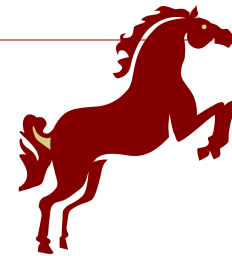


# Boght Hills Colt News

February, 2012



*From the Desk of the Principal:*

Dear Families;

February is here and the month will be flying by with a multitude of activities. On February 1, at 6:30, there is a meeting scheduled for parents of our incoming kindergarten class in the Boght Hills cafeteria. Families who would like to tour the building may do so at 6:00. On March 1 and 2, we will welcome approximately fifty new incoming kindergarten students during our kindergarten screening. This is always an exciting time as we get to meet many new students and their families.

On February 15, at 9:00 am, the recital will take place for our beginning orchestra and band students. Please do not park in fire lanes or non-designated areas. The mid-winter school vacation, February 20-24, will offer you another exciting opportunity for fun activities with family and friends. We wish you safety in your travels. The Elementary All-District Concert for select band, orchestra, and choral students will be held on March 2 in the Shaker High School auditorium at 7:30 pm. Boght Hills is proud to have quite a few representatives. We are grateful to the music educators for bringing out the talents of our students and the classroom teachers who re-arrange instructional time to accommodate additional practice time that is required.

In an effort to reduce the use of paper, thereby saving valuable resources and taxpayer dollars, very few notices are sent home in print. If you are not yet signed up for the School News Notifier to receive emails and texts, go to the district website, look for the SNN icon and complete the user profile today. Don't miss out on important school news!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge all of the staff members who consistently come in early, stay after school and give up their lunch time to work with our students. We are also fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers who certainly have a positive impact on the programs we provide. We appreciate the many parents and family members who routinely volunteer in classrooms, the computer lab, library, and various other places in the school. A special thank you to those who volunteer their time to participate on district and building committees, the Board of Education, and various PTA activities. The dedicated teachers, staff, and volunteers make activities such as the Math League, Library Helper Club, Homework Club, Science Fair, Learning Enrichment Day, after school reading, BH post office, FIRST Lego League, intramurals, scouting, 6th grade show, and the Student Activity Club all possible. Once again, my sincere thanks to all who volunteer! You are valued for the time, talents and care you give to our students.

In an effort to tighten our security measures and be respectful of the time our teachers are working, please schedule a meeting with them, as they are not always available to meet without a prior appointment. Please sign in and advise the office staff of your appointment. They will call into the classroom to announce your arrival. Please don't assume because you're in the building already that teachers can suspend instruction to speak to you. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Do you have a 6th Grade student? If you would like news or information about expectations and opportunities at Shaker Junior High School, check out their website page at [www.northcolonie.org](http://www.northcolonie.org) and click on the junior high.

This is an early bird notice about the March 8 and 9 production of the 6th grade play, *The Wizard of Oz*. You won't want to miss out on that great opportunity. See you at 7 pm.

As you know, the district is facing some difficult financial times. The Board of Education welcomes your attendance at the budget planning meetings listed on the district website. Learning about the process will help you make an informed decision in May.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Greiner

6Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Incoming Kdgr. Mtg. BH, 6 pm	2 Banking	3	4
5	6	7 All-District Band/ Orch. Rehearsal, SHS, 1:30-3:30	8 PTA Science Fair, Gr. K-3	9 PTA Science Fair, Gr. 4-6	10	11
12	13 All-District Band/Orch. Rehearsal, SHS, 1:30-3:30	14 Valentine's Day	15 Beginner's Band/ Orchestra Recital, 9 am	16 Concert for Gr.3, SHS, 9:30 am  Banking	17 Spirit Day Crazy Hat Day	18
19	20 President's Day	21	22	23	24	25
School Vacation						
26	27 All-District Band/Orch. Rehearsal, SHS, 3:30-5:30  BOE Mtg., SG, 7:30 pm	28	29			

## Counselor's Corner

On Tuesday, January 24, 2012 the program Parenting Through Divorce and Separation was held at Latham Ridge. This program was sponsored by the Elementary Counseling Department. Below are a list of resources to help families dealing with this issue.

