



# Booth Hill Elementary School

Shelton Public Schools

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## From the Principal - November 2017

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

I am sure many of you are enjoying our extended summer like weather. I know I am! November seems to be the month that things start to cool off dramatically. In the meantime, we will continue our outdoor recess and activities as it permits.

At a prior PTO meeting, I discussed principles of teacher instruction in language arts and math. I wanted to take a few paragraphs this month to reiterate this message regarding math.

Mathematics – To begin, no, math has not changed. However, how we manipulate, think about, represent, and ultimately persuade and argue with numbers has become more rigorous. No longer do we only value and accept accurate answers. We strive to have students represent their argument and thinking through constructs, contexts, diagrams, and models. Can students articulate patterns, rules, and use numbers and mathematical thinking to persuade, argue, and apply?

These types of practices take a different kind of instruction. I remember some of my schooling where I sat and memorized formulae and facts. Yes, I still remember some of these different facts. What I don't always remember is why or how to use them. Teachers are asking students to complete problems with skills requiring application, analysis, invention, and evaluation. They are requiring more "rigor" beyond fact fluency. This ultimately relies on developing students' perseverance, or as it has come to be known – "grit." We want students to be able to dissect a problem, determine what it is asking, investigate it, use appropriate and domain-specific language, and not only solve it, but be able to present their findings, solutions, and rationale. In the end – we want students to think like mathematicians and problem-solvers.

Each classroom teacher is well versed and able to answer questions about the content and skills being taught in each grade. I hope you will use their knowledge and expertise if you happen to run into challenges or your curiosity is sparked. We are always here to help. Moreover, we believe these practices will develop rational and logical thinking in our students that will carry across disciplines and years of instruction.

### Upcoming Information

Picture Re-take/Missing – Robert Taylor will be completing picture retakes and missing photos on November 13.

Veteran's Day- We will observe Veteran's Day on November 10, 2017 at school. Classroom teachers have sent out a request to honor those veteran's in your family at our assembly with students. Please return it to the school as soon as possible.

Parent Teacher Conferences: Teacher's sent out a link for you to register for a conference with them. Registration for November 2 can be accessed through the provided link. Please follow the steps – you will be prompted for information such as you and your child's name. Special area teachers sent out the link on the same date (10-6-17) in a combined email. The same process to sign up for a conference will be used.

Half Days – November 3, 21, and 22 are planned early dismissal days. Please make arrangements for changes in pick-up prior to those dates if necessary.

End of Trimester 1 – December 1, 2017

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 be sent to the office through 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.

Attendance - Please remember the following for tracking attendance:

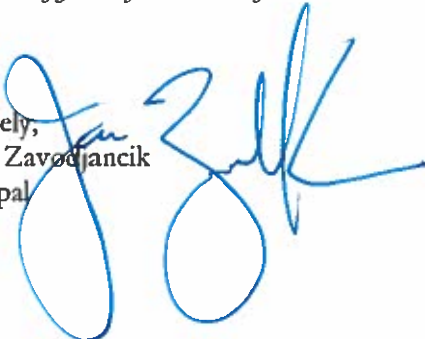
- a.) All late arrivals and early dismissals without formal documentation are considered unexcused.
- b.) An absence becomes excused when the school receives formal documentation within ten days of the absence.
- c.) A student is considered truant if he/she accumulates 4 unexcused absences in a month or 10 unexcused absences in a year.

**Please see attached calendar for a comprehensive list of upcoming events.**

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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 Zavodjancik  
Principal



