From the Principal

February 2017

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

Happy February! As you are probably aware, as the month of January concludes, so does much of the winter testing that has been occurring. Each grade has seen some good improvements. Please ask your child how s/he has done and what they are trying to achieve in the spring. These are good indicators of progress throughout the year.

There are a number of announcements beyond this page. I hope you can find the time to read each of them. Lots of school activities and PTO events are forthcoming.

Updates from the Principal:

Read Across America Week – Please see the attached flier regarding Literacy Week Celebration. There will also be reading volunteers for our students.

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 – As you are aware, safety is our first priority. Each month we conduct safety drill(s) in school. In January, we conducted a fire drill. We learn more each time we conduct a drill and plan changes for the future. In February, we will be conducting a lock-down drill. We hope to never have to enact these in real situations, but they are important to practice each month to equip our students with the protocols to follow.

Weather Related Schedules: Please be advised that our Superintendent will make decisions throughout the winter regarding normal operation of school when it is affected by weather. Local radio and TV stations will carry the news. If there is any change in pick-up or bussing on these days, please be sure to call the main office to let us know. Also, it is important that each child know your family’s plan if a school early dismissal should occur (i.e.: what to do if your child arrives home before you, change in pick-up, etc.).

A.M. Parent Drop-off: If you are an AM drop-off, please do not park near the side entrance and walk your child to the door as it creates congestion to the drop-off line. If you must park and walk your child to the door, please use the parking area beyond the drop off line adjacent to the grass. I thank you for your cooperation and adherence to our safety protocols.

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 -

January 24, 2017 – Midway through the Second Marking Period

January 30, 2017 – PTO Cultural Event during School – Cory The Dribbler

February 2 (AM/PM); February 3 (AM Only); February 27 (AM/PM); February 28 (AM only) – Kindergarten Registration for 2017-2018 class

February 13, 2017 – PTO Meeting at 6:30 in the Media Center.

February 17, 2017 – No School

February 20, 2017 – No School – Presidents Day

March 2, 2017 – Early Dismissal

March 7, 2017 – Kindergarten Orientation at 6:00 PM for 2017-2018

March 9, 2017 – Marking Period 2 ends

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

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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 Zavodfancia, Ed.D.
Principal
# Booth Hill School Parent Calendar

## February 2017

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The Board of Education complies with all applicable federal, state, and local laws prohibiting the exclusion of any person from any of its educational programs or activities because of race, color, religious creed, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, past or present history of mental disorder, physical disability, genetic information, or any other basis prohibited by Connecticut state and/or federal nondiscrimination laws.
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.
Booth Hill Elementary School

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am planning a Career Day for Booth Hill School students on April 28th, 2017 from 9:00 a.m until 11:00 a.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.

Parent’s Signature __________________________ Date __________________________

Application Deadline: March 31, 2017
Sensory Storytime

Join us for a storytime especially geared toward children who have autism. This event is also designed for families seeking a library experience where movement is encouraged and there are many ways to engage the senses!

All children are welcome!

Enjoy stories, songs, and creative playtime with Ms. Marissa & Ms. Cheryl!

Space is limited. Please register.

To register, call the Huntington Branch Library at 203-926-0111 or visit www.sheltonlibrarysystem.org/events and click "Online Event Listings."
From the PTO
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!
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 - Friday March 31st 2017!
- Arrive at the school by 9:15am 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!
Booth Hill School Store Opening

The School Store is stocked and ready for another year of business! With the help of the BHS PTO, the school store will be opened for business with third and fourth grade helpers running the store.

The school store schedule is every Tuesday morning alternating between grades:

- February 7th K-2
- February 14th 3-4
- February 21st K-2
- February 27th 3-4

Items will range in price from $.25 to $2.00.

Come check out the new supplies!!
BOOTH HILL SCHOOL PTO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS: WINTER 2017
MONDAYS and/or WEDNESDAYS 3:50 - 4:50 PM
6 WEEKS: 2/6/2017 - 3/20/2017
*Please Note: No Programs on Monday Feb. 20th (President's Day)

MONDAYS:

ZUMBA KIDS $75: Grades K-4
Perfect for kids who love to dance, this Zumba Kids class features kid-friendly routines that will help your child develop a healthy lifestyle by making fitness fun!

