From the Principal – March 2018

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

The faculty, staff, and administration of Booth Hill Elementary School are pleased to announce that we have been named a School of Distinction for the 2016-2017 school year by the Connecticut State Department of Education for the second year in a row. Additionally, we rank as a category 1 school. There are five categories – the first being the highest ranking.

This is quite an honor and we are proud of the results. The top ten percent of all Connecticut schools are named Schools of Distinction each year as evaluated by Connecticut’s Next Generation Accountability Standards. During the 2016-2017 school year, BHS earned a total score of 92.5 of 100 points. This is an improvement of five points from our previous ranking during the 2015-2016 school year.

Our school was evaluated based on academic achievement, academic growth, physical fitness, and attendance rates.

We thank you for your continued support of BHS. We couldn’t have done it without your parent involvement and commitment to our school and your children.

Character at BHS

PBIS Has Spirit at BHS!

Doing well in school matters, but so do good manners! Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support, commonly known to parents and students as PBIS, is Booth Hill School’s proactive approach to improve the learning environment within our community. The goal is to improve the school-wide capacity to teach and support good behavior for all students by designing and implementing supports to create a positive school for everyone. Such an approach promotes a safe and productive learning atmosphere in which teachers can teach and all students can learn.

Take Care of Yourself, Take Care of Each Other, and Take Care of Our School is known by all the students at school. Keeping in line with this motto, a set of core values was discussed and chosen to be our instructional focus during the school year. The values are the same regardless of grade; however, the lessons taught are differentiated to the grade of the students. It is our intention that instruction will contribute to ethically responsible concern for others and community through the nature of day-to-day activities. At the beginning of each month a new standard of behavior
is introduced (citizenship, resilience, respect, self-control, responsibility, diversity, teamwork, empathy, integrity, and patience), and a lesson is taught that prioritizes caring and fairness in relation to self-concerns. Teachers will follow-on to cultivate the guiding behavior throughout the month in normal classroom lessons and highlighting the authentic application when it is exhibited by our children.

Students will be acknowledged by their teachers as they consistently display the value and may also be recognized as they continue to grow with previous months’ values. Students who are recognized will receive a Buddy Spirit Stick from their teacher that represents the social awareness of that behavior. Many of the students enjoy placing their spirit sticks on their backpacks as a reminder of what they have contributed to a positive school environment. Students who receive the spirit sticks will be recognized in this newsletter the following month!

Additional Information

Incoming Kindergarten Registration – Booth Hill will host a parent night for incoming kindergarten students on March 13 at 6:30.
In addition, registration continues to take place at BHS on the following days:
February 26: Session 1 9:30-10:15; Session 2 – 10:45-11:30 AM
February 27: Session 1 9:30-10:15; Session 2 – 10:45-11:30 AM; Session 3 – 1:15-2:00 PM; Session 4 – 2:15-3:00 PM

Please call the main office to schedule a time to come register your kindergarten student. Please remember your child must be five years old by December 31, 2018.

Parent Teacher conference will be in March (15th and 19th). As with the fall conferences, teachers sent a registration link to you through Infinite Campus on February 15th. Please follow the link and select one of the fifteen minute intervals available to schedule your conference with your child’s teacher. These are on a first come –first served basis for available times and dates.

Big Y has started a school reward’s program. This is similar to Stop and Shop’s reward program for which you may have already signed up. Each time you scan your card, a percentage gets donated back to the school. If you shop at Big Y and can spare a few minutes, please go to: www.bigy.com/rs/educationexpress. Once on the site, click on the link and log-in and register your card number. Booth Hill School is already registered as an option to link to your card. Thank you in advance for supporting Booth Hill through this program.

Upcoming Information (please see calendar for the most comprehensive list)

Student Council – meets at 8:10 in the morning on February 23, March 9, and March 23 in the library media center.

School Store – Please see the attachment for dates for each grade. The school store opened on February 20th.

No School – March 20, 2018 – Good Friday

Early Dismissals – March 2, 9, 16, (the first three Fridays of March and March 20 (Tuesday)

IA in a Day – will take place on March 29, 2018. A special thanks to our PTO and Mrs. Recker for coordinating the day.

End of the Trimester – Report cards will be distributed on March 15, 2018.

