



Weekly Bulletin September 25, 2015

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In last week's newsletter, I highlighted our school goals. This week I would like to share some resources from the *National Council for Teachers of Mathematics* which provide an explanation for why the Common Core calls educators to develop students' conceptual understanding. Please view the link below at your leisure as the videos clearly articulate the importance of growing students' understanding of mathematics and the role it plays in college and career readiness.

[Teaching and Learning Math with the Common Core](#)

Please join me in demonstrating for our children a positive attitude about math. Remember, even when we don't think children are listening, they hear our comments. Let's work collaboratively to grow a generation of learners who persevere and seek opportunities to work collaboratively to problem solve. Grocery shopping, buying gas, and/or painting a wall can be an experiential math lesson. There is math in everyday life! Be sure to embrace the teachable moments.

Please be sure to save the following dates:

Reading Campout 9/30 (5-7pm)

**Johnson Fest @ Old Heidelberg Restaurant--
 October 15th (6pm-9pm)**

I look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events.

Very truly yours,
 Alison Salerno
 Principal

Responsibility

Respect

Ready

Proud

September Calendar

- 28 Book Fair**
- 29 Book Fair**
- 30 Book Fair**
- Reading Camp out 5:00-7:00 pm**

October Calendar

- 1 & 2 Book Fair**
- 1 Picture Day**
- 9 Professional Development**
- No School**
- 12 Columbus Day No School**
- 15 Johnson Fest at Old Heidelberg**
- Restaurant 6:00-9:00 pm**
- 20 PTO Meeting 9:15 am & 7:00 pm**
- 23 Grade 4 Field trip Cabaret Theater**
- 10:00 am-1:00 pm**
- 27 Pumpkin Decorating 3:00 pm**
- 28 Conferences Early Dismissal 12:56**
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Picture Day

School Picture Day is Thursday, October 1. Payment is due on the day the pictures are taken. Flyers have been sent today. Please fill out the flyer and return it with the payment on October 1. Thank you.

PTO NEWS
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PTO INFORMATION

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Dr. Kristen Brooks (Title IX District Coordinator)
Assistant Superintendent of the Bethel Public Schools
1 School Street
Bethel, CT 06801

Flu Clinic for Bethel Students & Families at the
Berry School Gym
Tuesday 10/06/15
4:00 – 7:00

Information about 2015 Flu Clinics

Flu Vaccines will be available for ages 6 months and older. Preservative-free flu vaccines, High-Dose flu vaccines for ages 65 years and older, Intranasal FluMist (live) vaccine for ages 2 – 49 years, Quadrivalent inactivated flu shots as well as traditional flu shots will be available.

Please bring your medical insurance card -

Insurances that will be billed directly are: **Aetna, Anthem BC/BS, ConnectiCare, Healthy CT, Medicare Part B & Oxford, Medicare Advantage Plans with Aetna, Anthem BC/BS, ConnectiCare, & Wellcare**

- No charge for Vaccines for ALL CHILDREN 4 AND UNDER
- No charge for children 18 years or younger who are Medicaid or Husky A/B enrolled, has no health insurance/self-pay, American Indian or Alaskan Native, or under-insured
- If you do not have a participating insurance plan, payments will be accepted by cash, check, health savings account or credit card. Bethel VNA is NOT a preferred provider for flu vaccines for Cigna or United Health Care (including Secure Horizons). For more detailed information about Seasonal Influenza vaccines, visit CDC.gov

For a complete listing of other local flu clinics, please visit: Bethelvna.org or scan

