March 2017

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

There are a number of important dates for the near future. Please see below and the attached calendar for more information.

On Wednesday, you should be getting an email from your child’s teacher. This email will contain a code to register for conferences. If you desire to meet with your child’s teacher on either conference evening (3-16 and 3-20) you can do so through the directions provided in the teacher generated email. If you do not have access to online sign-up, please email the teacher directly to reserve a spot.

Booth Hill School will have its STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) night on March 27, 2017 at 6:15. Please join us for a night of inquiry and exploration. Sign-up sheet is attached.

Please participate in our yearly Booth Hill School parent feedback survey. The link is: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SPS-BHS-ParentSurvey. We appreciate the time you take to complete this. It elicits important data in our school’s planning.

Updates from the Principal:

Robert Taylor Photography – Group photo and those who missed the original picture day is scheduled for 3-3-17. In addition, on April 4, 2017, BHS will be doing personality portraits all day.

Read Across America Week – Please see attached document for the remainder of the week. March 2 is read across America Day. We will have guest readers in each classroom.

One School – One Book – We will have our kick-off assembly for our 2017 One School One Book selection on March 21 for students. More information to come once the book is revealed.

JA in a day – Scheduled for March 31, 2017. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me.

Career Day – April 28, 2017 – please join us as we explore different career pathways with our students by sharing your journey. Attached you will find an interest in volunteering form. It is never too early to realize the many paths that we take and the many areas there are to explore.

Safety – March’s evacuation drill will be a Fire Evacuation.
School Store – It is open each Tuesday. March 7 and 21 is for grades 3 & 4 and March 14 and 28 is for grades K-2.

Spring Book Fair – The spring book fair will be 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 will be given to students and parents in the upcoming weeks.

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

Upcoming Dates -

February 28, 2017 – AM/PM Kindergarten Registration beginning at 9:30

February 29, 2017 – AM Kindergarten Registration beginning at 9:30

March 2, 2017 – Early Dismissal

March 7, 2017 – Kindergarten Orientation at 6:30 PM for 2017-2018

March 9, 2017 – Marking Period 2 ends

March 10, 2017 – Early Dismissal; Marking Period 3 begins

March 11, 2017 – PTO meeting at 6:30 in the Media Center

March 15, 2017 – Report cards distributed

March 16, 2017 – Conferences 6-8:00 PM

March 17, 2017 – Early Dismissal

March 20, 2017 – Conference 6-8 PM

March 21, 2017 – Early Dismissal

March 27, 2017 – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics – STEAM night at BHS beginning at 6:15PM

March 31, 2017 – Junior Achievement (JA) in a day

April 3, 2017 – PTO Sponsored Cultural Event during school

April 6, 2017 – PTO Sponsored Cultural Event – Storytelling

April 10-14, 2017 – Spring Recess
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 Zavadhnoft, Ed.D.
Principal
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**March 2017**

Booth Hill School Parent Calendar
Read Across America
Literacy Spirit Week
February 27th – March 3rd

Please join us in celebrating Dr. Seuss’ birthday by celebrating in the following school wide spirit days!

Monday:  **Green Eggs in Ham**
Wear the color green.

Tuesday:  **The Cat in the Hat**
Wear your favorite hat or create one.

Wednesday:  **Wacky Wednesday**
Wear your clothes backwards, inside out, or mismatched.

Thursday:  **Fox in Socks**
Wear mismatched socks.

Friday:  **Sleep Book**
Wear your favorite pajamas to school.
No slippers or bathrobes.
Please join us for family

STEAM

Science & Engineering Night

Join us on a journey of learning. Observe the LEGO Robotics Team and
discover the fun of STEAM through hands-on activities for the whole
family!

Date: Monday, March 27

- Invent It! Build It!
- Have fun with your family!
- Arrive at 6:15 to view student work displayed outside of classrooms

To register, fill in the form below and return to your child's teacher or the school office. Please be sure
to RSVP by March 17. Activities are planned based on attendance.
For more information, contact: Mrs. Gugliotti or Mrs. Armstrong

Yes! Sign us up for Family STEAM Night!

Student Name(s): ____________________________________________

Number of Adults: ____________ Number of Children: ____________

Grade level of Students: ____________

If you know an engineer, mathematician or scientist who would like to speak with the children
about their area of expertise, please write his or her name and number and we will contact
them. ______________________________________________________
March is National Nutrition Month. It's a time to remind us that how, when, why and where we eat is just as important as what we eat. With our busy lives, people tend to eat out of habit and rarely savor the experience of the food being consumed. Making sure to enjoy the sight, sounds, memories and interactions associated with eating are essential to developing an overall healthy eating plan. This is so important for children as they are growing and creating the foundation for a future of healthy eating. We should be encouraging them to sit down to a healthy breakfast, whether at home or in school.