BOOTH HILL SCHOOL PARENT CALENDAR

November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Boys Basketball 5:30-8:30	<b>2</b> Teachers Conference K-4 6-8	<b>3 Early Dismissal</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5 Daylight Saving Time Ends</b> 	<b>6</b> After School Program 3:50-4:50 Boys Basketball 5:30-8:30	<b>7 No School Teacher Prof. Day</b>	<b>8</b> After School Program 3:50-4:50 PTO Apparel Sale Starts Boys Basketball 5:30-8:30	<b>9</b>	<b>10 Veterans Day Assembly @2:00 Gr. 2 Brownies 3:45-5:15 Cub scouts 6:30- 8:30 cafe Boys Basketball 5:30-8:30</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13 Picture Retake 9-10:30 After School Program 3:50-4:50 Gr. 3 Brownies 3:45- 5:10 Boys Basketball 5:30-8:30</b>	<b>14 CCD 3:45-5:00 PTO Meeting @7:00 Boys Basketball 5:30-8:30</b>	<b>15 Scarpa Musical After School Program 3:50-4:50 BOE Mtg. @7:00 Ends</b>	<b>16 Boys basketball 5:30-8:30</b>	<b>17 Daisy Troop Gr. 1 3:45-5:15 Gr. 4 Troop 3:45-5:15 Boys Basketball 5:30- 8:30 PTO Apparel Sale Ends</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20 Boys Basketball 5:30-8:30</b>	<b>21 Early Dismissal Prof. Dev. (K-4)</b>	<b>22 Early Dismissal</b>	<b>23 No School</b> 	<b>24 No School</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27 After School Program 3:50-4:50 Gr. 3 Brownies #832 3:45-5:10 Boys Basketball 5:30-8:30</b>	<b>28 CCD 3:45-5:00 Boys Basketball 5:30- 8:30</b>	<b>29 After School Program 3:50-4:50 Boys Basketball 5:30-8:30</b>	<b>30 Boys Basketball 5:30-8:30</b>		<b>Dec. 1st end of Trimester 1</b>

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# Welcome to our Lunch Cafe

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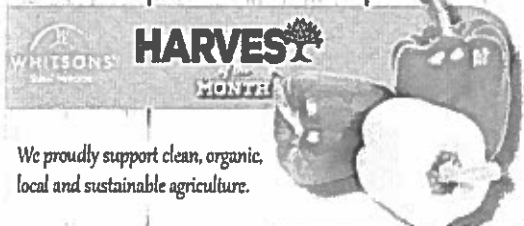
Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



6 Popcorn Chicken  
breaded chicken bites baked to perfection  
Tator Tots  
Side of Carrots  
Celery  
Cinnamon Applesauce  
Fresh Apple

7 Election Day  
  
No School

1 Meatball Parmesan Sandwich  
warm meatballs on a roll, topped with tomato sauce and melted mozzarella cheese  
Caesar Salad  
Cherry Tomatoes  
Fresh Red Grapes  
  
Weekly Alternate: Boars Head Ham and Cheese Sandwich on a Soft Wheat Roll

2 Mozzarella Sticks  
crispy mozzarella sticks filled with gooey cheese, perfect for dipping into your favorite sauce  
Bean Salad  
Fresh Green Grapes

3 Cheese Pizza  
crispy pizza dough topped with tomato sauce and melted cheese  
Fresh Broccoli  
Garden Salad  
Fresh Banana  
Strawberries

13 Chicken Tenders  
crispy chicken tenders perfect for dipping in your favorite sauce  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Fresh Orange

14 Cheeseburger And Tator Tots  
Carroteenies  
Diced Pears  
Fresh Green Grapes  
Pickle Chips  
Garlic Spear Pickle

8 Mac & Cheese  
pasta in cheese sauce, garnished with parsley  
With Steamed Broccoli  
Veggie Dippers  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Fresh Orange  
  
Weekly alternate: Boars Head Ham and Cheese Sandwich on a Soft Wheat Roll

9 Crispy Tacos  
crispy taco shells filled with taco meat and cheddar cheese  
Chill Roasted Garbanzo Beans  
Fiesta Corn  
Fresh Red Grapes

10 Cheese Pizza  
crispy pizza dough topped with tomato sauce and melted cheese  
Celery  
Garden Salad  
Diced Peaches  
Fresh Banana  
Strawberries

20 Crispy Chicken Sandwich  
crispy breaded chicken on a bun  
With Oven Baked Fries  
Spinach Salad  
Apple Slices  
Fresh Pear

