

# Kids First

MARCH 2014

Greetings All,

I am sure like myself you are all looking forward to spring, It has been a long winter with school cancellations and school wide illness. Because of this unrelenting winter we had to cancel our meeting in January. I hope that you were able to enjoy the February break and that you were able to attend our March meeting.

With spring we look forward to warm weather, getting outdoors and a time of growth and renewal. The PTA is also experiencing a time of growth and renewal. Many of our PTA Officers have filled their current positions for years, some have moved on to new opportunities. We currently have vacancies on the PTA Board that need to be filled.

The Position of President, Vice President and Treasurer will be vacant and we are looking for a few good parents to fill these roles. Please do not feel that you need to have prior experience training is available from the PTA, and previous PTA Board members are always willing to provide support and guidance. If you are new to Bolton or perhaps you child has just started school, this is a great opportunity to meet other parents, staff, and children in our community and play an active role in your children's education, school activities and positive change that you would like to see. Being that Bolton is small town the PTA is responsible for providing many activities and events that serve the town of Bolton. We will be looking to vote on these positions in our May meeting. Please if you think that you may be interested in filling any of these positions or perhaps you have questions you would like answered please feel free to contact me Amy D'Agata, PTA President at [dagataar@gmail.com](mailto:dagataar@gmail.com) or any of the PTA board members. Being a PTA board member is a rewarding experience, a learning experience and a way for you to have an active role in activities and events that affect our children. I would like to conclude by wishing you all warm sunny days ahead and a hopefully early spring. We are almost there hanging on! I would also like to thank you for your continued support. The PTA thrives and has a wonderful impact on all things that involve our children, and it is made possible by participation by all of you! Please consider filling one of our vacant board positions it is a rewarding experience that you will not soon forget.

Warm Spring wished your way!

Amy D'Agata

Bolton PTA President

The Bolton Recreation Department would like to invite students to attend our April vacation camp at Herrick Park from Monday 4/14 to Thursday 4/18. Camp hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., however extended care is also available. We are planning a very exciting sea life and the opportunity to



Summer camp is also offered at trips and Pre-K camp being available this year! For more information you can go to the town website @[www.bolton.govoffice.com](http://www.bolton.govoffice.com). Information will also be available at our Camp Fair on Friday March 14th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Herrick Park with the addition of field

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SPRING IS ALMOST HERE!



### Box Tops for Education

Thank you to all the students, parents and staff members that turned in box tops for our Superbowl Contest! We collected an impressive \$1892!!!

Congratulations to Mrs. Pagani's class, the winners of the Boxtops Superbowl!! They will be treated to a pizza party in the near future. Also Congrats to Holly Begin (4th grade) and Julianna Larson (6th grade) who were our 1<sup>st</sup> place collectors. Holly and Julianna each received a Target gift card.

Do you shop online? Did you know that you can earn eBoxTops when you use the box tops for education website to link to your favorite online retailer? The box tops Marketplace has over 175 retailers that participate in the BoxTops program. For example, I often use Snapfish, an online photo service, to print pictures and create photo gifts. I recently placed an order for photo books and earned \$4.50 for BCS. I did this just by going to [btfe.com/marketplace](http://btfe.com/marketplace), clicking on the Snapfish link that brought me to the Snapfish website. Everything else from there on was the usual Snapfish website. However when my order was complete I received an email letting me know that BCS would be receiving \$4.50 as a result of my order. No clipping required. It added less than a minute to my shopping time & earned money for our school without any additional cost to me. Stores like Sears, JC Penney, Walmart and many more. Check out the participating stores today, you just might find that shopping with your favorite online retailer can benefit our school.

All funds earned from the Box Tops for education program go directly to support various activities, enrichment programs and supplies for our students and teachers throughout the school year. We thank you for your continued support of this wonderful program.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 983-2526 or via email [kellymcdougal-ross@yahoo.com](mailto:kellymcdougal-ross@yahoo.com).