Taking time to sit down together for meals at home may be tough, but it's critically important for creating those lasting food experiences where we are teaching children to pause for a moment and truly enjoy their food. Impulsive eating that leads to over consumption of empty calories is not the path towards a healthy future and can lead to unwanted weight gain. Take time to share food traditions with children and find creative, healthful and nutritious ways to add flavor to food. An eating pattern based on the 2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and MyPlate recommendations can help you plan healthy meals for your family. Check out these resources at www.choosemyplate.gov.

### BREAKFAST MENU

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### Fresh Pick Recipe

**BLUEBERRY AND CUCUMBER SALAD**

1. Cucumber (medium peeled and thinly sliced into rounds)
2. Blueberries
3. Strawberries (sliced)
4. Croutons (seeded)
5. Sesame seeds or toasted
6. Salt and pepper to taste
7. T salt, 1 t olive oil, 1 t vinegar (red or white)
8. 2 t fresh parsley

1. Mix ingredients as directed.
2. In a medium bowl, place the cucumber, blueberries, strawberries, and croutons. Toss with the oil and vinegar and add salt and pepper to taste. Garnish with parsley.

Thank you for choosing School Breakfast and School Lunch. The cost for breakfast is $1.50. Reduced price breakfast is $0.30. The cost for Lunch is $2.75. Reduced price lunch is $0.40. If your child receives free lunch, they can also get free breakfast. Free and Reduced meal applications are available at your child’s school office. All applications are confidential. Changing Policy: If your child forgets their lunch money, we will allow them to change a lunch meal only. Breakfast cannot be charged. Water, milk or snack items cannot be charged. The change limit is $10.00. If your child has reached the charge limit and does not have money for lunch, they will receive a cheese sandwich meal. The cost of the meal is $2.75 and will be charged to their account. All charges must be paid before break. Lunch consists of 5 meal components. 1) Meat/meat alternate 2) Whole Grains 3) Vegetables 4) Fruits 5) Milk. Your child may take all 5 components (one of which must be a fruit or a vegetable). Your child must take at least 3 components (one of which must be a fruit or a vegetable). If you have any questions, please call Linda Stanisci, Food Service Director at 203-324-1055.
Booth Hill Elementary School

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am planning a Career Day for Booth Hill School students on April 28th, 2017 from 9:00a.m until 11:00a.m. For this event I am seeking the help of parents and guardians to present to grades Kindergarten through four. I am looking for volunteers that would be able to come to the school on this day and speak to approximately 4 groups of children, in the classroom, for about 20 minutes at a time about your career. If you are able to do this and would like to be a part of our Career Day, please fill out the form below and send it back to your child’s teacher by March 17th. After I receive all the forms back and create a schedule I will be back in touch with you.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions please feel free to call me at 203-929-5625 or contact me at clindstrom@sheltonpublicschools.org.

Sincerely,

Catherine Lindstrom
School Counselor

I am interested in volunteering for Career Day.

Name______________________________ Phone Number ______________

Career to be presented__________________________________________

Child’s Name and teacher________________________________________
Preschool Typical Peer Application
Shelton Public Schools
382 Long Hill Avenue
Shelton, CT 06484

Shelton Public Schools provides a preschool program at Mohegan Elementary School for students aged 3-4 who qualify for special education services. We are currently seeking typically developing peers to serve as role models in both our AM & PM classes for the 2017-18 school year.

- To be considered for the AM program, child must turn 3 by Dec 31, 2017
- To be considered for the PM program, child must turn 4 by Dec 31, 2017
- All children must be toilet trained by first day of school in September 2017

Application Deadline: March 31, 2017

In order for your child to be considered for the program, you must fill out the attached application and return it by the deadline. After the application deadline, you will be contacted (via mail or email) with dates and times for your child to come in for a screening process, which will take place over two sessions in late spring at Mohegan School. During this process, preschool staff will be observing and interacting with your child, both with and without a parent present. Some areas they will be observing include:

- Social interactions
- Language
- Attention to task
- Ability to follow directions
- Pre-academic skills: counting, sorting, positional concepts
  - 3-year-olds: recognizing colors & shapes
  - 4-year-olds: recognizing letters & numbers

*All children who apply will have an opportunity to be screened, however NOT all children who are screened will be selected for the program – there are a limited number of spaces available. We thank you in advance for your understanding.*

Please return application to:
Linda Lareau, Special Education
fax: 203-924-8057,
mail: 382 Long Hill Avenue,
or email: llareau@sheltonpublicschools.org

(Application may also be found online at www.sheltonpublicschools.org)
Preschool Typical Peer Application

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Date of Birth: _______________________

Parent Name(s): _________________________ Home Address: _______________________

Phone: _________________________________ Email: ________________________

Briefly describe your child’s social interactions and language development. (ex. Is he/she friendly and talkative with other children? Do unfamiliar adults and children understand your child’s speech? Does he/she speak in full sentences?)