PTO Meeting – March 16, 2018 in the library media center
Robert Taylor Photograph - We will have RT here on April 6, 2018 for photos.

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 these possible changes. It helps us in making class lists. On that note, if there are any special circumstances or considerations regarding class placement, please let me know via email at JZavodnjancik@sheltonpublicschools.org

Weather Related Schedules – The Superintendent of Schools makes decisions throughout the winter regarding the normal operation of school when it is affected by weather. Local radio and TV stations will have 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. It is important that each child know your family’s plan if a school early dismissal should occur.

From Food Services: Do you know you can apply for free or reduced meals for your children at any time during the school year? If a family member has been laid off or your work is seasonal, you may qualify. Applications are available on www.sheltonpublicschools.org under District Information > School Lunch Program – Family Application 2017-2018. All questions can be answered by calling 203-924-1023, extension 309.

Change in pick-up: Please make every effort to inform us of changes in pick-up as early as possible. We prefer that you send a note in with your child to the classroom teacher in the morning. It is difficult to change our dismissal lists to specific staff in the late afternoon once they have been distributed.

Emergency Drill- During March, we will have a fire evacuation drill.

Attendance - Please remember the following for tracking attendance:

a.) All late arrivals and early dismissals without formal documentation are considered unexcused.

b.) An absence becomes excused when the school receives formal documentation within ten days of the absence.

c.) A student is considered truant if he/she accumulates 4 unexcused absences in a month or 10 unexcused absences in a year. A student is considered chronically absent when he/she misses 20% of their school attendance for any reason.

d.) *Perfect attendance is awarded at the end of each trimester and once at the end of the year. Students are eligible for this distinction when they are present each day including an on time arrival and remaining for the duration of the school day.

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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 Zavodnjancik
Principal
READ-A-THON
February 23—March 2, 2018
For students, families and schools

A weeklong activity, ending on Read Across America Day

www.nea.org/readacross

To benefit students, families, schools and Read to Grow — a nonprofit serving children and families of Connecticut for 18 years
What’s it all about?

This Read-a-Thon for elementary school students is a fun and meaningful way to promote reading at home.

The Read-a-Thon will: build students’ language and reading skills; encourage family activities; reward participating schools; and augment Read to Grow’s literacy services and the number of free books for children and families in need.

Students will be encouraged to read—or be read to—at home for 15 minutes or more each day for a week, starting after school on Friday, February 23rd and ending when they bring their Reading Log Sheets into school on March 2nd. (The reading time should not be for regular schoolwork, if possible.)

The Read-a-Thon also offers students opportunities to help other kids. Students are asked to donate (by bringing into school to their teachers) gently used children’s books and/or donations of a $1 or more during the week. This is not mandatory, however. The donations will go to the nonprofit Read to Grow, which provides free books for children who have few (if any) books and literacy workshops for families.

In turn, Read to Grow will give back to each school participating in the Read-a-Thon 10% of its total donations for the purchase of school library books.

The classroom in each school with the highest percentage of student participation will be rewarded with colorful rubber wristbands.

Why February 23rd to March 2nd?

Read to Grow selected a week for the Read-a-Thon that would end on Read Across America Day. On that day, educators can celebrate their students’ accomplishments and further highlight the fun and importance of reading with special activities in the classroom or within the school as a whole.

In 1997, the National Education Association created a day to celebrate reading in the United States, particularly among students, parents and teachers. In 1998 Read Across America Day became an official observance, to promote reading among our youth. March 2nd was selected because it is the birthday of Dr. Seuss.
What is Read to Grow?

Read to Grow is a Connecticut nonprofit that promotes language skills and literacy for children, beginning at birth, and supports parents as their babies’ first teachers.

In its 18 years, Read to Grow has given more 1.6 million books to over 1 million people in the state.

Read to Grow operates through two programs: Books for Babies and Books for Kids.

Books for Babies is in 14 Connecticut hospitals, where it gives Literacy Packets to all mothers of newborns. Also, the program has a special project that provides workshops and free children’s books to pregnant women receiving their care at community health centers.

Books for Kids is a literacy continuum, giving books to families; childcare-providers; doctors; teachers; community and service groups; and other nonprofits. Also, the program formally collaborates with 46 other nonprofits to add or enrich their childhood literacy services.

