

BOGHT HILLS COLT NEWS



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March 2010

Dear Families:

Students who are entering kindergarten in the fall participated in preschool screening on February 25th and 26th. If you have, or know a child in your neighborhood, who has not yet registered for school, please have their family contact the district office at 785-8591. We would like to extend our gratitude to the many PTA volunteers and staff members who create such a friendly and non-threatening atmosphere for our incoming students and their caregivers.

As part of our School Success/Character Education program, we try to conduct a service project each month. Students, staff and families are always incredibly generous. This month, we will participate in a project called "Share Your Soles". We'll be collecting new, or very gently used, shoes that will be shipped to an organization for distribution to needy areas of the world. Shoes must be clean and it would be helpful to have them bound with rubber bands. New shoes need not be expensive. Flip-flops or sandals from the bargain stores are sufficient to keep people's feet free from disease. Many thanks to Rishab Jaggi and his family for encouraging us to join this effort. Students will receive a link for their Rachel's Challenge chains for their donations.

On Friday, March 5th, we will hold the PTA Family Dance, from 7:00-9:00 PM. I know this is one you won't want to miss! Consider coming in costume depicting a character from an old time World's Fair. We ask that you consider carpooling to alleviate some parking problems. Please do not park in the large circle or block the entrance to the driveway in case there is an emergency. Please also be considerate of our neighbors if you must park on Dunsbach Ferry Road (which we do not encourage). Many thanks to Mrs. Gamache and her team for their phenomenal efforts.

March 25th is Learning Enrichment Day. Mr. Gaynor and his team have put together a wonderful day of activities for students by focusing on the theme of "Boght Hills Goes Green". If you are able to volunteer some time to assist that day, please contact Mr. Gaynor. We'd love to have you join us. In conjunction with this, Boght Hills will host an electronics recycling drive on Saturday, March 27th from 9-11 in the parking lot.

March 26th is a day off for students, but teachers and other staff members will be involved in professional development activities all day.

March is Women's History Month. Which historical, or present day, female figure has made an impact on your life? If possible, be sure to let them know how they have changed the world for you through their example.

Daylight Savings time begins on **March 14th**. Don't forget to "**spring ahead**" one hour.



Sincerely,

Mrs. Greiner

MARCH 2009

Board of Education Meetings

March 8	Budget Committee Mtg., SHS, 7:30 p.m.
March 11	Budget Committee Mtg., SHS, 7:30 p.m.
March 15	Budget Committee Mtg., SHS, 7:30 p.m.
March 18	Budget Committee Mtg., SHS, 7:30 p.m.
March 22	Board of Education Mtg., Boght Hills School, 7:30 p.m.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 "Share Your Sole" Shoe Drive	2 "Share Your Sole" Shoe Drive	3 "Share Your Sole" Shoe Drive	4 Chess Club, 3-4 "Share Your Sole" Shoe Drive	5 PTA Family Dance 7:00-9:00 "Share Your Sole" Shoe Drive	6
7	8 BOE Budget Mtg. SHS, 7:30 p.m.	9	10	11 BOE Budget Mtg. SHS, 7:30 p.m.	12	13
 14 Daylight Savings Set ahead one hour	15 BOE Budget Mtg. SHS, 7:30 p.m.	16 PTA Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	 17 St. Patrick's Day Special Breakfast 7:30 a.m.	18 BOE Budget Mtg. SHS, 7:30 p.m.	19 PTA Movie Night for Grades 4-6, 6:30 p.m.	20
21	22 *BOE Mtg. BH, 7:30 p.m.	23	24 Gr 5 LEP Student Fair, Forts Ferry, 7 pm	25 Learning Enrichment Day	26 Teacher Workshop Day No School	27 Electronic Recycling Drive 9-1
28	29	30 Report Cards Go Home	31			

CHALLENGER BASEBALL



The North Colonie Challenger Baseball Program (baseball for children with special needs) will begin its fifth year in April. Registration will be held on March 20th at Shaker High School from 1-3 p.m. (in the cafeteria) or by registering online at www.NCYBA.com. The program is for children 5-21 years of age. Any questions, please call Gail Wrieden at 785-7496 or email Gail Wrieden at gmail.com

Box Top Winners for February

Congratulations to the following Box Top winners for the month of February:

Alyssa Owens (4VW) & Matt Simkulet (4C)

Congratulations!

Kindergarten Screening

Boght Hills welcomed approximately 45 new kindergarten students as they participated in the pre-school screening process on February 25 and 26.

We would like to extend special thanks to the PTA. Mrs. Sheila McLean, Hospitality Coordinator for our pre-school screening, provided coffee and refreshments for the special reception of our new families. Sheila also coordinated all of our parent volunteers.

We would also like to thank Mrs. Kat King, Mrs. Kelleen Giambertone, Mrs. Anne Salerno, Mrs. Denise Morris, Mrs. Sheryl Farrell, Mrs. Angela Britt and Mrs. Tracy Gamache, who volunteered their time to help us welcome our new kindergarten students and their families.

Once again, thank you for your dedication to Boght Hills.

We're sorry

We would like to apologize to Alena Piska. Alena's name was accidentally omitted in the February Colt Newsletter. She was a participant in the All-District Chorus.

