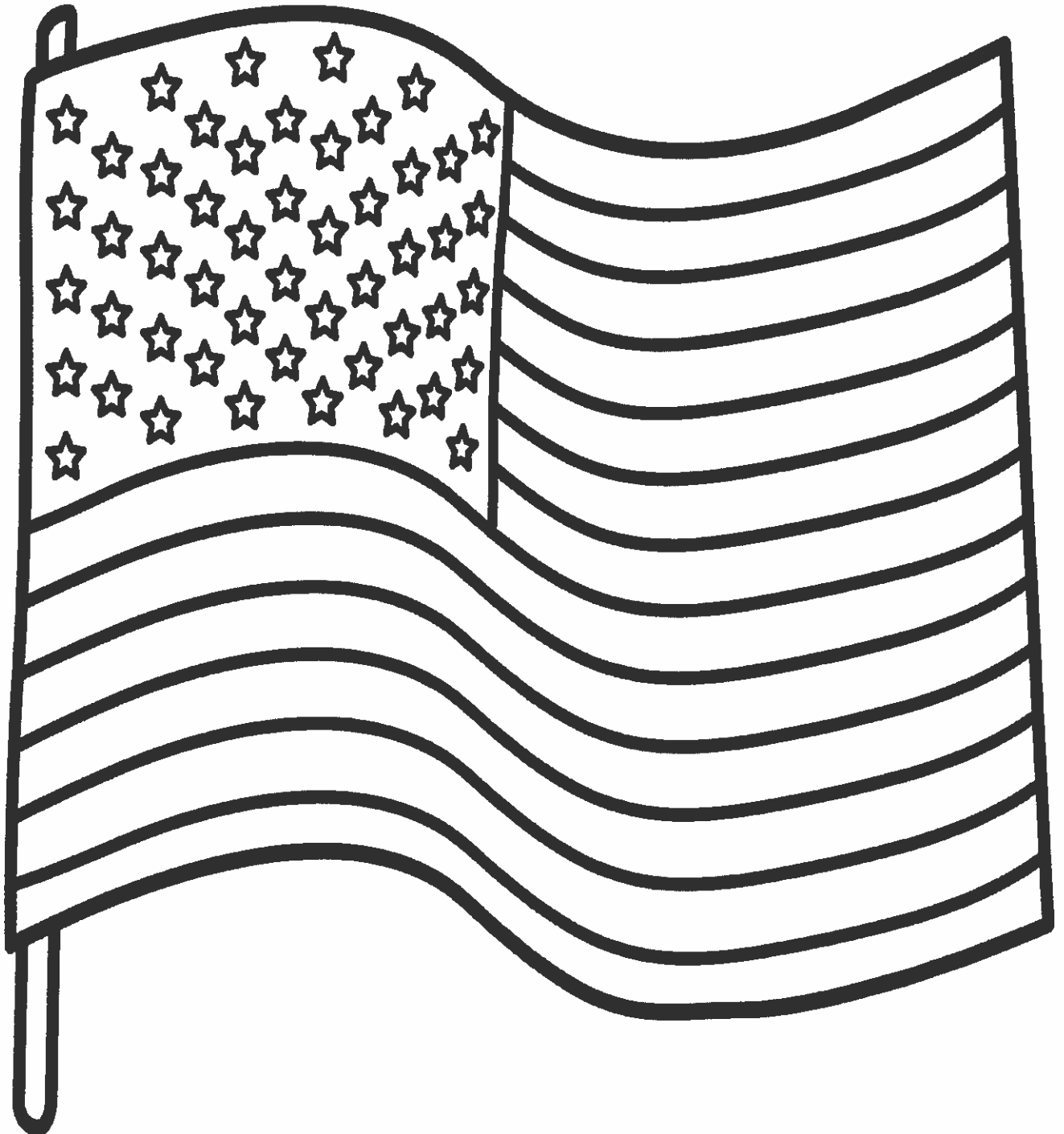
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Dear BHS Students –

Armed Forces Day is Saturday, May 20th. As the members of the Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard) protect our country to keep us safe, we would like to honor them by writing special notes to send to those at the VA Hospital in West Haven. Please cut out the American flag attached, decorate it by writing a note of thanks and coloring it. Write only your FIRST name (no last names). Send it back to school by Wed May 3rd to “Attn: Community Outreach – Leigh Boulanger”.

Thank you – BHS PTO Community Outreach
Dana Wirth & Leigh Boulanger



Please join us for our **End of the Year PTO Gathering**
May 9, 2017 at 6:30pm
Knapp's Landing
520 Sniffens Lane ~ Stratford, CT

Price: \$31 per person

Please RSVP by May 3rd with payment and dinner choice to Diana Guerra c/o Jackson Rm 111

Checks should be made payable to Diana Guerra.



Name: _____

Email: _____

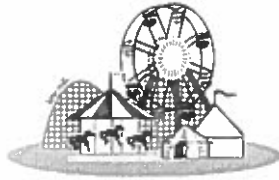
Please select your choice of dinner

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Baked Stuffed Shrimp | <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Rose over Rice (white wine, mushrooms, garlic, tomato and gorgonzola cheese) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Salmon Teriyaki over Rice | <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Sonoma over Rice (white wine, artichoke hearts, sundried tomatoes) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sea Scallops Mesclun over Pasta | <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken & Vegetable Pasta Sauté |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Tuscany over Rice
(eggplant, Roasted peppers, pepperoncini, lemon sauce, monterey jack cheese) | <input type="checkbox"/> N.Y. Strip Steak |

All meals include house salad, dinner rolls, vegetable, potato, dessert, coffee, tea

Also included are Appetizers served Family Style
(Fried Calamari, Chicken Tenders, Bruschetta)

Look forward to seeing you all!



Family Fun Night at Lake Quassy Amusement Park

Come and join the Fun at Lake Quassy Amusement Park. The ESS PTO is hosting a Family Fun Night for Shelton Elementary School Families.
(Quassy will be closed to the general public that evening.)

Tickets include Music & DJ at the Carousel, Unlimited Rides and Free Parking!
Food, Drinks and Games are available for purchase.

Date: Friday, May 12th 2017 (rain date 5/13/17)

Time: 4:30PM- Park Close (9PM) (rides start closing at 8:30pm)

Where: Lake Quassy Amusement Park
Rt. 64 (2132 Middlebury Road) Middlebury, CT 06762

Cost: \$15.00 per person to enter (infants are free)
(Great price! This is half the cost of seasonal carnivals.)

Tickets need to be brought to Quassy to get a wristband for admission.

Please Return to School labeled "Quassy" by: **Friday, May 5th**
No tickets may be purchased after May 5th.

Questions: Please contact Erin Bukoski at e.bukoski@yahoo.com

Oldest Child's Name: _____

Teacher/Grade: _____

Tickets Needed: _____ Total amount paid: \$ _____

Email: _____

Cash or checks (checks should be made payable to **BHS PTO**)