From the Principal….

September 2018

Welcome back to a new school year. We are excited to see our incoming BHS students. This year we welcome 68 new kindergarten students.

Our teachers have been in the building for the past few weeks – setting up their new or existing classrooms, getting lessons prepared, and creating new and exciting learning for our students.

I hope each of our students have been reading and practicing their math skills this summer.

Inevitably, there have been some changes to BHS over the summer. Please read through the newsletter to see some of them.

Looking forward to connecting with each of you again this year – it is going to be a great year!

See you soon!

James Zavodjancik, Principal

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New Faculty and Staff 2018-2019

Please join me in welcoming new BHS Faculty and Staff for the 2018-2019 School Year:

- Miss Erynn Miller – Grade 3 Teacher
- Mrs. Andrea Clark – Library Media Specialist
- Ms. Adrianna Collins – School Nurse
- Ms. Karhryn Giarratano – Tutor
- Mrs. Darla Lussier – Grade 1 Teacher

In addition, Mrs. Sharon Douglass was appointed our mathematics specialist. She will serve half her time at Booth Hill and half at Mohegan School.

There were a number of classroom changes this past year of existing staff. Please see the attachment at the end of this newsletter for a full faculty and staff roster.

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IMPORTANT DATES

August 31, 2018 - Kindergarten Bus Safety Day at 9:30
September 3, 2018 - No School – Labor Day
September 4, 2018 - First Day of School – All Students
September 5, 2018 - PTO Meeting – 7:00 PM Media Center
September 24, 2018 - Back to School Night 6PM

Full calendar of events attached
**Emergency Drills**

School Safety is of utmost concern and priority. Each year, and periodically through the year, school staff undergo training on safety and emergency protocols. Moreover, each month we practice one or more of these drills. Drills include fire evacuation, lock down, and off-site evacuation. Families are not notified in advance of many of these drills. In general, I will tweet notification when the drill has occurred each month. I will also include what drill will occur in this newsletter for the following month. For the month of September, we plan to have one drill during the first week of school and one drill during the month. Both will be fire evacuation drills. Teachers will alert students to all protocols as part of their classroom procedures on the first days of school.

**Calendar of Events**

**September 7, 2018**
- PTO Fundraiser Kickoff

**September 14, 2018**
- PTO Back to School Ice Cream Social 6:00 P.M.

**September 26, 2018**
- Board of Education Meeting 7:00 P.M.
  Long Hill Central Office

**October 3, 2018**
- PTO Meeting 7:00 P.M.

**Rewards Program**

Please consider joining our Rewards Programs through Stop and Shop and Big Y Supermarkets. Moreover, invite family and friends of Booth Hill to do the same.

**Stop and Shop**
- Visit [www.stopandshop.com](http://www.stopandshop.com) and select SIGN IN at the top right to log into your rewards account. Once logged in, select MY ACCOUNT, MANAGE MY ACCOUNT, then REWARDS AND SAVINGS.

**Big Y**
- [www.bigy.com/rs/educationexpress](http://www.bigy.com/rs/educationexpress)
Please go to the above link and log-in and register your card number.

At each organization, when your card is scanned, a percentage will be sent back to Booth Hill School. We hope you will consider joining the rewards program. A stop and shop form with card number information will be sent home at the beginning of the year if you would like the school to register you without having to log-in.

**Food Services**

Do you know you can apply for free or reduced lunch for your children? Applications are available on [www.sheltonpublicschools.org](http://www.sheltonpublicschools.org). Please follow the links – District Information> School Lunch Program> Family application. All questions regarding the program can be directed to 203-924-1023, ext. 309.

**Student Lunch Accounts**

Please log-in to Infinite Campus to find out your child’s lunch account balance. Money can be submitted through Infinite Campus. You can also continue to send it in with your child. Please make sure it is in a sealed and labeled envelope. Checks can be made out to Shelton Lunch Program.
Attendance Practices

Children’s consistent school attendance supports continuous learning progressions and active participation in classroom activities and planned learning.

The following are general guidelines that the district and school follows when tracking attendance throughout the year.