21 Meatball Parmesan Sandwich  
warm meatballs on a roll, topped with tomato sauce and melted mozzarella cheese  
Red Pepper Strips  
Fresh Red Grapes  
Diced Pears

15 Roasted Turkey with Gravy  
oven roasted turkey breast smothered with gravy  
Homemade Stuffing  
Cranberry Sauce  
With Red Pepper Strips  
Diced Peaches  
  
Weekly alternate: Boars Head Ham and Cheese Sandwich on a Soft Wheat Roll

16 BBQ Rib Sandwich  
BBQ rib patty on a bun  
Sauteed Corn & Black Bean Salsa  
Carroteenies  
Cinnamon Applesauce  
Fresh Banana

17 Cheese Pizza  
crispy pizza dough topped with tomato sauce and melted cheese  
Fresh Broccoli  
Garden Salad  
Fresh Banana  
Strawberries

27 Chicken Nuggets  
crispy breaded chicken nuggets perfect for dipping in your favorite sauce  
Brown Rice  
Corn  
Celery  
Cinnamon Applesauce  
Fresh Pear

28 French Toast  
French toast baked to perfection  
Hashbrowns  
Cinnamon Applesauce  
Carroteenies  
Melon Cup  
Vanilla French Toast Day  
  
Weekly alternate: Boars Head Ham and Cheese Sandwich on a Soft Wheat Roll

22 Baked Pasta with Cheese  
pasta topped with melted cheese, baked to perfection  
Baby Carrots  
Fresh Green Grapes  
  
Weekly alternate: Boars Head Turkey and Cheese Sandwich on a Soft Wheat Roll

23 Happy Thanksgiving

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29 Chicken Corn Dog  
juicy chicken hot dog surrounded with a corn dog crust  
Baked Potato Wedges  
Caesar Salad  
Cherry Tomatoes  
Fresh Red Grapes  
Lucky Tray Day

30 Soft Taco  
fiesta-style meal with melted cheese arranged in a soft taco shell  
Fiesta Corn  
Beans  
Fresh Cucumber Salad  
Fresh Red Grapes  
Fresh Apple

## SIMPLY ROOTED™ in food and family

Our milk is rBGH free and does not contain high fructose corn syrup. We only offer milk that is fat free or 1%. This is because we are Simply Rooted™ in food and family and use ingredients that are locally sourced, all natural, and organic or non-GMO, whenever possible.



Lunch Prices  
Full Price Lunch \$2.75  
Reduced Lunch \$0.40

All lunches come with fruit, vegetable and milk selection. Milk variety includes skim, 1% white milk and fat free chocolate  
Questions, comments?  
Contact Linda Stanisci @ 203-924-1055

### Available Daily Alternate Lunches

Chicken Nuggets Lunch - Crispy Chicken Nuggets  
Bagel Fun Lunch-Whole Wheat Bagel with Cream Cheese, Low Fat Yogurt and Cheese Stick  
Garden Salad Entree-Mixed Greens w/ Tomatoes, Cucumbers & Low Fat Cheese w/ Whole Grain Roll  
**Meatless Weekly Alternates:**  
Week 1: Fresh Spinach Salad with Cheese  
Week 2: Grilled Cheese on Whole Wheat Bread  
Week 3: Organic Yogurt and Fruit Parfait with Granola  
Week 4: Vegetarian Burrito  
Week 5: Hummus Plate with Veggie Sticks and Pita Bread

\*Consuming raw or under cooked meat, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of food borne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions. Menu is subject to change, notice posted when available. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

From the PTO



**Booth Hill School's annual Halloween Bash is approaching October 27<sup>th</sup>. We would like to keep all dressed up trick-or-treaters safe so we ask that masks & play weapons be left at home.**