Read to Grow is based in Branford, CT.

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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 general nondiscrimination laws.
Welcome to our Lunch Cafe

Monday:
- Chicken Nugget & Mozzarella Stick Combo
- Crispy chicken nuggets and cheesy mozzarella sticks served with dipping sauce
- Oven Baked Fries
- Cucumber Coins
- Cinnamon Applesauce
- Fresh Pear
- Celery
- Diced Pears

Tuesday:
- Pancakes & Sausage light and fluffy pancakes served with a sausage patty
- Baby Carrots
- Pineapple tidbits
- Fresh Banana
- Apple 100% Juice

Wednesday:
- Homemade Mac & Cheese
  - Light version of classic macaroni and cheese
- Cheese Pizza
crunchy mozzarella sticks served with dipping sauce
- General Tso's Chicken
- Baby Carrots
- Pineapple tidbits
- Fresh Banana
- 100% Orange Juice Blend

Thursday:
- Beef Hot Dog on Bun
  - Juicy beef hot dog on a soft bun
- Baked Beans
- Celery
- Mixed Fruit
- Fresh Orange

Friday:
- Cheese Pizza
crunchy mozzarella sticks served with dipping sauce
- Green Pepper Slices
- Garden Salad
- Diced Peaches
- Fresh Apple

Weekend Alternates: Tuna and Cheese on a Soft Wheat Roll

12. Crispy Chicken Sandwich
- Crispy breaded chicken on a bun
- Oven Baked Fries
- Cucumber Coins
- Cinnamon Applesauce
- National Oatmeal Raisin Cookie
- National Oatmeal Cookie Day

13. Rainbow Grilled Cheese
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Fresh Pear
- Celery
- Diced Pears
- Pineapple tidbits
- Diced Peaches
- Fresh Apple

14. Mozzarella Sticks
- Crunchy mozzarella sticks filled with mozzarella cheese, perfect for dipping into your favorite sauce
- Cherry Tomatoes
- Diced Peppers
- Fresh Grapes
- Fresh Apple

15. Roasted Turkey with Gravy
- oven roasted turkey breast
- Mashed Potatoes
- Glazed Carrots
- Cherry Tomatoes
- Diced Peppers
- Fresh Apple

16. Cheese Pizza
- Crispy mozzarella sticks served with dipping sauce
- Green Pepper Slices
- Garden Salad
- Diced Peaches
- Fresh Apple

Weekly Alternate: Ham and Cheese Sandwich on a Soft Wheat Roll

19. Crispy Chicken Sandwich
- Crispy breaded chicken on a bun
- Oven Baked Fries
- Cucumber Coins
- Fresh Pear
- Cinnamon Applesauce
- David's Oatmeal Raisin Cookie
- National Oatmeal Cookie Day

20. Waffles with Ham
- waffles served with ham
- Hash browns
- Baby Carrots
- Pineapple tidbits
- Apple 100% Juice
- Fresh Banana

21. Crispy Tacos
- Celery
- Mixed Fruit
- Fresh Grapes
- Diced Peppers
- National Crunchy Taco Day

22. Chicken Corn Dog
- Baked Potato Wedges
- Baked Beans
- Baby Carrots
- Pineapple tidbits
- Fresh Banana
- 100% Orange Juice Blend

23. Cheese Pizza
- Crispy mozzarella sticks served with dipping sauce
- Green Pepper Slices
- Garden Salad
- Diced Peaches
- Fresh Apple

Weekly Alternate: Tuna and Cheese Sandwich on a Soft Roll

26. Popcorn Chicken
- breaded chicken bites baked to perfection
- Mashed Potatoes
- Cucumber Coins
- Cinnamon Applesauce
- Fresh Pear
- Pineapple tidbits
- Fresh Orange

27. French Toast
- Hashbrowns
- Baby Carrots
- Pineapple tidbits
- Apple 100% Juice
- Fresh Banana

28. Mozzarella Sticks
- Crunchy mozzarella sticks filled with mozzarella cheese, perfect for dipping into your favorite sauce
- Cherry Tomatoes
- Diced Peppers
- Fresh Grapes
- Fresh Apple