- All late arrivals (after 9:00AM) and early departures (before 3:45) are considered unexcused. A doctor’s note can excuse a late arrival and/or early departure. It will still be marked in attendance as an excused tardy or early dismissal.
- An absence is considered excused when a doctor’s note is received by the school within ten days of the child’s absence.
- A student is considered truant when he/she has accumulated four unexcused absences in a month or ten in a year.

(Attendance continued)

- A student is considered chronically absent when they have missed ten percent of their enrolled school days.
- All absences should be called in by the parent/guardian each day that a child will not be in school. Our phone number is 203-929-5625. Calling in the absences do not mean that it will automatically become an excused absence.
- Each trimester the school awards Perfect Attendance Distinction to students who have no absences, late arrivals, or early dismissals. Students must be in school each day, be on time, and never leave early. There can be no excused and/or unexcused codes on the child’s record.

21st Century Learning - Habits of Mind

Employers and colleges continue to delve into what our K-12 learners need the most to be successful in life. As you can imagine, it goes beyond literacy and numeracy skills. Not only do students need to be able to read a variety of text closely, they need other skills for college and career readiness. I hope you will be able to see these outlined skills in your child’s work and progression (Costa & Kallick, 2000).

- Persisting
- Listening with understanding and empathy
- Thinking about their thinking
- Questioning and problem posing
- Thinking and communicating with clarity and precision
- Creating, imagining, and innovating
- Taking responsible risks
- Thinking independently
- Managing impulsivity
- Thinking flexibly
- Striving for accuracy and precision
- Applying past knowledge to novel situations
- Gathering data through all senses
- Responding with wonderment and awe
- Finding humor
- Remaining open to continuous learning
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: If my child is deviating from their normal pick-up routine, what should I do?
A: Please make every effort to call the school and inform us as soon as possible. It becomes difficult to coordinate dismissal lists with teachers in the afternoon. We prefer a note be sent in with your child. The classroom teacher will read and submit this notice to the main office to change the daily dismissal procedure.

Q: Where can I get the most up-to-date information?
A: For parents, a monthly principal newsletter is sent to our community. It is generally distributed the week prior to the first of the month. Teachers send a grade level newsletter each week. All communications go through Infinite Campus. Paper copies are available. Please contact the main office if you require a paper copy. Emails from Infinite Campus do not come from a specific staff member’s email or name – so be on the lookout for the infinite campus email address. All emergency information will be sent immediately through Infinite Campus by either phone or email communication. Attendance calls are sent each day around 9:45 AM if your child was marked absent to class.

Q: If I am late to bring my child to school, what is the procedure?
A: Children are expected to be in their class and ready to learn at 9:00 A.M. The side parent drop-off door closes prior to 9:00 A.M. If you are late, please drive to the front of the building, park, and sign your child into school. They must be accompanied by a parent.

Q: When are PTO Meetings? What purpose does the PTO serve at BHS?
A: Our PTO meetings occur the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the Library Media Center. Our PTO is a wonderful organization which contributes to school life for our students. To name a few things – fundraising which contributes to technology and other teaching materials, volunteering, classroom parties, end of year celebrations, parent and student get togethers, and a whole lot more. I hope you will consider joining and also participating in our events and meetings. I’ve attached some information at the end of this newsletter in regard to participation and contact information.

Q: If I have to come to school during school hours what should I do?
A: There are many times parents need to come to school – to pick up an ill child, drop off a forgotten item, or attend a meeting. You should come to the front entrance. Please ring the doorbell and someone will ask for your information. We apologize if this seems burdensome, but it is to protect our students and school. You will be asked for identification. Please report to the main office to receive a visitors badge before getting direction to your next location. We thank you for following this protocol and ensuring our students’ safety.

