



**2018-2019**

## **PTO Executive Board**

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*Vice President*

**Meghan Schulze**

*Secretary*

**Ralph Wojtech**

*Treasurer*

## **Dates to Remember**

### **September**

- 5** K & New Student Ice-Cream Social 4:30 pm Cafetorium
- 6** First Day of School
- 10** No School – Rosh Hashanah
- 11** Homeroom Parent Mtg 6:30 pm Room 315
- 11** **PTO Monthly Meeting** 7 pm Room 315
- 12** “Visions in Motion” Assembly
- 15** Bedminster Police Kickball Tournament 9-4 pm
- 17** Cub Scout Registration 7 pm
- 19** No School – Yom Kippur
- 26** Early Dismissal 1:30 pm
- 26** Back to School Night (PK-4) 6:30 pm
- 27** Early Dismissal 1:30 pm
- 27** Back to School Night (5-8) 6:30 pm
- 29** Kickball Rain Date

# Bulldog Monthly

Official Newsletter of the Bedminster Township School PTO

[www.BedminsterPTO.org](http://www.BedminsterPTO.org)

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## **WELCOME BACK BULLDOGS!**

I hope you enjoyed a wonderfully relaxing summer with family and friends.

The Bedminster Township School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), is extremely excited for the start of a new school year. Our event Chairs and volunteers have been planning since July and it is finally time to get things rolling!

First, I would like to introduce our newly elected Board Members:

Danielle Fredella – Vice President, Meghan Schulze – Secretary and Ralph Wojtech – Treasurer.

Secondly, we are starting out with something brand new. You are reading the first issue of our PTO newsletter. All families will be receiving it monthly. Each issue will include information on upcoming event dates, volunteer opportunities, helpful suggestions and all-around important information pertaining to the school, our kids and the Bedminster community. This first issue is jam packed and loaded with info! For even more specifics, please check out our newly re-designed website, [www.bedminsterpto.org](http://www.bedminsterpto.org).

Our PTO wouldn't exist without our amazing volunteers. We have a dedicated group of parents, but we *always* welcome, and *need* more hands. We have a wide variety of PTO members, so if you think you 'just don't have the time'; I know we can find something we need assistance with that will fit your skills *and* schedule. We are made up of working parents, stay-at-home parents, grandparents, teachers, staff, Administrations and Bedminster Community members. There is a place for *everyone* in the PTO ☺

Every year, we receive 100% PTO membership from our teachers. Yes, 100%! Thank you, teachers! Wouldn't it be *amazing* to get 100% from our parents as well? Membership is only a suggested amount of \$10 per family. We also have a \$20 membership that will include access to our electronic directory that has grown tremendously since its inception last year. You can become a member here: [www.bedminster.planit.com](http://www.bedminster.planit.com).

Lastly, two questions we hear very often are, “What *does* the PTO do?” and “How do you pay for everything you bring into the school?” Answers: Our primary goal is to provide our school with assemblies, resources and services that will enrich the education of every child in our school. Our annual fundraiser, **Spring Fling**, is our biggest source of funds. At this year's event, we will be celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary! We will be sharing information, and a few surprises, in the months leading up to the big night which will be held on **April 26, 2019**. The next page of this newsletter will explain in more detail exactly how funds are received and how they are spent.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter and we hope you find it helpful.

Have a super September,  
Ramsey Melendez ~ PTO President  
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## HOW WE RAISE MONEY

- \$35,000 Spring Fling
- \$5,500 Bedminster Charities Fall Fest
- \$2,000 Box Tops for Education
- \$2,000 Membership
- \$3,200 Donations
- \$1,400 Misc.
- \$1,300 Halloween Events
- \$720 Spirit Wear
- \$300 Amazon Smile Program