Thank you,  
Kelly Ross  
Box Tops Coordinator

### The Bolton Scholarship Fund

The Bolton Scholarship Fund is proud to support students in their pursuit of higher education. Graduates of Bolton High School as well as Bolton residents who are graduates of an accredited high school are eligible to apply and may continue to apply throughout their educational careers.

Applications are available on our website [www.boltonscholarshipfund.org](http://www.boltonscholarshipfund.org). There are separate forms for graduating high school seniors and those already in college. As in the past, all applications must be completed, signed and submitted by the due date.

*The final dates for submission of the applications are:*

*College applications-Monday, April 7, 2014*

*High School applications-Tuesday, April 22, 2014*

*Late applications will not be accepted.*

Tax deductible donations to the Bolton Scholarship Fund, Inc. c/o Bolton High School, 72 Brandy Street, Bolton, CT 06043 may be sent at any time. All support is appreciated.

For additional information about scholarships, establishing a scholarship fund, or other committee activities please contact Trish Brudz at 860 533-1582 or [trishbrudz@gmail.com](mailto:trishbrudz@gmail.com)

Interested in joining? Please call Trish Brudz or join us at our next meeting. The committee's meeting dates

**Ice cream Social and Camp Fair Friday March 14th 6 - 8 p.m. @ BCS**

It's never too late to join girl scouts. We are currently planning our next camporee in September and are always looking for new scouts.

We know that your lives are busy and maybe joining another group may just put you over the edge. But, if you join girl scouts, you do not necessary need to attend meetings. This will just enable you to be a part of some of the town wide events or state wide events that interest you.

Please email [amromkey@gmail.com](mailto:amromkey@gmail.com) if your child may be interested in joining the girl scouts and being a part of something big!!

Thank you.

**Alison Romkey**

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## VARIETY SHOW NEWS

SHOW TIMES:  
FRIDAY APRIL 4, 2014 7:00 P.M.  
SATURDAY APRIL 5, 2014 4:00 P.M.

Hello, Bolton's Big Bang will be on April 4th & 5th! Ticket order forms will be going out this week, but we still need help putting the show together. If you are interested in helping out with the many roles that need filling, please email [amromkey@gmail.com](mailto:amromkey@gmail.com) and let us know how you can help. We will need help with selling tickets, grouping kids together and getting it all together!

As always, if you want to help next year with an act, now is a perfect time to shadow an act to get an understanding of what it takes to be a coach.

Also, if you want to be a part of the big picture and help Alison Romkey out next year with the theme or putting the whole show together, it's always welcomed!

We welcome any help whatsoever! We want to thank the coaches and all the others behind the scenes that help in so many ways! We cannot do this show without you or the kids.

**Alison Romkey**

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### Munsons

Munsons Orders will be arriving late March, early April. We will let parents know the date and time for pick up as soon as we have that information.

We will be looking for a few volunteers to help sort orders and distribute the candy. If you'd be willing to help out, please contact Kelly via email [kellymcdougal-ross@yahoo.com](mailto:kellymcdougal-ross@yahoo.com) or by phone 983-2526.

Thank you,

Kelly Ross & Karen Smyth

Ways and Means

# Happy Spring!

### DATES TO REMEMBER

FRI.- 3/14 ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND CAMP FAIR @BCS

