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Dates to Remember

January

- 1 No School
- 4 BOE Re-Org Mtg, 7 pm
@ Trump National
- 7 Cub Scout Pack Mtg 7 pm
- 8 **PTO Monthly Meeting**
7 pm Room 315
- 21 No School – MLK Day
- 23 Spelling Bee 7 pm
- 25 Marking Period 2 Ends



Happy New Year Bulldogs,

I hope everyone enjoyed the break and that you were able to spend quality time with families and friends. I wanted to share an update on our Fall Fest Fundraiser that we launched 7 weeks ago; we have raised approximately **\$1800!** I would like to take this opportunity to thank our many supporters. Our Bedminster families are so extremely generous and really came through when we needed them. On behalf of the entire Executive Board, thank you from the bottom of our hearts! A lot of the donation checks also included notes of thanks and gratitude for all that the PTO does. Please know that these notes mean the world to us. I know I speak not only for myself, but our volunteers as well, we don't do what we do for the recognition, we do it to help enhance our kid's lives and broaden their worlds. However, when we do receive 'thanks' it is *really* taken to heart and appreciated more than you know. In the end all that the PTO does is for our students, our very own children, and seeing them laugh during an assembly or hearing them talk about an event we held.....all the effort we put in is worth each and every moment of our time.

Over the past month, we have had a good handful of new Bedminster families asking, "What is Spring Fling?" I figured this would be the best place to take a moment and explain what this event entails and share a few specifics. **Spring Fling** is our largest and most profitable fundraiser that the PTO hosts and it will be held on the evening of Friday, **April 26, 2019**. We raise approximately \$35,000 with this one event alone and it enables us to provide the assemblies, teacher grants and more for our kids the following school year. Spring Fling is a grownup night out with friends, teachers and administration at an exclusive location which will include over 40 silent auction items, 100+ raffle baskets, music, dinner and dancing. At this year's event, we will be celebrating our **20th Anniversary!** So, book the sitter, press the suit, pick out a festive dress and get out those dancing shoes. Tickets will be going on sale soon.

Speaking of Spring Fling, our 'Super Sisters', Carolyn & Sandy, are looking for a few more volunteers to round out their solicitations team. The task is extremely simple. All that needs to be done is call 5 local businesses, that have donated to us in the past, and ask them if they would like to donate again this year. We will even supply you with a short script of exactly what to say. That's it, just a quick phone call. Last year, our solicitation team brought in **\$28,000** in donations!!! The more volunteers we have, the fewer phones calls each person needs to make. (Contact info is on the next page)

Our Box Tops for Education Contest brought in a ton of Tops. They will be counted over the next week and the class that wins the **\$100 Amazon gift card** will be announced. Each eligible Top is worth 10¢ and once we make the submission, we will let everyone know how much profit we will receive. Continue to collect as we will have the BIG "Silly String Mr. Swan" Contest in the Spring! This contest gets pretty serious between the classes.... and teachers!!

Sincerely,
Ramsey Melendez
PTO President
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SPRING FLING



- We are looking for solicitors. Would you be willing to call 5 local businesses for us? We will supply you with a brief script and give you everything needed to be successful.
- Do you own or have a contact at a local business? We find it's always easier when the person asking for a donation is a regular customer.
- Are you employed by a company that makes charitable contributions? Let's talk.
- Got baskets? Clean out your closets. We are accepting baskets in good condition for Spring Fling. Please drop off in the main office at school.

April 26,
2019

Sandy

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Carolyn

CarolynGrau@yahoo.com

Basket Raffle

Trump National
Golf Club,
Bedminster







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*this page will be updated as more info comes available

The PTO, and our *wonderful/amazing/super* volunteers, have been *very* busy over the past 4 months! Here is a rundown of where we've been, what we've been up to and what we've accomplished, together:

September:

