

BES PTO Newsletter

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Upcoming PTO Sponsored Events

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Co-President's Message:

The Berlin Elementary PTO would like to update everyone on the great events that have happened in the school so far this year.

The Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success and we thank all of you who supported us. With the money earned the school is looking at putting on some great programs for the students.

Picture day and retake day went very well, we thank all the parents that helped on those days. Students who had pictures taken on retake day should be receiving them soon.

A new tradition at BES that was brought over from Stephentown Elementary was Craft Night. We had over one hundred children, their family and friends participate in making beautiful ornaments and crafts. The coffee can auction was also great fun and we thank everyone who donated a gift for the auction.

As of this writing we are preparing for the rescheduled Spaghetti Dinner on December 8th. We thank everyone who donated their time and food for the meal.

Another successful program that has started this year at BES is Spirit Day. The first one was at the end of October and the children had to reflect on what they liked best about the Fall Harvest Celebration. In November in recognition of National Geography month students we asked to wear an item that named a place they had visited. All of the locations were collected and mapped. Stay tuned for December's theme.

Our next meeting is December 14th in the cafeteria, please plan to attend and learn about the great things happening at your child's school.

Babysitting services are provided at all meetings.

Help us while you holiday shop

There are many ways that shopping for your family or the holidays can benefit the BES PTO.

Check out our fundraisers on page 2 or visit the Box Tops Marketplace Holiday Gift Guide. Lands End, JC Penney, eToys, Walmart, Old Navy and Staples are just a few of the popular online stores you can choose from. By shopping online at the Box Tops for Education Marketplace, a percentage of the amount you purchase will go to our PTO to purchase items to benefit our school, such as AV equipment, additional software, and equipment for PE and/or recess. Visit www.boxtops4education.com and please shop for our school.

Remember that any little bit that you do benefits the PTO and the students at BES!

PTO Events (*volunteers needed*):

Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer. ~Author Unknown

PANCAKE BREAKFAST- March 14th Share a breakfast with your families and friends as the PTO provides all you can eat eggs, pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee at a low price. *Volunteers* are needed to cook and serve for the community.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR- March 25th-27th *Volunteers* staff the fair where students can purchase books. Our school library receives a percentage of sales in books or cash.

FAMILY-A-FAIRE- March, 2010 this family fun day includes many activities. This event combined with the Imagination Celebration has been a memorable event where the school is transformed into a living museum filled with fun for the whole family. We'll need lots of parent *volunteers*, planning will begin in January 2010 for this event.

SPRING PICTURES- April, 2010 Last year there was an overwhelming positive response to the pictures taken by Lifetouch. Parent *volunteers* are needed to guide the classes in the gym for photos.

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK- May 4th- 8th PTO *volunteers* present tokens of appreciation to all staff in their mailbox during this special week.

FUN DAY- May/June Parent *volunteers* supervise outdoor activity stations set up by PE teachers, Ms. Salisbury and Mr. Sauer.

SCHOOL TOOL BOX- June 2010 Parents have an opportunity to buy next year's supplies at a very affordable price. Supplies will be waiting for their child on the first day of school.



"Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something."

~Author Unknown

Backstage Volunteers

The PTO also has great support behind the scenes. There are lots of opportunities to parents help from home. If you are good at computers, willing to be a Room Parent Liaison, make calls, or to help even create posters for events. We always are open to suggestions/new ideas to support our children's experience at BES. Please feel free to contact any officers or via email or phone to learn more about opportunities the PTO has to offer.

Have a question? Email us at BESPTO@berlincentral.org

PTO Fundraisers:

Box Tops: We collect General Mills BoxTops for Education all year long. Please send your BoxTops into school (trimmed as neatly as possible).

Price Chopper: PC is registering shoppers for its Tools for Schools Program. Attached is the form to register your AdvantEdge Card or register online at www.pricechopper.com/toolsforschools (School Code is 15708). If you registered last year, you do not need to fill out a new application. Last year we were able to provide 3 CD/DVD players, a wireless mouse for presentations, and portable CD player for the Music Department with the points earned by our families.

Hannaford: From September through December Hannaford collects grocery receipts where families may designate what school they would like a portion of their purchases may go to. Last year we earned \$200.00 to pay for school supplies for families in need.

Target: Target's 'Take Charge of Education Program' allows Target Visa and Guest Card holders to designate Berlin Elementary to receive a donation. Our school ID# is 75453.

Big Y: Sign up now at Bigy.com and use your Savings Club card to purchase items designated with the Education Express logo. Help BES acquire desperately needed equipment and supplies for FREE!

Country Value Food Co-op: They will be distributing an order form each month. Delivery is once a month to the Berlin Elementary School. The PTO received 15% of this service to offer food.

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If you have any questions about volunteering or other issues, please contact any of the PTO officers or send an email to BESPTO@Berlincentral.org.