

Bolton Center School Newsletter
Bolton PTA, 2014-2015

Kids First

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My name is Christina Morra-Tiu and I am the new PTA President. I would like to welcome our newest Executive Board members, Vice President Pam Yonika, Treasurer Jen Viot, and Legislative Advocate Nicole Sullivan.

The PTA looks forward to working together with Teachers, Parents, Students and the Community to encourage student achievement and enrich their learning environment. The next general meeting for the PTA is December 8th at 6:30 in the BCS Library. Superintendent Heckt will be speaking about the Technology updates that have been happening at our schools. The next Board of Education meeting is Thursday November 13th at 6:30 at the BHS library. They welcome public comment and attendance. If you have any questions, concerns or are looking to volunteer a little of your time please email me at christinamorra-tiu@hotmail.com

BACK TO SCHOOL LUNCHEON THANK YOU!

We had yet another successful "Back to School Teachers Luncheon" and as always I could not have pulled it off without the help of all my volunteers! A big thank you goes out to a group of ladies who never hesitate when asked if they are free to help with this function. Sue DeNunzio, Brett Martin, Kelly Ross, Laurie Gallacher, Kathy Giering & Regina Kiser. Thank you my friends for all your help setting up, running for refills, clean up and most importantly keeping me calm! A huge thank you goes out to a group of fabulous hard workers who for the most part have been helping me setup, clean up and serve lunch to all the staff of Bolton Public Schools for about 6 years now. Your enthusiasm, manners and hard work are appreciated more than you know. Thanks so much to – Emily, Katelyn & Nicole DeNunzio, Molly & Riley Martin, Briana & Emma Ross, Erin, AJ, Jack, Abby and Nicole Gallacher, Lily Giering, Abigail & Grace Kiser, Katrina Erwin, Brook Begin, Riley & Makenna Graves, Holly & Chloe McNamara. Thank you to Lori Boyd for following up with all my emails. Thank you to Carrie Burba for letting us use the BHS facilities to prepare and store all our food. Last but not least my daughters Pheobe & Zoe who work hard during their last week of summer to help me pull the luncheon together – thanks so much girls! I couldn't do it without you!

Thank you!
Jenn Allyn

WELCOME BACK

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Fall Fundraisers

We have two great fundraisers this fall. First we have **Square 1 Art**. This fundraiser takes your child's artwork and makes it into great products for you to purchase. These products are wonderful keepsakes and gifts for family and friends. Your child has been busy making beautiful artwork that can be made into many fun products such as magnets, t-shirts, mouse pads, ornaments and much more!

Looking Ahead...

Look for your child's FREE STICKERS with CUSTOM CATALOG coming home late October. Preview your child's artwork and purchase gifts.

Paper Order forms are due November 10

Products are scheduled to arrive before the December break, watch for details

Square 1 Art is a wonderful fundraiser that celebrates your child's artwork along with helping our school. A special thank you to Ms. Howroyd for her help creating the artwork with the students. We couldn't have done it without her!

Immediately following the close of Square 1 Art, our second fundraiser, **Genevieve's** will begin. Genevieve's has a great selection of Frozen Cookie Dough and Pies, Wrapping Paper, Kitchen Gadgets, home décor items and so much more. All orders are due November 25. Products will be delivered to the school in December before the winter break (pick up date will be provided in December).

The money raised from these fundraisers will enable the PTA to continue its efforts in supporting our students and teachers. Some of these efforts include the Back to School Teacher Luncheon, the variety show, books for the BCS & BHS libraries, author visits, French/Spanish field trips, Museum of Science traveling programs, and much needed supplies/support for teachers. Your support allows us to continue offering opportunities like these to our wonderful school.

Thank you,

Kelly Ross & Karen Smyth
Ways and Means

Box Top\$ for Education

Every year BCS participates in the General Mills Box Tops for Education program. The Box Tops program is a wonderfully easy and FREE way for our school to earn cash! For every Box Top you clip and send to school, Bolton Center School will receive 10 cents, with the potential to earn up to \$20,000 per school year. Ten Cents may not seem like much, however it adds up quickly! Last year we raised \$3000.

Our goal for this year is another \$3000, and **we need your help!** We will run collections throughout the year, however in order to meet the fall submission date, ***our first collection deadline is Wednesday October 29th!!***

Simply clip Box Top\$ coupons from participating products and send them to school in an envelope or Ziploc. Please remember to trim your box tops and label the bag with your child's name and class. Each box top has an expiration date. BCS only receives payment for box tops that have not yet expired, so kindly check expiration dates before submitting. The Top Overall Box Tops Collector in K-5 and 6-8 will receive a prize!!

A great way to increase our collection totals is to ask friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to save box tops for us! I have found that people are more than happy to save Box Tops from the products they already buy, especially knowing that a school will benefit. This is an easy and **FREE** way for everyone to help! I have even provided my own family members with small containers labeled Boxtops for Bolton Center School, which they have put on their desks at work. Now their co-workers are bringing them all of their box tops. You can even provide a labeled Ziploc or envelope to friends and family to keep on their fridge to fill with box tops for you. Check back with them before each contest deadline to pick up the box tops. So simple! Remember our children benefit directly from all money earned!

Please visit www.btfе.com/products/participating-products for a complete listing of participating products. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email at kellymcdougalross@yahoo.com or by phone (860) 643-1700.