- **Welcome Back Teacher's Luncheon:** Linda and her crew brought in a delicious and healthy lunch to welcome our teachers and staff back
- **Kindergarten & New Student Ice-Cream Social:** our newest Bulldogs met with their teachers, took a quick trip on a big yellow bus and then celebrated making new friends with some yummy ice-cream.  
- **PTO Volunteers** helped the Kindergarteners get to and from their classrooms the first 4 days of school, both in the mornings and afternoons.
- **PBA Kickball Tournament:** our PTO Team helped our very own Bedminster Twp. Police Department raise funds. 
- **Homeroom Parent Assignments:** Suzie & Jen gathered all the parents that volunteered (wow, record number!) and matched them up with their teacher and they also helped our newer HR Parent volunteers navigate the first few weeks of school.
- **'All In' Assembly:** Angela, Myla & Renee helped Mr. Swan welcome the students back with a motivating assembly about being accountable for their own action and the message of being 'all in' that will be carried out throughout the school year in the classrooms.
- **HR Parents** assisted at Back to School Night and organized their class families to keep them all connected with each other.
- Jodi & Faith brought their beautiful artistic abilities to our **Bulletin Boards** to welcome everyone back to a new school year 

October:

- **Scholastic Book Fair:** Danielle & Suzie coordinated dozens of parent volunteers to fill timeslots throughout the entire week so that there was always a friendly face there to help the students chose books (we raised \$4,800 in Scholastic Dollars for our teachers to spend on enhancing their very own classroom libraries) 
- **BMX Stunt Show Assembly:** The only word I have for this assembly is, "Wow!" The team did such amazing stunts and talked to the kids about bullying. They jumped over teachers, touched the gymnasium ceiling and did so many flips we were dizzy watching them. 
- **Halloween Spooktacular:** Danielle & Jen transformed our Cafetorium into a family friendly Halloween party. Over 400 students and parents attended, and Sammy dropped some 'spooky' beats  
- **Trunk or Treat:** Giovanna and her family 'tricked' out their truck along with 16 other participants (this number grows every year) and each one was better than the next. The kids had a blast and the parents commented on how nice it was to have a safe and comfortable place for the kids to 'trick or treat' with their friends. 

- HR Parents: helped teachers and students during the Halloween Parade and some went into the classrooms to do a Fall/Halloween craft.

November:

- Jen and her bunch hosted dinner one night for our teachers during Parent/Teacher Conferences
- The Spirit Wear Sale was a HUGE success thanks to Jessica & Melissa. We had over 80 orders, which came out to 265 items sold. This sale was approximately 20% higher than our 2017 Fall sale. Way to go ladies!!
- The 3rd assembly of the five that Myla & Angela have scheduled was the Brainwash Gameshow Assembly. This is one that both the students and teachers LOVE. Both get to compete and test their skills against each other.



December:

- HR Parents planned class holiday parties and some created fun winter crafts with the younger grades.
- Box Tops for Education contest brought in a TON of tops. Stephanie will announce the winning class in the next few weeks.



PTO Meeting

Tuesday, January 8th

7 pm Room 315



FEBRUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Place	Chairperson 1	Chairperson 2
1	Snow Ball Dance (PK – 4)	7 – 9 p	Cafetorium	Rosie rclmson1209@comcast.net	
4	Cub Scout Pack Meeting	7 p	Cafetorium	Howard wolkowh123@yahoo.com	
5	Books & Buddies	6:30 p	Cafetorium	Mrs. Alfieri balfieri@bedminsterschool.org	Danielle deefredella@yahoo.com
6	Report Cards Available	4:30 p		Genesis Log In	
12	PTO Meeting	7 p	Rm 315	Ramsey Melendez.family07@yahoo.com	Danielle deefredella@yahoo.com
15	No School			President's Weekend	
18	No School			President's Weekend	
21	Prismatic Assembly- Black History Month	All grades	Cafetorium	Angela gattoangela@hotmail.com	Myla mylawilliams@yahoo.com

Cub Scout Pack #1749

They meet the 1st Monday of each month



BOYS & GIRLS are welcome!
Cub Scouts is now co-ed
Kindergarten – 5th grade

Next meeting
1/7/18, 7 pm
BTS Cafetorium

Company Matching

- The PTO is a 501(c)(3) tax deductible charity
- Most companies offer a matching program. They may match your donation in part or possibly by 100%!
- Check with your HR or Acct Dept.

Chairperson(s) Needed:

Barnes & Noble Book Fair

Tuesday, May 28

(afternoon - evening event)

If interested: pto@bedminsterschool.org