MAD SCIENCE, "SECRET AGENT LAB 1: SPY ACADEMY" $95: Grades K-4
Look out 007! The Mad Science Spy Academy is in session! From decoding messages to metal detectors and night vision, students will have the opportunity to check out equipment and even create their own edible message! Children will use the Secret Code Breaker to communicate stealthily, like real spies. With the Undercover Observer, children step into the shoes of a spy in action. The Viewer allows them to observe visually, while the Spy Ear enhances their hearing. These tools provide a complete Undercover Kit for children to take home. (Class size Min 12/Max 16)

WEDNESDAYS:

BRING THE HOOPLA $75: Grades K-4
In this high energy hoop class, we will practice a variety of hoop games that build stamina and focus, foster teambuilding, leadership and cooperative play. (Class size Min 7/Max 20)

DIGITAL ART FOR ANIMAL LOVERS: OUR FAVORITE PETS $90: Grades 3-4
Come express your creativity, learn more about animals, and have fun depicting dogs, cats, parakeets, teacup pigs, turtles or your favorite pet(s)! Experience the exciting platform of iPad Digital Art & Photography where we will create artwork with the iPad camera and various art-related software (digital sketching & painting, animation, and photo collage). A digital portfolio is produced by each student that captures their artwork and will be sent home at the end of session. The use of an iPad will be provided for each student. Please bring a stylus (optional) if you have one. (Class size Min 8/Max 10)

THE GIGGLING PIG $90: Grades K-4
Come explore, giggle, and get creative with us during our after school enrichment. Students will enjoy drawing and working in acrylic and watercolor to create a variety of amazing projects! (Class size Min 7/Max 20)

Registration is on a first come first serve basis. Please return form and payment to the Front Office- ATTN: PTO/After School Programs. Checks should be made payable to RHS PTO. Parents should provide a walker note and snack (if needed). Dismissal is at 4:50 in the front lobby. Please contact Melissa Zaccagnini at mmzaccagnini@gmail.com with any questions.

REGISTRATION DUE BY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1st.
BOOTH HILL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM
Please make checks payable to BHS PTO

Name of child(ren):  Name of Program  Grade/Teacher:

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Parent Signature:  Date:

Email Address:  Phone #:

PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATION BY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST.

*Please Note: No Programs on Monday Feb. 20TH (President’s Day)
When you present this flyer
15% of what you spend will be donated back to

Booth Hill School PTO Shelton

Monday, January 30th
12:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Dine In, Carry Out or Delivery*

*If ordering online, please select the "pay in store" option and present the flyer when picking up your order to ensure the organization receives your donation.

Bertucci's of Shelton - 768 Bridgeport Avenue, Shelton, CT 06484 Ph:203-926-6058
Box Tops Collection

January 23rd - February 24th

Looking for a quick and effective way to earn FREE dollars for Booth Hill School?

It's Box Tops for Education submission time! Thanks to you, we are slightly more than halfway to reaching our goal of earning at least $1500. With everyone's help, I know that we can surpass that goal.

I'll be bundling all the Box Tops each week. This is all I need from you:

- Check expiration dates. Unfortunately, I cannot submit expired Box Tops.
- Place Box Tops into a sealable bag or envelope and ask your student to give them to their teacher.
- The top classroom will receive a special prize!
- Keep collecting Box Tops for the remainder of the school year! A final collection with take place prior the end of the school year.

Once we send in all our Box Tops, Booth Hill School will receive a check from Box Tops for Education™. We will use this cash to buy the things we need to support our students. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at markandstacy2005@yahoo.com or (203) 926-0240. Thanks for your help and support!

Stacy Andrejczyk
BHS Box Tops Coordinator

www.BTFE.com
Dear BHS Students –

Valentine’s Day is Tuesday, February 14th. This is a great day to show the people around us: parents, siblings, friends, neighbors, etc., that we care about them. There are some people that may not have family close by and not able to visit often so we would like to share our love by writing special notes to these people who live in local Shelton senior nursing homes. Please cut out the valentine below, decorate it by writing a short note to let the person know you are thinking of them and coloring it. Write only your FIRST name (no last names). Send it back to school by Wednesday February 8th. Just write “Community Outreach” on the back (do not fold or place in envelopes).

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