Happy Clipping!

Kelly Ross - Box Tops Coordinator



Student Enrichment Update

The Boston Museum of Science presented to the third grade at Bolton Center School on October 7, 2014. The students had the pleasure of participating in the program called "Geology: Rock Detectives." The kids were challenged to identify their "mystery rock" by performing several experiments and collecting data. In the end, they made a guess based on their findings. It's pretty exciting when their guess is correct! The Boston Museum of Science was back again on October 10th to offer the program "States of Matter" to the entire 2nd grade. "Magical" science principles were presented as the kids learned all about solids, liquids, and gases. Both programs complement the school curriculum, and give the kids some hands-on experience in the subject matter.

On Friday October 17, 2014 the World Language area welcomed Mexican Artist Gerardo Ortega Lopez from Santa Cruz de las Huertas, Tonalá. He showcased his technique in barro betus artistry. Subject matter ranges from roosters, dogs, and pigs, to Trees of Life – all made with a whimsical sense of fun and bright colors. Students in grades 5-8 enjoyed this program brought to us via the Margarita's Restaurant Visiting Artist Series.

The Annual Career Day Committee, led this year by Co-Chairs Chris Davey and Emily Bradley, has already met once and formulated a plan for this year's event. We are in the process of identifying possible keynote speakers and evaluating last year's program so as to enhance and improve the day for our students in grades 6-8. This year's Career Day will take place May 14, 2015.

The Annual Run-to-Read 5k road race is October 18, 2014. We are hoping for great weather, and a huge turnout! The proceeds from Run-to-Read go toward the purchase of library books for both the Bolton Center School Library Media Center and the Bolton High School Library.

We need a chairperson for the Annual Read-a-Thon! This is a really fun event for all participants in grades pre-K through 8. It is a month-long read-a-thon with incentives and prizes. If

Come all ye Ladies and Knights and join us in the Kingdom of Books! Bolton Center School's annual book fair will be held at the BCS Library from November 24th through December 5th. The book fair is a great place to find a new book to read, do some holiday shopping for friends and family or surprise your favorite teacher with a new book!

When you come to the book fair it not only gives you an opportunity to find a new book for your child but it also helps to give back to the school. Over the past 3 years your generosity has enabled us to give \$1300 in new books for our school library and \$7200 for our school!

The book fair will be open to the students during school hours and to parents during most parent teacher conference times. Parents and grandparents feel free to stop by during school hours;

just remember to sign in with the office before coming to the library.

If you are interested in helping out during the book fair, please contact Emily Bradley at eabradley@comcast.net or Jenn Allyn at al-lyn2@comcast.net. This is a wonderful way to volunteer your time and help our children find a new book that they will love to read.

For more information about the book fair and hours that we are open, please visit our website at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/boltoncenterschool>.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed. - Oct. 29 Box Tops Deadline

Fri - Oct. 31 1/2 day

Happy Halloween!

Tues. - Nov. 4 Election day Polls open 6 a.m. - 8 p.m @ Town Hall

Wed. - Nov. 5 School Picture Makeup Day

Fri. - Nov. 7 1st quarter report cards (5-8)

Tues. - Nov. 11 No School (Veterans Day)

Fri. - Nov. 21 1st Tri Report cards (PK-4) and 1/2 day

Wed. - Nov 26 1/2 day

Thurs. - Nov 27 No School Happy Thanksgiving

Tues. - Dec. 2 6 p.m. Meet & greet auditions Variety Show @BCS Café

Wed.-Fri. Dec. 3-5 1/2 day Parent Teacher Conferences

Sat. - Dec. 6 6:30 p.m. Town Holiday Parade

Mon. - Dec. 8 PTA Meeting 6:30 @ BCS Library



Sunday Nov. 2nd—
Daylight Saving
Time Ends

Don't forget to
turn your clocks
back!

KidsFirst publishes four issues throughout the school year. They are published to keep the community informed about issues concerning the educational welfare of Bolton's school children.

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To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

The mission of the Bolton Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA) is to work for the understanding of, respect for, and support of all children with special needs in the community.

A SEPTA is a formally organized group of individuals committed to the best possible services for children with special needs. A SEPTA:

- ★ Promotes a network of parents and forum to share information
- ★ Advises the school district on special education programs, training needs, and policy
- ★ Promotes communication between PAC members; local, state and national organizations, councils and groups
- ★ Promotes understanding, acceptance and inclusion within the community

Who Should be involved in SEPTA?

- ★ Parents and/or guardians of children who receive any type of special education services or accommodations in school, such as an Individualized Education Program (IEP), a 504 accommodation, or out-of-district placement.
- ★ Parents who think their child may have some learning issues or differences.
- ★ Parents who would like to understand or have an interest in the Special Education process. Parents, educators, or any members of the community who want to learn more!

Why Get Involved?

- ★ To network with other parents in the community.
- ★ To share your own expertise and experiences with other parents.
- ★ To learn about the services available for children with learning issues or differences. To learn to advocate for your child's needs more effectively.

When are the Meetings?

Bolton SEPTA meetings are a subcommittee of the Bolton PTA and discussed during the general PTA bi-monthly meetings.

How do I Join?

To join the Bolton SEPTA, contact your school's parent representative, listed below.

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