



20 Main Street, Bloomsbury, NJ 08804

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Dear Bloomsbury Elementary School Families,

On behalf of the BES Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), I would like to welcome all of the new families to the Bloomsbury school and welcome back all of our returning families. I'm excited to get to know those of you I have not had a chance to meet. I also want to extend my sincere gratitude to all of the PTO volunteers that made our 2015-2016 school year a huge success. We were able to raise enough funds to purchase air conditioning units for many of the class rooms and important security system updates while still contributing funds to various teacher sponsored events including the drama club production, poetry slam and art show. I would also like to thank our supportive principal, Dr. Marycz, and our always helpful BES staff.

The BES PTO is a registered 501(c)3, non-profit volunteer organization made up of our dedicated parents and teachers. The purpose of our organization is to aid the students and staff by providing support for educational and recreational needs; to promote open communication between administration, teachers and parents and to encourage BES school spirit and pride with our student and family events throughout the school year. For more information on our events, please see our website: www.bloomsburypto.org. In order for us to continue to support our school and provide these wonderful events for our children, we need support and involvement from everyone. We encourage and invite every parent and teacher to become a member of the BES PTO. The Membership Form is attached and also available on our website.

Once a member, there are so many ways to show your support! You can become a room parent for your child's classroom assisting their teacher by planning class parties and chaperoning school trips. You can also volunteer to participate in or even chair any of the numerous events and fundraisers throughout the year. Many parents feel they cannot participate in the PTO because they are unable to attend meetings or volunteer during school hours. However, many of our events take place after school, in the evenings and on weekends. If there is enough interest, we would also be happy to schedule some of our meetings in the evenings to welcome working parents. We want to give everyone an opportunity to get involved and support our children's school. Whatever you can do, your time is greatly appreciated and every single contribution really does make a difference. **If everyone does a little, together we can accomplish a lot!** Finally, if your schedule does not afford you the option to volunteer your time, you can also make a one time monetary donations to the PTO. 100% of funds collected go directly to supporting the school and our PTO events. The Parent Volunteer Form is attached and also available on our website.

I invite you to stay updated on PTO information and upcoming events by checking our website: (www.bloomsburypto.org), liking our facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/bloomsburylementaryschoolpto>) and signing up for remind text alerts (instructions included). Our PTO meetings are currently held on the third Wednesday of each month at 3:15 p.m. in the 8th grade classroom. Complimentary babysitting is available in the All-Purpose Room.

Please feel free to contact me anytime with any questions or feedback (bespto@bburys.org). I look forward to a wonderful year working together to improve the education of our children while creating a united school community with our fun events! On behalf of the BES PTO, I would once again like to extend a warm welcome and best wishes for a successful school year!

With appreciation,

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2016-2017 BES PTO President
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Mother of Nola (4th Grade) Gwyneth (1st Grade)