FRI. 3/21—BOLTON LI-ONS CLUB PASTA DINNER 5-8 @BCS

SAT. 3/22—BMW PAN-CAKE BREAKFAST 8-10

SAT. 3/29—VARIETY SHOW TECH. RE-HEARSAL 8—5 @ BCS

TUES. 4/2 VARIETY SHOW DRESS RE-HEARSAL

FRI. 4/4—VARIETY SHOW 7:00

SAT.4/5—VARIETY SHOW 4:00

4/9 TO 4/11—1/2 DAY PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

THURS. 4/10—BOE MEETING 6:30 @ BHS

4/14-4/18—NO SCHOOL SPRING RE-CESS

SUN. 4/20—EASTER

THURS. 5/1—1/2 DAY PROFESSIONAL DE-VELOPMENT DAY

5/5-5/9—TEACHER AP-RECIATION WEEK

THURS. 5/8—BOE MEETING 6:30 @ BHS

FRI. 5/9—AN EVENING OF JAZZ @ BHS 7:00

FRI. 5/9—KIDSFIRST DEADLINE

MON. 5/19—FINAL PTA MEETING 6:30 @ BCS (VOLUNTEER APPRE-CIATION)

THURS. 5/22—1/2 DAY PDD



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## Student Enrichment Update

The Annual Read-a-Thon has been in full swing! Thank you to Carrie Lyon and her team of volunteers for coordinating this great event for the BCS students in grades Pre-K through 8. Our theme this year was "Reading is SuperPOWERful!" Students started reading January 13<sup>th</sup>, and turned in their reading logs on February 11<sup>th</sup>. There was a lot of excitement generated, as kids were encouraged to meet the 100% participation goal, and hopefully get to see Mrs. Grande and Mr. Giard dress up as Super Heroes!! Check back in the next newsletter for the results!

Not only may we see the Administrators dressed up as Super Heroes, but other prizes will be awarded as a result of the students' hard work to reach their goals. Any student who meets the goal of reading at least 20 minutes for 20 days (400 minutes) will be awarded a ticket for Six Flags Theme Park. Each classroom that meets the 100% participation goal will also have a book purchased in their name donated to the BCS Library Media Center. Gift cards to Barnes & Noble will be presented to the student in each grade who read for the most minutes during the Read-a-Thon.

The Read-a-Thon Committee also teamed up with Bentley Memorial Library to offer four Saturday programs all geared around the Super Hero theme. The Kickoff was held January 18<sup>th</sup> where all in attendance made a Super Hero Book Mark and listened to stories. On January 25<sup>th</sup>, the participants made Super Hero masks and cuffs. Super Hero Bingo was the attraction on Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup>, and for the finale on February 8<sup>th</sup>, "Gizmo the Wonderdoglet" stopped in for a visit. Everyone got to hear about how Gizmo became a certified therapy dog and all about the good work he and his owner/trainer do in our community. Kids who attended the programs at Bentley Memorial Library received stickers at each event to place on their bookmarks. Anyone who had all 4 stickers on their bookmark and turned it in with their reading log was entered in a drawing for a \$20 gift card to Barnes & Noble.

A reporter from the local ReminderNews stopped by on January 25<sup>th</sup> to snap pictures of participants and featured the Read-a-Thon in an article, which appeared in the February 6<sup>th</sup> edition of ReminderNews.

The World Language area hosted a Flamenco Dancer from the Arthur Murray Dance Studio on January 31, 2014. Spanish students in grades 6, 7, and 8 took part in an hour-long dance lesson! The Flamenco Dancer in various costumes treated the students to many individual performances. The students also learned some basic steps and rhythms, as they were asked to stand up and participate. This was a wonderful cultural event and a great way to teach the students about traditional dance and music in Spain.

On January 8<sup>th</sup> the Annual Career Day Committee kicked off the event planning for this year's program to be held Thursday May 15, 2014. We are in the midst of lining up presenters in various professions, as well as securing a keynote speaker for the day. Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 all participate in Career Day, and we are looking forward to another tremendously successful event this year.

A special thank you to Emily Bradley and the entire team of volunteers who came forward to help work to make Career Day a reality for the middle school students again this year.

~Pam Halenar

Chair, Student Enrichment

Budget Referendum is May 6, 2014 at Town Hall, 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. To see the budget you can pick up a copy in the Board Education office or read it online at [www.boltonpublicschools.com](http://www.boltonpublicschools.com) and click on the Budget information tab.