Do you have a question that you want answered that you think should be featured in our next newsletter, please ask it! I will update this section if a need exists in future newsletters.
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Booth Hill School Parent Calendar
2018-2019 Booth Hill School Faculty and Staff Directory

Staff may be contacted via email using the first initial and last name@sheltonpublicschools.org

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Speech Language Pathologist
Mrs. Linda Casella (.5FTE) (T/R/Fp)

School Psychologist
Dr. Britany Little (.5FTE) (M/R – alternating F)

School Counselor
Ms. Cathy Lindstrom (.4FTE) (W/F)

School Social Worker
Ms. Joanna Nappi

School Nurse
Ms. Adrianna Collins

Reading Specialist
Mrs. Nancy Burns

Mathematics Specialist
Mrs. Sharon Douglass (.5FTE) (Alternating weeks)

English Language Learners
Mrs. Susan Pan (.6FTE) M/T/R

Occupational and Physical Therapist – Part Time
Mrs. Danielle Geden, OT
Mrs. Eileen Barreca, PT

Academic Tutors
Mr. Neil Chen
Ms. Tracy Chrisman
Ms. Kathryn Giarratano

Paraprofessionals
Ms. Sabrina Hofmiller
Mr. Matthew Kozlowski
### Special Area Teachers
Mrs. Andrea Clark, Media Specialist  
Mrs. Heather Holmes, Art Education (.5 FTE)  
Mrs. Heidi Lazdauskas, Music Education  
Mrs. Nicole Swereewski, Physical Education

### Classroom Teachers

**Kindergarten**  
Mrs. Kimberly Atkinson  
Mrs. Beth Clement  
Ms. Deborah Testani

**First Grade**  
Mrs. Darla Lussier  
Mrs. Madeline Priddle  
Mrs. Heather Veilleux

**Second Grade**  
Mr. Kevin Chavez  
Mrs. Kristen Dorosh  
Mrs. Wendy Grabarz

**Third Grade**  
Mrs. Jessica Flores  
Mrs. Nancy Meehan  
Ms. Erynn Miller

**Fourth Grade**  
Mrs. Hope Cotter  
Ms. Martha Gaynor  
Mrs. Karen Keyes  
Mr. Nicholas Messina

### Building Substitutes
Ms. Christine Boppert  
Ms. Alicia Nardella-Page – Building Substitute

### Cafeteria
Mrs. Joy DelVecchio  
Mrs. Dawn Rogowski

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Mr. Glenn Brown
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Notes:
- **VEGETARIAN:** Made with natural ingredients
- **MADE WITH ORGANIC INGREDIENTS:** Made with organic ingredients
- **MADE WITHOUT:** Made without specific ingredients

*Contacting our servers for cooked meat, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.* Menu is subject to change, with a posted when available. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.
Booth Hill Elementary School – ID Number 06757

Dear Supporter:

Welcome back to the start of a new school year and to a new year of A+ School Rewards! This year’s A+ Program runs from September 7, 2018 through March 16, 2019.

Our school Booth Hill School ID#: 06757 has the opportunity to participate in and earn CASH from A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program run through your local Stop & Shop!

PLEASE NOTE:
You DO NOT need to re-register your card if your school selection(s) remains the same as last year.

New Supporters or Existing Supporters Wishing to Make Changes:

- Beginning August 3, 2018, visit stopandshop.com and select SIGN IN at the top right to log into your online account. Once logged in, select MY ACCOUNT, MANAGE MY ACCOUNT, then REWARDS & SAVINGS to select your school.
- If you do not have an online account, visit stopandshop.com and click REGISTER. Follow the prompts to create your online account. Once logged in, follow the instructions listed above.
- You’ll need your 13-digit STOP & SHOP CARD number and the School ID # OR, if you need assistance call 1-877-366-2668 OPTION #1

To Earn Points:

- Use your registered STOP & SHOP CARD each time you shop at any Stop & Shop, and you will earn CASH for our school. You can confirm your school selection by logging into your account.
- At the end of each month, your points are calculated and converted to CASH rewards. These CASH rewards for our school are updated monthly. You can track our progress when you sign in to your online account.
- Our school will receive one CASH rewards check at the end of the program and can use this cash for any of our educational needs.

Also, please encourage your family members and friends to support our school. This could result in more CASH REWARDS!

Thank you for supporting our school.