29. Pizza Bites
- Green Pepper Slices
- Garden Salad
- Diced Peaches
- Fresh Apple

30. Lunch Prices
- Full Price Lunch $2.75
- Reduced Lunch $0.40

Alternates Available Daily:
- Chicken Nuggets
- Whole grain breasted chicken nuggets
- Bagel Fun Lunch - Whole wheat bagel with cream cheese, low fat yogurt and cheese stick
- Garden Salad Entree - Mixed greens, tomatoes, cucumbers and low fat cheese w/ whole grain roll
- Meatless Weekly Alternates:
  - Week 1 Vegetable Burrito
  - Week 2 Organic Yogurt and Fruit Parfait with granola
  - Week 3 Veggie Burger, Whole Wheat Bun w/ Lettuce & Tomato

Questions, comments?

SIMPLY ROOTED™ in food and family

Did you know that all of our tuna is dolphin safe? It's true, also, our shelled eggs are cage-free (or pasture-raised when possible). This is because we are Simply Rooted™ in food and family and we care. Our ingredients are locally sourced, all natural, and organic or non-GMO, whenever possible.

Lauren Hapwood - DINӘ. 2020

Certified Gluten-Free

Eating well without rancid oil, preservatives, trans fats or empty calories is increasing the risk of foodborne illness, especially if you take medicines that interact with food. Thus it is crucial to avoid these substances. This protection is also provided.
From the PTO
Booth Hill School Store

The School Store is stocked and ready for another year of business!

With the help of the BHS PTO, the school store will be open for business with third and fourth grade helpers running the store.

The store will kick off Tuesday, February 20th alternating grades and will continue to follow a Tuesday schedule. The kids will get a chance to shop when they arrive at school (between 8:45 & 9:15am).

Items will range in price from $0.25 to $2.00

Come check out the new supplies!!

FEB / MARCH SCHEDULE:
- Feb. 20 – K, 3rd & 4th
- Feb. 27 – 1st & 2nd
- March 6 – K, 3rd & 4th
- March 13 – 1st & 2nd
- March 20 – K, 3rd & 4th
- March 27 – 1st & 2nd

Please feel free to contact Katie Bria kbjm1020@gmail.com or Sanna Jacobs sanna.jacobs@gmail.com with any questions.
# 2017-2018 BHS Yearbook Order Form

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Cash $________________________

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Make checks payable to: Booth Hill School PTO

## ORDER DEADLINE:
Friday, March 9th, 2018

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 9th.

### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS:

- Keep your cancelled check handy in June, as verification of your order.
- Yearbooks will be distributed the last few days of school. Please inform your student if your home has ordered a book so there is no confusion at delivery.
- Orders will be taken from February 15th through March 9th.
- 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.*
Booth Hill School PTO Open Positions Nomination Form

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) at Booth Hill School sponsors many events and special programs throughout the year. The PTO serves as a liaison between the Booth Hill parents, students, teachers, and administration. We have a strong goal-oriented PTO and it is important for our children, that we continue the great work that our PTO has done. It is fundamental to our organization that we fill these positions with interested and dedicated parents who are committed to the well-being of our students, staff & families.

Please review the enclosed list of open positions. If you are interested in one or more of these positions, or know someone who is worthy of nomination, email Sara Wilbur at saraasmit000@hotmail.com or complete the bottom portion of this letter labeled “Nominating Committee” to the Office no later than Friday, March 2, 2018.

The PTO Nominating Committee will present the list of nominees for election at the PTO Meeting held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

Thank you,

PTO Nominating Committee:

Sara Wilbur, Courtney Dwyer, and Shauna Dumas

We cannot do this without your help!

Thank You!

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ATTENTION: NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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Open Positions

**President** - preside at all meetings, coordinate the work of the officers, chairs, coordinators and committees in order that the objectives may be promoted. With the Principal, shall approve plans of the PTO as they relate to anything that affects the normal operations of the school, its facilities, the students during normal hours, and the staff and curriculum. Time will be spent communicating via email and/or text. Set meeting agenda with assistance of the Secretary. Max of two years in this position.

**Vice President** - Act as an aide to the President, will act as Sergeant-At-Arms and enforce parliamentary procedure if deemed necessary. Max of two years in this position.

