

Special Points of Interest:

- Enrichment Clubs to begin
- *Wonderland* coming soon to BHBL High School
- Recycling to begin at CHES



Principal's Piece

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year to all! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable vacation.

We have several new staff members joining the Charlton Heights team. Cheryl Traver will begin as our school nurse on January 25. She will replace Kathy Greco, who has taken a position as the school nurse at the O'Rourke Middle School. Cheryl is currently the school nurse at an elementary school in the Greenwich Central School District. Amanda Catrupi has joined our staff as the replacement for Robb Moore, who will be back in May. Welcome to our two new staff members!

Charlton Heights will be hosting a Saratoga County H1N1 Clinic on Thursday, January 21, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Information was recently distributed, and you can gather the latest news about the clinic on our district website.

Now that winter is officially upon us,

please make sure that you send in your children with winter gear like hats, gloves, boots and snow pants. We also ask that you check the lost and found for any lost items. Placing names on the clothing can certainly help with easy identification. It would be helpful if your child came into school with layers so that they can keep warm, even on our coldest days.

Please also remember that safety comes first when using our drop-off area in the morning. We ask that you check carefully before pulling out of the drop-off area into the traffic lane. Also, please remember to have children on the passenger side of the car so they can easily and safely get to the sidewalk. For any parents who need to get out of the car, we ask you to kindly park in the lot so cars are not held up behind you.

Thank you for your support of the Box Tops program. So far this year,

we have earned over \$1,700. The PTA is sponsoring a Box Tops for Education contest. The two classrooms that collected the most Box Tops for Education labels received a pizza or ice cream party in January, and a new contest will end in June. The labels are found on most General Mills, Betty Crocker and Ziploc items, to name a few. Please continue to clip your Box Tops and send them into the Main Office. It is also a good idea to ask family members and neighbors to do the same. Campbell Soup labels can also be sent to the Main Office.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Timothy Sinnenberg

Be Green-Earn Green

Turn Used Drink Pouches Into Money For Our School!

That's right...by recycling your Capri Sun or Honest Kids Drink pouches, Charlton Heights will earn 2 cents per pouch!

You will not only be earning money for our school, but you will be helping to preserve our planet and keep these drink pouches out of our landfills.

It is simple...after you are done drinking your drink pouch, remove the straw and throw your pouch away in the container for empty drink pouches in the cafeteria.

You can also save your pouches at home, or from snack time in your classroom and bring them to the collection bin at any time.

The bin will be emptied every Friday afternoon and the pouches will be collected to help our school earn money and allow the company Terra Cycle to make fun new products like pencil cases and tote bags!

Check out the products made from these pouches at www.terracycle.net

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President's Post

Happy New Year to everyone at Charlton Heights...it is hard to believe that we have begun another new month, year, AND decade!

Speaking of NEW...our After-school Enrichment Clubs program is starting soon. This program is supported by our PTA and offers our students a variety of clubs which allow them to explore a fun-filled common interest right after school. This year, there are

over 15 clubs to choose from that are sure to appeal to students of all ages! As you review the programs that your child is interested in, perhaps you may find something that interests you too. If that is the case...please consider volunteering to help. Volunteers are always needed and help make these beneficial programs possible. In fact, there are several perks to volunteering your time, by volunteering you are eligible to

pre-register your child for the program of their choice AND take part in a program yourself (it's like a two for one deal!)

Another new aspect to our CH PTA is a new PTA Web site! An Adhoc committee has been working diligently to pull together PTA information that can be accessible to parents on a free, easy to use web site that will help save paper and expense.

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Third Grade News

Wow! Having trouble "getting the words out" is not a problem that I usually have. But as I am sitting trying to write this note, it is a problem that I have. I am amazed with the generosity of the students, Charlton Heights families and staff members. This year our Adopt a Family campaign was extremely successful. Because of your generosity, we were able to "adopt" two families and provide the children with a Christmas that

they rightly deserve. On behalf of the Charlton Heights faculty, staff and student body, I would like to thank everyone who made this campaign so successful. Once again, our students and families showed the caring and generosity that makes this a great district to teach in. This year's campaign was more successful than last and our hope is that we can continue to grow so we can help more families in the fu-

ture.

We appreciate the Rotary's generous support and look forward to working with them in years to come.

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season that 2010 is a great year for all!

Sincerely,
Andrew Haluska
The Third Grade Team



Second Grade News

Happy New Year!! January began with second graders discussing New Year resolutions and ways to make personal improvements. The students will also be learning why Martin Luther King Jr. was so important to our country and why we honor him with a holiday. We now know many things about that great man and others as we begin our research in the computer lab this month.

