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Hello Bedminster friends and neighbors,

As I'm sure it won't be a surprise, this month's newsletter is going to be completely different than all previous issues, unfortunately. But I do hope that it will give you needed information and answer any PTO related questions you may have.

With the uncertainty and magnitude of the COVID-19 virus, the PTO has been notified by Trump National that all events for April have been cancelled. Therefore, it is with sadness that I tell you we have cancelled Spring Fling 2020 at Trump National. However, we will continue to explore all possible options that may present themselves over the next few months. For now, any decisions are on hold, and we will share information as it becomes available.

We have created a 'Question & Answer' document that will hopefully explain our Spring Fling thoughts and plans in more detail and can be found on the next page of this newsletter and will also be posted to our website and social media platforms.

There is a bright side to all this. We will be having our 50/50 Raffle! All stubs that we have collected will be included. If you have any purchased tickets at home please mail the stubs **AND** a check to 121 Somerville Road, Bedminster. If you would like more tickets to boost the total amount, email one of us and we will safely mail you more tickets. [Amber](#) ~ [Laura](#) ~ [Ramsey](#). Please remember to mail **BOTH** the stubs (filled out) **AND** a check, made out to BTS PTO, for the proper amount. This will help our 50/50 Team tremendously. Please have all stubs and money mailed in by **April 10**. The drawing will take place **April 17**. Thank you!

In this time of need and necessity, we will be updating our social media platforms and the PTO website with local establishments that have always supported the PTO and new locations that are more recent Spring Fling donors.

I would also like to assure our Bulldog families that due to our highly successful Spring Fling 2019 the PTO accounts are sufficiently capable to withstand the loss of Spring Fling, should that be the ultimate result. We will likely have to make adjustments for the 2020-2021 school year, but luckily, we are not in a position where the PTO would have to cut all activities. The PTO plans for this and tries to maintain a minimum balance to provide for at least basic activities for one additional school year.

For now, let us be kind to our neighbors, patient with our children and forgiving of ourselves. The PTO wishes health and happiness to all and in the end, we will be able to continue supporting the students and staff of Bedminster School and this will be a distant memory.

Stay well,
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Spring Fling 2020 Cancellation Q&A



Will you be rescheduling this year's Spring Fling?

In light of the current situation, rescheduling to another date at Trump National Golf Club will not be possible prior to the end of the school year. We will continue to review our options and inform the community as soon as possible *if* we are able to offer an alternative fundraising event this year. Logistics, together with the uncertainty of the quarantine, may make this impossible. We have the support of the administration and BoE for whatever plan we may be able to make happen.

We already purchased our Spring Fling tickets and/or basket raffle tickets. What will happen to our payment?

All payments for Spring Fling tickets and/or basket raffle tickets will be refunded. If you paid by credit card, a refund will be issued to your credit card in the coming weeks. If you paid by check and it has not yet been cashed, your check will be mailed back to you. If you paid by check and it has been cashed, the PTO will issue you a refund in the form of a check.

We purchased 50/50 tickets. Will the 50/50 drawing still be held?

Yes! We are still planning to draw the winning 50/50 ticket on Friday, April 17 at 8:00pm with our team ensuring appropriate precautions are taken to maintain the validity of the drawing and the safety our of team. All tickets purchased thus far will be included in the drawing. If you still have tickets you would like to purchase, please ensure they are mailed to our 50/50 Chair, at 121 Somerville Road, Bedminster, no later than **April 10**. Please **DO NOT** mail tickets to the school as we are not be able to access mail delivered to the school. If you need additional tickets, please reach out to [Amber](#), [Laura](#) or [Ramsey](#). The winners will be announced as soon as possible following the drawing.

My family/business donated to this year's Spring Fling. What will happen to my donation?

Many thanks for your support! All donations will be held in the event that we are able to offer an alternate fundraising event later this school year. If an alternate event is not an option, all donations will be used for Spring Fling 2021. For any donations with expiration dates, we will inquire about having these extended when and if necessary. If you have any concerns about our plans, please contact us.

My business paid for advertising. Are you offering alternate advertising opportunities?

We are extremely grateful for our advertisers! Our Spring Fling committee will be reaching out to all those who signed up to advertise at this year's fundraising event, individually, to offer alternate advertising options.

When will next year's Spring Fling be held?

We are currently in the process of scheduling next year's Spring Fling. As soon as a date has been set, we will be sure to let everyone know.

I still want to help support the PTO. How can I help?

As a registered 501(c)(3) charity we are maintained by our fundraising efforts and donations. Resources for contributing to the PTO are included on our website. These include, but are not limited to: Amazon Smile, company matching programs and direct donations.

Please reach out to us if you have any questions.
Thank you for your continued and constant support.
Ramsey, Danielle, Meghan and Ralph ~ PTO Executive Board
Laura Kamrow ~ Spring Fling Chair