**Treasurer** - Keep a full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures and make periodic written reports at Executive Board meetings no less than four (4) times per year. Make disbursements as authorized by the President, Executive Board, or association in accordance with the budget adopted by the BHS PTO.

**Membership Chairperson** – Handles the collection and tracking of the annual PTO membership dues. Submits payments to the treasurer.

**Signup Genius Coordinator** – Works with other chairs/coordinators to create the signup genius links when volunteers are needed for events/functions

**After School Program Coordinator** – Research various programs available and work with the Executive Board and Principal to coordinate those programs that best suit the students.

**Kindergarten Playdates** – Coordinate 2 or 3 dates in August before school starts in which the incoming kindergarteners come to meet their new friends and have fun.

**Hospitality Chair** – Coordinate the staff Back-to-School luncheon and refreshments for Back-to-School Night. This person would also be the one to coordinate the purchase of the PTO’s bulk supply of paper goods for the events.

**Back to School Ice Cream Social** – Plans and coordinates the annual Back to School Ice Cream Social in September. This includes, but is not limited to, decorating, coordinating entertainment, food, the collection and tracking of RSVP’s and submitting payments to the treasurer.

**Fall Social** – Plans and coordinates the annual Fall Social in October. This includes, but is not limited to, decorating, coordinating entertainment, food, the collection and tracking of RSVP’s and submitting payments to the treasurer.

**End of Year Family Picnic** - Plans and coordinates the annual EOY Picnic in June. This includes, but is not limited to, decorating, coordinating entertainment, food, the collection and tracking of RSVP’s and submitting payments to the treasurer.

**Fall Fundraiser** – Depending on what fundraiser is chosen, you will work with the Executive Board to help raise funds to support all of the goals and activities of the BHS PTO

**Opt-Out Coordinator** - Handles the collection and tracking of the annual Opt-Out Program and submits payments to the treasurer.
**Plant Sale** – Coordinate the delivery of plants, set up, cleanup, and recruit volunteers to help during the sale. Takes place the Friday prior to Mother’s Day.

**Flocking Coordinator** – Coordinate the flocking fundraiser, gather “runners”, collect and track payments, submit payments to the treasurer.

**Apparel Sale** – Work with vendor to create design and choose items to sell (with Exec. Board and Principal approval), collect, track, and distribute orders, and submit payments to the treasurer.

**Restaurant Night Coordinator** – Coordinate approximately 3 restaurant nights per year.

**BJ’s Fundraiser Coordinator** – Coordinate with the BJ’s Wholesale representative and the executive board on the best time to run the fundraiser and distribute flyers through school.

**Vendor Fair Chair** – Coordinate the vendor fair that takes place during Breakfast with Santa. Work with the Executive Board, Father’s Club and Raffle Chair. Responsible for creating application, gathering/organizing applicants to submit for approval and once approved, sending payments to treasurer. Will also be responsible for set-up for the event.

**Raffle Chairperson** – Reach out to local businesses, large corporations and the community via fax, email, internet, etc. asking for donations. PTO provides the necessary letter needed for such donations. Raffle takes place during BWS.

**Touch-A-Truck Committee** – looking for a committee of parents willing to coordinate a touch-a-truck fundraising event for the PTO. Would take place in the Spring of 2019.

**Father’s Club Chairperson** – Coordinate the tasks of the Father’s Club which is responsible for the annual Breakfast with Santa and 1 or 2 winter/spring events.

The following positions are currently filled but will be vacant the following year and in need of someone to shadow. You would learn the role while working alongside the current Coordinators/Chairs.

**Cultural Assemblies Coordinators** – you would coordinate an extension of the curriculum through cultural arts presentations and events

**Box Tops Coordinator** – Collect, count, package and submit Box Tops throughout the year with two submission periods each year.

**JA in a Day** - Coordinate with Junior Achievement and principal on a date to run JA in a Day and recruit volunteers for each class.

**Yearbook Coordinator** – Would be responsible for photographing events and designing the yearbook, hold the yearbook sale, collect and track yearbook orders, submit payment to treasurer and coordinate distribution.

**Book Fair Chairperson** – will work with parent volunteers to coordinate the Fall and Spring book fairs. Volunteers will help students pick books, restock shelves and run the cash register.