### **BOOKS ON DIVORCE**

**Speaking of Divorce: How to Talk with Your Kids and Help Them Cope** by Roberta Beyer and Kent Winchester

**Dinosaurs Divorce: A Guide for Changing Families** by Laurene Drasny Brown and Marc Brown; Econo-Clad Books, 1999

**It's Not Your Fault, Koko Bear: A Read-Together Book for Parents & Young Children During Divorce** by Vicki Lansky; Book Peddlers, 1998

**The Good Divorce: Keeping Your Family Together When Your Marriage Comes Apart** by Constance Ahrons, Ph.D.

**The Fresh Start Divorce Recovery Workbook: A Step-by-Step Program for Those Who Are Divorced or Separated** by Bob Burns

**Let's Talk About It: Divorce (Let's talk About It)** by Fred Rogers

**At Daddy's on Saturdays** by Linda Walvoord Girard

**The Divorce Express** by Paula Danzinger

**I Don't Want to Talk About It** by Jeanie Franz Ransom

**Mama and Daddy Bear's Divorce** by Cornelia Maude Spelman

**Was it the Chocolate Pudding?** by Sandra Levins and Bryan Langdo

## PTA News

February is associated with Valentines Day, but at Boght Hills it will also be associated with Science! Our first annual Science Fair will take place February 8th & 9th. Guest judges will be present to award ribbons to all our participants . Come out and see all the wonderful projects our students have made!

At the end of the school year, three PTA board positions will be vacant. We are looking for interested persons to fulfill the duties of First Vice President, Treasurer & Corresponding Secretary. If you are interested in one of these positions or would like further information on the responsibilities they entail, please contact any of the board members. Phone numbers can be found on the PTA website.

Sportswear items:

We have the following Boght Hills sportswear items available for purchase at a discounted cost. If you are interested in purchasing an item please contact Kelleen Giambertone @ 785-0723

Woman's grey tee shirt with white BH colts writing. Size Medium. \$10

Crew neck grey tee shirt with maroon BH Colts writing. Size medium \$10

Crew neck grey tee shirt with blue writing (Property of Boght Hills XXL) size L & XL \$10

Grey sweatshirt with blue writing (property of Boght Hills XXL). Size Small. \$20

February 2 - School Banking

February 8- Science Fair (K-3)

February 9- Science Fair (4-6)

February 16- School Banking

February 17- Spirit Day. Crazy Hat Day Theme

SAVE THE DATE

Next PTA Meeting: March 14 @ 6:30 pm

## Box Top Winners

Our next submission date is right around the corner on March 1st. Help us get to our goal of \$1,000 for this school year. We are already a little more than half way there! Just a reminder to check the expiration dates on any box tops you send in. We can not submit any that have expired. Be sure to check out the Box Tops for Education website for a complete list of participating products, coupons, or to shop online and earn boxtops.

The January winners are:

Elaina Hughes (3Co)

Olivia Hudy (3S)

## Art News

Congratulations to three of our students who have work on display in the Shaker High School Conference Room: Fiona Welsh, Ali Caruso and KayLee Alix! Also, job well done to Michelle Quiachon whose artwork traveled to Buffalo to be on display for an art show there.

## Labels for Education

Thank you to all who submitted the bonus collection sheet. They will really help our points total! In addition, if you "LIKE" the Labels for Education page, the school can earn an additional 50 points per LIKE. Keep sending those labels in and please be sure to send in the entire UPC symbol or cap. Please visit the Labels for Education website for a complete list of participating products.

## Health Office News

NYS Education Law requires that each student entering a school district for the first time and again in grades K,2, 7 and 10, receive a physical exam. Nurse Hodges has sent via mail a letter to all parents/guardians whose child has not met this mandatory requirement. If your child has had a current physical exam by their physician, please submit this paperwork by February 15<sup>th</sup> at the latest. For those students whose proof of physical exam is not submitted by that date, your child will receive a school physical with our district physician in March. A reminder letter will be sent out closer to the date of the March appointment. Please feel free to call the health office with any questions regarding this matter. Thank you.