\* amounts are based on previous year's averages

## WHAT WE PAY FOR

- \$11,400 PTO Gifts to BTS
- \$8,500 Programs/Assemblies
- \$8,000 Bussing for all field trips
- \$8,000 Grade Level Programs
- \$5,400 Teacher/Department Grants
- \$4,000 Author Visits-in person and Skype
- \$2,400 Odyssey of the Mind
- \$1,500 Social Emotional Learning
- \$2,500 Teacher Hospitality/Appreciation
- \$1,800 BHS/BTS Graduation
- \$1,000 Drama Club Musical - Costumes
- \$500 Environmental/Garden Club
- \$800 Halloween Events
- \$300 Misc. Gifts

\*amounts are based on previous year's averages

## Membership Matters

[www.bedminster.planitpto.com](http://www.bedminster.planitpto.com)

- \$10 Yearly Family Membership
- \$20 Yearly Membership PLUS access to our electronic PTO Directory

## Follow the PTO

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# OCTOBER UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Place	Chairperson 1	Chairperson 2
1	Cub Scout Pack Meeting	7 p	Cafetorium	Howard wolkowh123@yahoo.com	
1-5	Scholastic Book Fair		library	Suzie slstevinson@yahoo.com	Danielle deefredella@yahoo.com
8	Early Dismissal	1:30 p	Staff Development		
9	PTO Meeting	7 p	Rm 315	Ramsey melendez.family07@yahoo.com	Danielle deefredella@yahoo.com
15	BMX Assembly			Angela gattoangela@hotmail.com	Myla mylawilliams@yahoo.com
19	Spooktacular	5 p	Cafetorium	Danielle deefredella@yahoo.com	Jen jencerrajo@gmail.com
19	Trunk or Treat	6:30 p	Old School Parking Lot	Giovanna giovannalamiera@gmail.com	
27	Bedminster Charities Fall Fest	11-5 p	River Road Park	Tara taberr1234@yahoo.com	Meriah mwneissel@hotmail.com
31	Halloween Parade PK-4 <sup>th</sup> grades	2:45 p	Parking Lot		


## PTO Meeting

Tuesday, Sept 11  
7 pm Room 315

## Volunteers Needed:

Back to School Night Hospitality (Sept 26 & 27)  
Scholastic Book Fair (Oct 1-5)  
Kindergarten Registration (February 2019)

## 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.

## How do I contact a PTO Board Member?

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**CONTACT US**

These are the assemblies that the PTO  
will *financially* support this school year!  
Total of **\$9,000**

MONTH	ASSEMBLIES	GRADES
September	Visions in Motion – ‘All In’ Dan Occhiogrossos – elementary Paul Gonzales – middle school	Kindergarten - 4 <sup>th</sup> 5 - 8
October	BMX Stunt Show – ‘Perfection on Wheels’ *box jump and ramp show	All grades will experience (2 presentations)
November	Brain Wash Game Show	All grades will play (2 presentations)
February	Prismatic Magic – Black History Month	All grades will experience (2 presentations)
March	Kit’s Interactive	All grades experience (3 presentations)



Head over to our  
re-designed website where  
our Webmaster has added  
**TONS** of new information!  
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## Cub Scout Pack #1749



BOYS & GIRLS are welcome!

Cub Scouts is now co-ed

Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Registration: Sept 17 @ 7 pm - Cafetorium.

Uniforms will also be available for purchase

## BULLDOG SPIRIT WEAR

Keep an eye out for our  
BIG Spirit Wear Sale in November!!



# SPRING FLING

**April 26, 2019**

This is the PTO's *main* fundraiser. It is a fun and elegant evening with food, drinks, basket raffles, silent auction, as well as mingling with neighbors, teachers, administration and other community members.

This is our only major fundraiser and we rely *heavily* on its success.

We profit +/- **\$35,000** through this one evening. These funds are used to support grants to our teachers, provide school-wide curriculum enrichment such as author visits and assemblies, provide all busing for field trips, and sponsors various school and community events throughout the year.

More info will follow as we get closer to the date.