**Thank You**

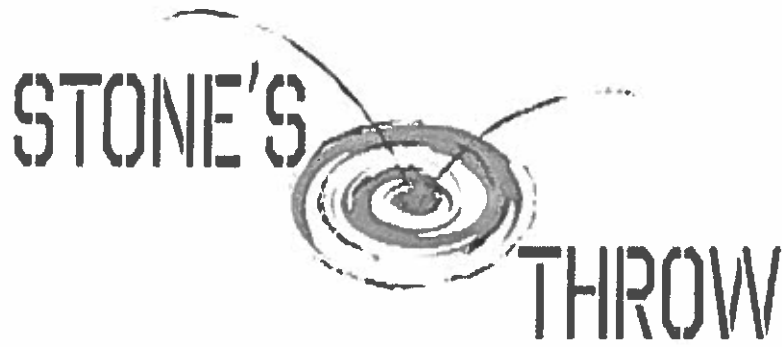
# Charleston Wrap Fundraiser

orders will be available for pick up on  
Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup> in the  
BHS cafeteria.

Please make arrangements to pick up  
your orders on Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
from 3:45 – 6:30.

If you have any questions, please email  
us at [bhsptomail@gmail.com](mailto:bhsptomail@gmail.com)

Thank you!



337 Roosevelt Drive, Seymour, CT 06483 - 203.308.2662

**Booth Hill School Dining Day at  
Stone's Throw Restaurant  
Wednesday, November 8th  
11:30 am - 9:00 pm**

Stone's Throw serves American Cuisine, made from scratch, with an emphasis on local seafood and local farms. Year-round, waterfront dining in Seymour, CT.

Bring this Flyer into Stone's Throw on November 8th and a percentage of your bill will be donated to the Booth Hill School PTO.

Stone's Throw is owned by the Recker family of Booth Hill School

Checkout our menu online at [www.stonethrowct.com](http://www.stonethrowct.com)





**BOOTH HILL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM:**

**Name of child:**

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**Class Registering for:**

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**Grade /Teacher:**

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**Parent Signature:**

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**Date:**

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**Email Address:**

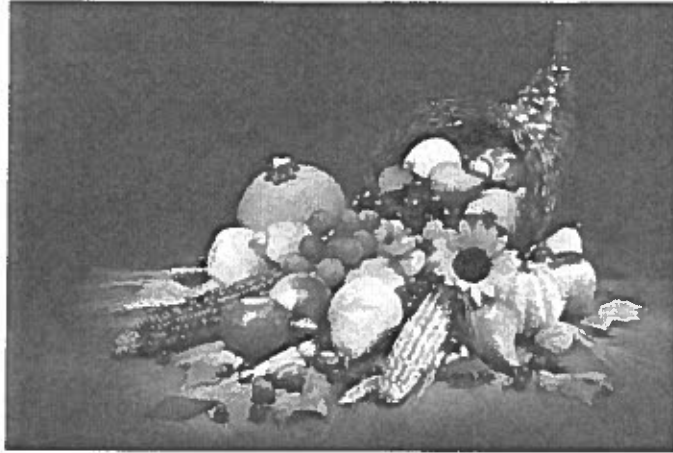
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**Phone #:**

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# BHS HOLIDAY FOOD COLLECTION

## A Time for Thanks



It is that time of year when Booth Hill takes an active role in collecting food for the needy. We are asking each student to bring in one or more items. On behalf of the children of Booth Hill School the collected non-perishables will be given to the Audrey Dreyer Food Bank housed at Perry Hill School. The items will be used to provide Thanksgiving meals for those less fortunate than ourselves.

## Donations accepted October 30th – November 10<sup>th</sup>

In order to collect a variety of foods, we are asking that you make your donation in the category listed for your child's grade level although any donation is greatly appreciated.

Kindergarten – breakfast food (cereal, pancake mix, syrup etc.)

Grade 1 – pasta, crackers, rice, stuffing mix

Grade 2 – desserts (cake mixes, boxed cookies, Jell-O, puddings, pudding mixes, etc.) or peanut butter, tuna or condiments

Grade 3 – powdered drink mixes (milk, coffee, tea, etc.)

Grade 4 – canned vegetables and fruits, soups and sauces

Thank you in advance for your donations.

If you have any questions please contact Dana Wirth at [danawirth56@yahoo.com](mailto:danawirth56@yahoo.com).

Dana Wirth and Leigh Boulanger - Community Outreach