## Grade 5 Perfect Homework (for period 11/21/11 to 12/23/11)

Rachel Brown	Genevieve Diehl	Nicolette Gorman	Pauline Meunier	Tucker Scaringe
Jared Caruso	Samuel Dvorak	Lauren Halek	Julianna Morrell	Rishi Shankar
Jack Casabonne	Brianna Eberle	Robert Kang	Brianna Morris	Hibah Vora
McKenzie Cevera	Calvin Fluegge	Madeline Malicki	William Pepe	

## A HUGE Thank you!

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Mr. Christian King for his support to secure an Education Alliance grant from Red-Kap Sales, Incorporated. Mr. King also supplemented the grant with additional funds from his own Kinglender, Inc. and Airport Mobil. Many thanks, Mr. King, for your efforts to help our students meet higher demands through professional development for our teachers!

## Concert for All Third Graders

The concert for district third graders will be held this year on Thursday, February 16, 2012, at Shaker High School. The concert will begin at 9:30 am and end at approximately 10:10 am. The children will be bused from Boght Hills to Shaker High School.

The concert marks the beginning of the recruiting process for the elementary instrumental music program. The students will have an opportunity to hear the Shaker High School Symphonic Orchestra perform and become better acquainted with each instrument.

## Parents of Incoming Kindergarten 2012-2013

A kindergarten orientation meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 1, in the Boght Hills School Cafeteria at 6:30 pm for parents of incoming kindergarten students. A school tour will be offered at 6:00 pm. On this evening, parents will have the opportunity to sign up for preschool screening. The screening will take place here at Boght Hills on March 1 and 2.

If you have not yet registered your incoming kindergarten student or have a neighbor who hasn't, please contact the Office of the Registrar, 91 Fiddlers Lane, Latham, NY, 12110. To schedule an appointment time, please contact Mrs. Arditì at 785-8591 x3130

## Boght Hills Preschool Screening for Kindergarten 2012-2013

The Preschool screening for kindergarten students entering Boght Hills will be held on Thursday, March 1, and Friday, March 2, 2012.

The purpose of the screening is to examine each child's language, social, and physical development. Each child will meet with a speech therapist, school psychologist, school nurse, and a reading specialist. Following the screening process, the psychologist will briefly review the result with each child's parents.

All new incoming kindergarten students should have registered at the Central Registrar's office. If you have not registered your child, please call Central Registration at 785-8591 ext. 3130. **Your child must be registered in order to take part in our kindergarten screening.**

Information was mailed home regarding the kindergarten parent meeting scheduled for February 1, 2012, Boght Hills School, 6:30 pm. A tour of the building will be provided at 6:00 pm. If you have not received information about this upcoming meeting, please contact the school at 785-0222.

**Coming February 7<sup>th</sup> 2012 for our whole School District  
A Free Presentation for all Parents and Teachers  
At our Shaker High School at 7 PM  
(the room will be posted on the main entrance)**

## **The Roadmap From Learning Disabilities to Success**

**- Presented by: Kathy Johnson, Ms Ed -**

During this hour and a half presentation, Kathy Johnson, author of **The Roadmap From Learning Disabilities to Success**, will present the Pyramid of Potential – a model for brain development to overcome the symptoms related to ADD/ADHD, autism, dyslexia, and other learning disabilities. There is no silver bullet, but there is a process to follow according to individual cognitive abilities. She will show how parents and teachers can spend a modest time each day to develop the connections in the brain that were not wired in the critical first 3 years of life, but that can be developed at any time. **After completing the process, parents have seen their children independently completing their homework; teachers have seen children become able to learn (and therefore require less teaching time!)** Research tells us that IQ can change, and that brain development can happen. Come spend a few hours learning how!

Kathy Johnson comes from Ballston Spa, NY where her business since 2000, Pyramid of Potential, is based. The information she imparts started with helping her own children succeed. Since then, she has become certified in many therapies and trainings that have become pieces of the Pyramid. She now screens children and works with their parents to develop an individualized plan of attack to work towards success and independence, has several products for sale internationally including her Roadmap book and a DVD series, and nationally gives professional development seminars on overcoming learning disabilities aimed at educational professionals. Please read more at [www.pyramidofpotential.com](http://www.pyramidofpotential.com).

If you plan to attend please rsvp to [nccsepta@gmail.com](mailto:nccsepta@gmail.com) so we are able to address space needs. Thank you.