Sincerely,
James Zavodjancik, Principal

1-877-275-2758
stopandshop.com/aplus
askaplus@cranecommunications.com
Booth Hill School PTO 2018-2019

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BHS PTO FUNDRAISING OPT-OUT PROGRAM

This school year, we are continuing the optional Opt-Out Program, designed for families who are looking for an alternative to traditional fundraisers. The BHS PTO relies on the support of all our parents for fundraising efforts throughout the year so that students may participate in a variety of fun and exciting activities that help support the educational process, and foster the “Booth Hill School experience” that makes their time here special. We do our best to limit the number of fundraisers we coordinate, so active participation by all of our parents is important so we can continue to provide these educational and exciting events for our children.

The PTO estimates that continuing to provide these activities will cost approximately $50.00 per student for the 2018-2019 school year. The Booth Hill School PTO is a registered 501c3 organization. All donations made to the PTO are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

*Due to the extraordinary fundraising efforts over the years by our BHS families, we donated over $18,000 worth of technology equipment to the school, including 30 Chromebooks and 2 iPads for this 2018-2019 school year, and 30 Chromebooks and 18 HoverCams provided the previous school year.*

Your PTO dollars help each and every student at BHS. Just to name a few, the PTO funds provide the following:

- Assembly Events
- Author Visits
- Fourth Grade Celebrations/Activities
- Teacher Appreciation
- End of the Year Family Picnic
- Junior Achievement

Please note, unfortunately there is no way to stop sending home fundraising packets to the families who contribute to this opt-out program. This program will also not replace traditional fundraising.

The BHS PTO can only accept checks or online payment, no cash.

Please make checks payable to BHS PTO and send, along with this form, to Attn: PTO Opt-Out Fundraiser c/o Romeo Thompson (Grade 3, Miller) or visit [https://www.bhspto.org/ptooptout](https://www.bhspto.org/ptooptout) to make online payments.

Family’s Last name: ___________________________

Child’s Name   Teacher
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Number of BHS Children: _____ x $50.00 = $______ Total Amount

Check # _____ or Online Payment Made____ (please indicate option paid)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Magda Thompson at [your_email] or 917-518-8117.

*This program is different from the PTO Membership Program.*

Thank You for supporting BHS PTO.
Dear Booth Hill School Families,

Welcome Back to School! I would like to invite you to become a PTO member for the 2018-2019 school year and support the wonderful and enriching programs offered throughout the year. Becoming a member does not obligate you to attend meetings or chair events but it does give you voting rights at PTO meetings. The PTO Membership fee is a contribution that directly benefits the students, teachers and staff members at Booth Hill School and helps support our school's PTO events.

Sincerely,

Magda Thompson
Membership Chairperson
917-518-8117 magdalena.thompson@gmail.com

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Family Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Email*: _______________________________

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I would like to support the BHS PTO in the following tax-deductible** way:

____ $20 per family membership dues: Check # _____ or Online Payment Made _____ (please indicate option paid)

____ $_____ PTO Donation (please write in your donation amount)

____ Yes! I am interested in volunteering  Name: ______________________________

* By supplying your email above, you are also opting in to receive BHS PTO email blasts. You will receive PTO related emails pertaining to fundraisers, events, school happenings, etc. This is part of the PTO's Go Green effort. If you are already receiving emails, no changes will be made.

**The BHS PTO is a valid 501c3 organization. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.
Booth Hill School PTO  
2018-2019 Calendar of Events

8/21 & 8/25  Kindergarten Playdates
9/7/18     Fall Fundraiser Kicks Off
9/14/18    Ice Cream Social
10/15 - 10/18/18 Scholastic Book Fair
10/26/18   Halloween Event
11/5/18    After School Programs #1 Begin
11/7/18    Apparel Sale Kicks Off
12/8/18    Breakfast with Santa, Vendor Fair, and Raffle
January    BJ’s Wholesale Membership Sign-up
2/8/19     Sweetheart Dance
2/25/19    After School Programs #2 Begin
4/22 - 4/25/19 Scholastic Book Fair
5/6 - 5/10/19 Teacher Appreciation Week
5/10/19    Plant Sale
TBD        Fun Run
6/7/19     End of Year Social

PTO General Meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the BHS media center (library).

Note: dates listed above are subject to change and new events may be added throughout the year.