



## Weekly Bulletin January 29, 2016

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### Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Last Thursday the Superintendent presented her proposed 2016-2017 budget to the full Board of Education. The Superintendent's proposed budget is a 2.36% increase over this year's budget. While keeping the economic conditions of the community in mind, the proposed budget maintains all of the programs and services of Johnson School. The recommended increase: (1) maintains appropriate class sizes; (2) continues all specials (art, music, media, physical education, and technology) at its current levels; (3) continues our band, choral and strings programs; (4) continues our support of literacy intervention and (5) supports our remedial summer school programs. In the proposed budget, Dr. Carver also included a position (reallocation of a position) of a Mathematics Interventionist. This position is critical to our work at Johnson School. Much as we have in literacy, it will provide support for our students who have skill gaps in the area of mathematics. We feel that this position is critical to our continued growth as a school and our district purpose of always striving to improve student achievement, aligned to our strategic plan. The Bethel Board of Education will be presenting the budget to the Board of Finance at the municipal center on Monday, February 22, 2015, at 7:00 PM. We encourage you to attend as it will provide a greater depth of understanding regarding details within the budget.

Sincerely,  
 Alison A. Salerno  
 Principal

### February Calendar

- 12 Professional Development**
- 12:56 Dismissal**
- 15 Presidents' Day No School**
- 16 Winter Recess No School**
- 24 Parents' University**

### SCHOOL DELAYS/CLOSING

**The automated voice call only goes out to parents if students have already arrived at school and we need to have an unexpected early dismissal. ALL after school programs and after school clubs would be canceled in this case. Please have a plan in place with your child for unexpected early dismissal.** If school is going to be delayed or closed due to bad weather, it will be announced on local TV channels, radio stations and posted on the district's web-site. If there is a school delay, please do not drop your child off before 9:40 as there is no supervision.

All buses will run on a 2 hour delay schedule. If you have a problem with a bus, please call the bus company at 203-748-8091.

Mrs. McCue is looking for parent volunteers who are interested in preparing art works for this year's upcoming art show, which will be on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at Johnson School from 5-7 p.m.

Work can be taken home and done at your leisure. It is mainly matting, stapling, labeling, and inventory.

If you are interested in helping to make this year's art show a spectacular success, please e-mail or send in a message with your child.

### Morning Drop off Procedures

If you are driving your child to school please use the outside lane. For the safety of each child, please drive your child to the cross walk at the end of the building. Since there is a long line up of cars dropping off in the morning, please make sure your child is prepared to leave the car as soon as you stop at the crosswalk. A teacher is on duty until 8:10 to assure it is safe for your child to cross the street.

The Bethel Public Schools are committed to a policy of equal opportunity/affirmative action for all qualified persons. The Bethel Public Schools do not discriminate in any employment practice, education program, or educational activity on the basis of race, color, religious creed, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability (including, but not limited to, intellectual disability, past or present history of mental disorder, physical disability or learning disability), genetic information, or any other basis prohibited by Connecticut State and/or Federal nondiscrimination laws and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The Bethel Public Schools do not unlawfully discriminate in employment and licensing against qualified persons with a prior criminal conviction. Inquiries regarding the Bethel Public Schools nondiscrimination policies should be directed to:

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

*Save the date for our Fourth Annual Bethel Public Schools Parent University on February 24, 2016, from 6:30-8:30 at Bethel Middle School. Parent University is a FREE educational program, offered by Bethel Public Schools, for parents and caregivers. Parent University provides parents and caregivers the opportunity to gain a better understanding about what their children are learning and become a full partner in their child's education. More information will be coming soon!*

Anote la fecha de nuestro Tercer Año de La Universidad de Padres de las Escuelas Publicas de Bethel, en Febrero 24, 2016, de 6:30- 8:30 pm. La Universidad de Padres es un programa educativo GRATIS, ofrecido por Las Escuelas Publicas de Bethel, para padres y cuidadores. Universidad de Padres provee a padres y cuidadores la oportunidad de obtener un mejor entendimiento acerca de lo que sus niños están aprendiendo y a convertirse en compañeros integrales en la educación de sus niños.



**BETHEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

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**COME ONE, COME ALL**

**TO THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**

# **BARNUM BALL**

A Fundraiser to Support Innovation, Creativity and Excellence in our Schools

**Saturday, March 19, 2016**

**6:30pm until Midnight**

All inclusive 6:30-8:30pm ♦ Beverages additional after 8:30pm

**Ethan Allen Hotel, Danbury**

**\$75 per person**

more event details at [www.BethelEdFoundation.org](http://www.BethelEdFoundation.org) and on our Facebook page

Reserve your ticket online or by returning the bottom section

**Dinner ♦ Dancing  
Silent & Live Auctions**

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Special \$105 overnight room rate  
just mention the Barnum Ball  
when making your reservation

Order online or return this portion with your check (payable to Bethel Education Foundation) by Tuesday, March 1st

- Yes! I can't wait to attend the Barnum Ball. Enclosed is my check for # \_\_\_\_\_ tickets x \$75 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Sorry, I can't make it! Here's a donation to support grants in our schools \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
please list each name under this reservation

DINNER SELECTION:

# \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken # \_\_\_\_\_ Steak # \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian

Address \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK THE SCHOOL(S) YOUR CHILD(REN) ATTEND:

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Village Pre-school  Circle of Friends

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Berry  Rockwell  Johnson

An e-mail confirmation will be sent once payment is received

St. Mary  Middle  High

Please seat me with \_\_\_\_\_

No kids currently in school

**REPLY TODAY**

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Mail to: P.O Box 92, Bethel, CT 06801 or return to your child's school Questions? Email [BethelEdFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:BethelEdFoundation@gmail.com)

## PLEASE HELP SEND 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS TO NATURE'S CLASSROOM

Each year 7<sup>th</sup> Graders at Bethel Middle School have the opportunity to participate in the week long field trip, Nature's Classroom. Nature's Classroom is a great opportunity for these children to experience environmental education from another perspective, outside the walls of the classroom. The cost of this field trip is \$450 per student. The BMS PTO has always supported students in need. We will continue you that for this year. Additionally, we surveyed the 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents, and there was a sufficient interest in offering all students the chance to earn part of their tuition by working at a series of fundraisers. This is a great opportunity for more students to afford the trip, and it gives the students a chance to take some ownership in the cost of the trip. Finally, sponsorships are also being accepted, if you wish to contribute please contact, Shani Burke Specht, PTO President, at [shaniburkespecht@hotmail.com](mailto:shaniburkespecht@hotmail.com).

Please join us:

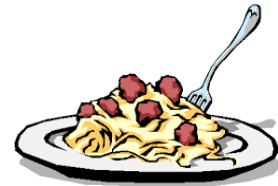
**What: Pasta Dinner**

**When: 1/14/2016 5:30 - 8:00**  
**2/18/2016 5:30 - 8:00**  
**3/11/2016 5:30 - 8:00**

**Where: BMS Cafeteria**

**Cost: \$7/person, \$35/family max**

**Why: Help 7<sup>th</sup> Graders earn part of their tuition to Nature's Classroom.**  
**To Go Orders are available!**



**What: Movie Night**

**When: 1/22/2016 6:00 - 9:00**  
**2/5/2016 6:00 - 9:00**  
**4/7/2016 6:00 - 9:00**

**Where: BMS Auditorium**

**Cost: \$5 suggested donation, concessions will be available.**

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