Each of us will design and create PowerPoint shows to share what we have learned. You will be able to see our displays at The Walkabout this spring. The New Year celebration will extend through the month with learning about Chinese New Year and some fun activities that go along with it. Parents, please help us remember our boots, snow pants, hats and mittens every day. We go

outside both in the morning and after lunch - whenever the wind chill allows. It isn't as much fun when we aren't dressed warmly enough.

The Second Grade Team



First Grade News

Brrr! Baby it's cold outside. First grade students will be warming up to topics in January on Winter, Martin Luther King Jr. and Nutrition. The Scotia-Glenville Traveling Museum will be visiting with all of the first grade classes to present the program "Eating Adventure" which will allow students to further enrich their

understanding of nutrition. The program centers around the principles of the NYS food pyramid and healthy eating. First grade classes will also begin Junior Achievement lessons to help understand business and free enterprise. They will learn about needs and wants, community and jobs. We will finish out the month

with "Blizzard Day"! That's right; we will have a full day of fun with snow themed activities that will reinforce first grade skills and concepts.

The First Grade Team



Donations Needed

Girl Scout Troop #2379 will be teaching an After School Enrichment club in March called "Random Acts of Kindness". The club will be making items and then donating those items to animal friends and people in need throughout our community.

If you have gently used/new children's books or fleece blankets/fabric – won't you please consider making a donation? Please send any



donations to school, there will be a large donation box in the Charlton Heights Ele-

mentary School main lobby through the end of February.

The girls are working on their Leadership in Action badge. For more information, please contact troop leaders, sonjathomson@hotmail.com or Laura Cote at the6cotes@yahoo.com.
THANKS!

Student Council News

The Charlton Heights Student Council would like to thank everyone who participated in our Adopt-An-Angel campaign. Because of your generous donations, we were able to donate \$310.00 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northeast NY. The Charlton Heights Stu-

dent Council will be kicking off a classroom recycling program this January. The student council has purchased two recycling bins for each classroom. One bin will be for paper products. The other will be for glass, plastic, and tin. Student council officers and representatives will introduce the

program to each grade level during lunch periods. Representatives will train their classmates on how the recycling program will work. We know that recycling is important and are proud to be helping to protect our earth!

The Student Council



After School Enrichment Clubs

There are 18 clubs to choose from this year and there should be something for everyone! Clubs meet right after school on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday for four consecutive weeks beginning February 24th. In-person registration will be held on Wednesday, January 20th from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the CHES Cafeteria. Registration forms were sent home through back

pack mail and are also posted on the CHES Website. As always, volunteers are eligible to pre-register now! When registering, please sign up for just one club and indicate your 2nd and 3rd choices. Any questions, contact sonjathomson@hotmail.com.



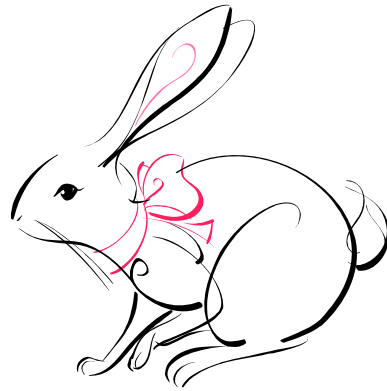


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Don't miss *Wonderland*

The BHBL Theatre presents the tale of *Alice in Wonderland* April 16 and 17 at the BH High school. Tickets will be available at Mail 'n More and by back pack mail. More information is coming soon.

We are on the web!
www.bhbl.org



President's Post Continued

The directions to access the web site were distributed at our January 5th PTA meeting, for others to review and respond with comments and suggestions. Suggestions and changes are now being applied and the adoption of the new web site will be up for vote at our February 2nd PTA meeting. Many thanks to all of you for your sharing your input, and an extra special thank you is extended to Sonja Thomson for her time and skills to spearhead this project!

We have had great attendance at our PTA meetings, and continue to welcome all of you to share your insights

and input.

As stated before, the power of our PTA and the possibilities for our programs to be successful, are made possible with the help of those who volunteer.

Lastly, because we appreciate all of the energy and devotion that each volunteer shares at Charlton Heights, please consider attending the Founder's Day Award Dinner on Thursday February 4th. This is an evening dedicated to recognize and reward those nominated for their outstanding efforts as volunteers that share services and programming to the schools in our district.

Specific information will be included on the invitation that will soon be sent home via backpack.

Again, we wish you and your family happiness and good health for the new year 2010.

-Krissy Jackson and
Allison Attuil