Perfect Homework

The following fifth grade students had perfect homework records for the five-week period ending February 5, 2010.

Samahria Alpern	Kayla Morris
Sheena Arora	Lauren Murawski
Jillian Bagley	Cierra Orlyk
Carly Baird	Maggie Ostwald
Liliana Battibulli	Chathuranga Perera
Dawson Britt	Emily Polsinello
Max Bush	Madeline Pratt
Joia Canete	Max Ricci
McKenzie Cunningham	Hope Scaringe
William Fazzone	Justin Searles
Haley Flint	Olivia Slingerland
Zachary Flood	Lucia Sun
Elijah Gaddy	John Sweeney
Kara Hausamann	Kevin Sweeney
Jackson Howland	Hajime Takamatsu
Anne Lincoln	Claire Turner
Chris Maloney	Erin Valente
Julia McGaugh	Michael Woods
Abigail Meacham	

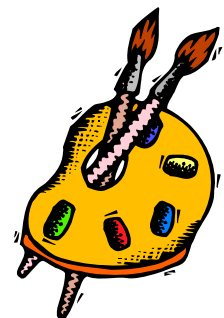


News from the Art Department:

Congratulations to Emily Guzy and Julia McGaugh. Their artwork was on display February 23rd at the annual NYSATA Legislative Exhibit. Way to go girls!

We would also like to congratulate the following students who had their artwork on display at the Colonie Town Hall:

Hannah Malicki
Brandon Barlow
Dorrie Carroll
Shriya Iyer
Tricia Gomez
Alyssa Lortie
Genny Diehl
Lauren Halek
Maddy Malicki
Emily Gilmore
Carissa Scattareggia
Great job!



March is a month full of PTA activities. Coming up is the Sportswear Sale, Winter Family Dance , another Movie Night and Learning Enrichment Day. The theme for Learning Enrichment Day this year is "Boght Hills Goes Green with Technology". In addition to all of the great activities planned for the students that day, we are also getting the families involved. On Saturday March 27, we will be hosting an electronics recycling drive in cooperation with eLots of Troy, NY. More details will be coming home and posted on the website. In the mean time, please check website if you need information on any PTA activity or need to contact the PTA.

March 5th - Winter Family Dance - Come to the Carnival!

March 16th 6:30 PM - PTA Meeting

March 19th 6:30 PM - PTA Movie Night

March 25th Learning Enrichment Day

Boght Hills Goes Green with Technology

March 27th 9:00 AM—1 PM; Learning Enrichment Day Electronics Recycling Drive

We are in immediate need of volunteers! Please contact us if you can fulfill any of the positions below.

SPRING BOOKFAIR CHAIRPERSON

PTA NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS (3 people)

Health Office Reminders

This month we will be sending out a letter to parents of our current fifth grade class reminding them that all students entering grade six in September of 2010, are required to have the mandatory Tdap vaccination.

Please review all of the information contained in the letter. If you have further questions, please contact Nurse Hodges.



Dear Parent/Guardian of Incoming Kindergarten Student:

“Transportation To/From Other Than Home Address” forms, for Kindergarten, and Grades 1-6, for the **2010-11** school year are now available on our district website:

<http://www.northcolonie.org/transportation/transportationhome.htm>.

If you require transportation to and/or from a day care location, these forms are due by **April 1, 2010** for students entering Grades 1-6, and by **May 12, 2010** for incoming kindergarten students.

Completed forms can be mailed or faxed to us. You may also scan and email completed forms to:

ccstrans@ncolonie.org.

If you do not wish to use our website, please call us to have a form mailed to you. We can be reached at (518) 785-9486, ext 1. Your local elementary school can also print blank forms for your use.

Thank You,
North Colonie Schools Transportation Department

Counselor's Corner with Mrs. V

Upcoming Parenting Programs:

Postponed: March 1st (Blue Creek)- **Helping Children Cope with Anxiety** presented by Tony Grasso of the Colonie Youth Center (new date TBA)

March 10th (Forts Ferry)- **Internet Safety** presented by the Colonie Police Department

April 13th (Boght Hills)- “Terrific Parenting After Divorce” presented by Dr. Randy Cale

April 19th (Southgate)- **Healthy/Unhealthy Friendships** presented by Amy Vincent, Prevention Educator

- **Free Childcare** will be provided at these programs
- All programs will be held from **7:00-8:30 P.M.**

Rachel's Challenge Update:

Hearts for Haiti

We were thrilled to raise \$1212.46 for the people of Haiti. The drive ran 2/8-2/12.

Raffle at the Winter Dance-3/5

Baskets will be raffled off with proceeds benefiting the people of Haiti.

“Share Your Sole” Shoe Drive-3/1-3/5

Students will be asked to donate gently used and/or new shoes to go to underprivileged children.

Hat Drive for Cancer-April

Students will be asked to donate new hats for children undergoing medical treatment at Albany Med.

Pennies for Patients-May

Our second annual penny drive for patients battling Leukemia/Lymphoma

Please stay tuned for more information regarding all of the upcoming RC service projects.

Let's keep the “Chain of Kindness” growing!!!!