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Has your child participated in any group socialization opportunities (preschool, daycare, play groups, etc.)? What would you say are your child’s most positive characteristics and contributions in those settings?

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How might your child act as a positive model for students with disabilities or delays?

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Please describe any important information for school staff to be aware of before your child comes in for a screening (ex. medical information, allergies, etc.).

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If my child is selected to participate in the preschool program, I accept the responsibilities of providing round-trip transportation, following arrival and dismissal procedures, and participating in regular home-school communication.

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Parent’s Signature ______________________ Date ________________________________

Application Deadline: March 31, 2017
From the PTO
### 2016 - 2017 BHS Yearbook Order Form

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Make checks payable to: Booth Hill School PTO

#### DISTRIBUTION TO OTHER SIBLINGS

PLEASE DELIVER ADDITIONAL

YEARBOOK(s) TO:

Child: __________________  Teacher: ____________

Any additional yearbooks purchased will be delivered to the students listed to the Child:

Child: __________________  Teacher: ____________

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To order a copy of the Yearbook, fill out this form and return it with your payment to the office.

Attn: Yearbook Order By March 3rd.

#### ORDER DEADLINE:

Friday, March 3, 2017

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS:

Keep your cancelled check handy in June, as verification of your order.

All cash orders will receive a cash receipt, once orders are processed to be kept as verification.

Orders will be taken from February 12th through March 3rd.

The order will then be placed with the yearbook company. The PTO can only place an order for the number of books we have received payment for. The yearbook company does not supply overruns.

*Please do not count on extra books being available in June.*

Make sure all members of your household are aware of the number of books ordered so there is no misunderstanding when they are distributed in June. If you are ordering more than one book, list oldest sibling's name and room number (on the top of the order form), additional books will be labeled & delivered to the name(s) you provide in the distribution list above.
Volunteers Needed:

The school year is flying by and now is the time to think about next year. Are you interested in meeting new families and making new friends? Or maybe try something new you haven’t done yet? Then here is your chance!

The BHS PTO is seeking volunteers for the open positions listed below for the September 2017-18 School Year. What a great way to get involved and have fun!

**Fundraising Chairperson:**
To raise funds to support all of the goals and activities at BHS. This will entail collection of orders and brainstorm new fundraising ideas. Fundraisers include the major fall fundraiser, apparel sale, etc. Funds raised are used to fund multiple programs throughout the year. Position can be co-chaired.

**Plant Sale Coordinator:**
Coordinate the event, order plants, conduct pre-sale, set up plants day of delivery, solicit for parent volunteers and be there for the actual event. Can be shared with a friend or combined with fundraising.

**Restaurant Nights:**
Set up a date once a month (or every other) with local restaurants for BHS family restaurant night.

**Birthday Buddy Gram Coordinator:**
Run the birthday buddy gram program

**Social Event Chairperson:**
To provide social activities for Booth Hill School students, parents and families. Organize and coordinate 3 or 4 main events throughout the year and possibly assist with other events on a much smaller scale.
Position can be co-chaired.

**Flyer Distribution Coordinator:**
Person will go into school to make copies of approved flyers to go home to students. Flexibility is needed to be able to go into school during the day.

**Author Visit Coordinator:**
Coordinate with authors to come and visit the school.

**Programs Chairperson:**
To coordinate programs for the entire school such as Bus Safety Day, Teacher Appreciation Week, Jump Rope for Heart and Field Day. Position can be co-chaired.

Please feel free to grab a friend and share a position. Perhaps you want to help but can only commit to a certain activity, let us know and can help make that happen. You can also shadow the outgoing chairperson to get a feel for what is needed. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Diana Guerra dguerra1329@yahoo.com or Michele Fernandes michele.fernandes4@yahoo.com

THANK YOU!
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 - Friday March 31st, 2017
- Arrive at the school by 9:15 am on March 31st 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 February 10th
Questions - call Meg Melagrano
JA Program Manager, at 203-382-0180 ext. 18, e-mail to mmelagrano@jawct.org

Sign Up – Your kids will love it!