



## *Newsletter*

*Joining Hands to Support Our Children's Future*

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Happy March everyone! The PTO continues to support the students and the school as much as possible. We recently put together a last minute breakfast for the entire school. It was a lot of fun spending time together.

We have a lot of events going on and are looking forward to everyone's participation. Currently, we are conducting a food drive to benefit Safe Harbor in Easton, PA. Safe Harbor is dedicated to helping & educating homeless men & women. They are in need of the following items:

Coffee, powder ice tea or any other powder drinks, oatmeal, sugar, chips, salad dressing and condiments. You can send in your donations with your children. There will be a bin in school where the kids can leave the donations. You can also give your items to Renee Bickert or Sheri Tufaro.

Our first ever Teacher Auction is off to a wonderful start! Please check our Facebook page or the school's page for a daily update on the current bids. You can email your bid to the PTO or send it into school in an envelope marked "PTO – Bids." The students received paperwork about the auction last week. It listed all of the teachers offers and the rules for the auction. The teachers have planned so many fun events for the kids and the PTO is very grateful for their time and support. Let's have some fun and get those bids in!

Our Family St. Patrick's Day Dance is Friday, March 16, 2018. Come spend some family time together. We will have a DJ providing music for dancing, sweet treats to eat and crafts. The Teacher Auction will continue to be open during the dance. It's only \$5.00 per family. We look forward to seeing everyone.

The PTO is supporting Applebee's Teacher of the Year Contest. We sent information home with the students last week. The middle school students can write a 500 word essay and the elementary school students can write a half a page essay about why their teacher should be Teacher of the Year. Four (4) teachers in the state of New Jersey will receive \$500.00 for their classroom and the class of that teacher will receive an end of the year party at Applebee's. This event is optional. The students are not obligated in anyway to participate. Students can nominate any teacher they wish. Every student who does submit an essay will receive a card from Applebee's for a free ice cream and the PTO will give them a free snack item at lunch. The essays must be received at school by Thursday, March 29, 2018. You can send them to the attention of the PTO. Let's show New Jersey that BES has the best teachers!



The Annual Talent Show is coming up soon!! I hope everyone is planning their act. Our show is Friday, April 20, 2018. The only change is performers can be in 3 acts instead of just 2. Permission forms will be coming home soon. The Talent Show is open to all students, faculty and families. Sign up and be a part of this very fun evening. Our kids are so talented and we look forward to seeing their performances.

We continue to work very hard in the Tricky Tray scheduled for Friday, May 18, 2018. Please consider donating a gift card, a new item or a basket. You can also make monetary donations if you wish. We could also use additional volunteers, especially for the night of the event. Please contact the PTO if you are able to donate or volunteer.

Finally, don't forget to send in those Box Tops. We would love the classes to have a real competition. The students have until March 30<sup>th</sup> to bring their box tops in for this competition. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is a pizza party, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is an ice cream party and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is a Philadelphia Pretzel party. The school receives 10 cents for each top. It truly adds up!

As always, thank you for your support and time. Please feel free to reach out to the PTO with any questions, comments or suggestions. Everyone's opinion counts!