April 26, 2019

**This is EVERYTHING  
the PTO sponsors  
and supports,  
where can you fit in?**

Spring Fling Fundraiser Spirit Wear Spooktacular

Author Visits Helping Hands Box Tops for Education

Homeroom Parents Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Back to School Night Hospitality Scholastic Book Fair

Schoolwide Programs & Assemblies Bulletin Boards

Barnes & Noble Book Fair PBA Kickball Tournament

Trunk or Treat Bedminster Charities Fall Fest

Kindergarten & New Student Ice-Cream Social

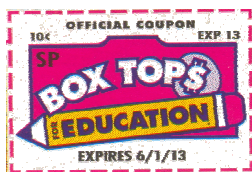
Kindergarten Registration Conference Hospitality

Staff Welcome Back Lunch

## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

This program is one of our continuing fundraisers. Simply cut out the Box Top label found on many products you shop for everyday then send them in when we announce a contest (approx. 2/yr.)

Winning class will be rewarded!!



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## WE ARE BULLDOG VOLUNTEERS

This is who we are, these are the parents and community volunteers that help make our PTO outstanding!!

We have some of the most AMAZING parents that make up our PTO at Bedminster School. No two parents contribute the same way; we each have something different to offer and to give. No effort is too small or goes unrecognized.

**THANK YOU** to the moms that cut the circulation to their fingers off every April because they are tying ribbons on the beautiful Spring Fling baskets they are helping create so that they look *'just right'* for the BIG night.

**THANK YOU** volunteers that go to sleep dreaming of spreadsheets and counting money instead of sheep. There are others that have no head for numbers, yet they know how many water balloons and popsicles will be needed for the year end party right off the top of their head.

**THANK YOU** to the ones that plan multiple events, back to back, trying to think ahead as to how to save money but still put on a great event! 'Buy once, use twice' is their motto. We also know a group of moms that scoop ice-cream every September, at the Ice-Cream Social, until their fingers turn to popsicles. But the smiley sprinkled covered faces, mean the world to them and make the numbness all worthwhile.

**THANK YOU** to the super supportive spouses that help pick up the slack at home because the other spouse has *another* meeting to go to. But they know that by their other half attending that meeting, they will be able to bring in a respectable-nationwide known speaker that will share wisdom and ideas to help our kids navigate childhood and prepare them with the correct tools as they continue to grow.

**THANK YOU**, to the dads with the muscles and the dads with the 'know how' that put playground equipment together over a weekend because they know how badly the kids want to play and experience it on Monday.

**THANK YOU** to the parents that live by their organization charts and lists; coordinating assemblies for the whole school year, and practically living on their cell phones scheduling authors to visit and speak with our kids.

**THANK YOU** to our volunteers that jot down ideas and thoughts while they are sitting in a meeting at their corporate jobs. We know multiple parents that take on the role of Homeroom Parent even though they work full time *and* travel for work; but they don't mind, they know that the kids will be smiling from ear to ear and that is enough for them. They plan class parties and cute crafts while waiting at the airport for their connecting flight.

**THANK YOU**, dads that work through lunch, updating and tweaking our website so that it's *'PTO Perfect'*. The mom that is constantly updating social media, so all parents can stay informed and maybe, just maybe, be one step ahead of the game. There are also dads that create entirely new software programs to help PTO families stay connected.

**THANK YOU** to the parents that can't physically be in school due to work schedules or being a teacher themselves, yet, they are the first to sign up to drop off an item that is needed for an event. Some contribute by having a cup of coffee and a sympathetic ear ready for their friend that is planning a PTO event that just needs to vent, for a few minutes, because she hopes the kids enjoy what she's been planning and worrying about for 2 months. That person, with the coffee and the sympathetic ear, is part of our PTO too.

Something little, something big, both help us be the amazing school that we are.

Being a part of the BEDMINSTER SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION is a great honor! And we thank all those that stand side by side, with us, to make our school family stronger.