



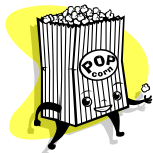
Charlton Heights Knight Messenger

PTA Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2011

Calendar of Events

- 11/2 PTA Meeting
- 11/7-15 Student Council Thanksgiving Food Drive
- 11/11 Veteran's Day School Closed
- 11/16 Half Day Grades 1-12 Conferences
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- 11/18 Popcorn Day
- 11/18 Student Council Ball Cap Day
- 11/18 Family Fun Night—Pajama Movie Night
- 11/22 School Picture Retakes
- 11/23-25 Thanksgiving Break
- 11/29 Half Day Grades 1-5 Conferences
- 11/30 Half Day Grades 1-12 Conferences
- 12/1 Holiday Shop



Friday, November 18th

Popcorn Day! Popcorn can be purchased at lunch time for \$.50 a bag

Student Council Ball Cap Theme Day. Wear your favorite ball cap to school!

A Note From The Principal

November brings many special activities at Charlton Heights, including the first parent and teacher conferences. The conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 16, Thursday, November 17, Tuesday, November 29, and Wednesday, November 30. On the half-days, children will be dismissed at 12:00 noon.

To make the conference more meaningful, some conference tips are to:

Be prepared. Don't expect the teacher to tell you everything. You are your child's first teacher and your insight is very valuable.

Write down questions to ask your child's teacher.

Address concerns and comments with an open mind. Voice your opinions but also listen to suggestions.

Be on time. Teachers usually have a tight schedule.

Ask for help. Your child's teacher may have some great resources for you and/or may know where to get some resources.

Relax. Remember that student achievement improves with parent involvement. Effective communication **with your child's school is essential to your child's continued success.**

Box Tops for Education- Keep sending in your Box Tops for Education coupons. We have been receiving many coupons so far, and appreciate your support! A check from General Mills will soon be sent to Charlton Heights for over \$2,600, which is the largest amount we have ever received! This summer with our Box Tops money, we purchased a picnic table and three benches for our Courtyard, and they should be arriving soon! Thanks again for your support!

Please remember that New York States require that cars stop on the road and in parking lots when you see the red stop sign extended on the bus, and the lights are flashing.

Our staff wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving. We hope your holiday is spent in good health with family and friends.

Sincerely,

Tim Sinnenberg

A Note From The PTA President

With such a busy start to the school year lets take a moment to give thanks to all of PTA volunteers that have been working so hard to bring many wonderful programs to Charlton Heights!! Thank you to... Kristen Boussa for coordinating the Milk Volunteers, Heidi Todd for coordinating the Library volunteers, Dee Capella for warmly welcoming our new families at the New Family Social, Krissy Jackson for helping Charlton Heights Make-A-Difference in a big way, Pam Turczyn and Shoes for the Shoeless for collecting more than 200 pairs of shoes to help hurricane victims, Chris Katz for establishing a new banking partner for our School Banking program and getting that up and running, Chris Katz and myself for popping up a Popcorn Day that was a big hit, Andy Haluska and all of his hard work on the Entertainment Book Fundraiser, the Membership Program for building a strong membership of 361 members, Heidi Todd and Traci Hall put together one of the best Curiosity Shops we have ever had, Diana Marshall for making School Picture Day nothing but smiles, Amy McDonald and **Dee Capalla for coordinating a "bee-utiful and scrumptious" Childrens Garden, Daphne Jameson and myself for working diligently to bring the School Directory to everyone, Loren Fowler and Jodi Cataldo for putting a lot of work into making The Walk For The Arts so successful, Laura Paolino and Jodi Cataldo for an "out of this world" bookfair and to Melissa Antonini and myself for making the Monster Mash a smashing good time.** There are also so many volunteers that are behind the scenes that help make these programs what they are and your help is greatly appreciated!



Congratulations and thank you to all of the students and families that supported the Walk for the Arts! A successful Walk For The Arts means that The Arts In Education Programs are funded for this year so your children will be able to enjoy; The Scotia-Glenville Traveling Museum, Go Kennel Sled Dogs, Saratoga Children's Museum City By Design, Motivational Productions Anti-Bullying Assembly, Motoko Residency, Ellen Sinopoli Dance Residency and the Chris Holder Residency.

November means Thanksgiving and it brings to mind all we have to be thankful for! Charlton Heights is so very fortunate to have the great community of teachers, staff and families that are so involved, supportive and giving! The best part of giving is seeing the smile on all of the faces of all of the children whose lives have been so greatly enriched. The PTA wishes each and every Charlton Heights family a warm and wonderful Thanksgiving!

Happy Thanksgiving! Sharan Zarnofsky

Kindergarten News

The kindergarten classes had so much fun in October! We had our best smiles ready for picture day and we loved learning all about fire safety. Fuji and the other fire fighters taught us so much. **Our field trip to Ellm's was great** for us to learn all about pumpkins, seasonal changes and life on a farm. The jumping pillow seemed to be a favorite for many. We are very excited about the Halloween parties **and parades. There's always something** exciting happening in kindergarten!

~Susan Brennan & Jennifer Martin



Third Grade News

In SS, third graders recently finished up a unit on maps and globes. They started the next unit on China. They will examine the similarities and differences between the Chinese culture and ours. In math, the children are working really hard to improve their skills. Students have learned how to subtract large numbers and are working hard to improve their problem solving skills. In Science, the students are learning about simple machines. Students will learn about the different simple machines and how they make work easier. In Language Arts, the children are also hard at work. In reading, we continue to use the basal readers to introduce different genres and study many reading skills. In addition, we will use different trade books that focus on these genres. We are beginning to examine writing paragraphs and summaries. Students are working hard to follow the writing process that the district has developed. We are encouraging children to pre-write, create a rough draft, make revisions, edit, and then create a final draft. Students are also learning cursive. They are enjoying learning different cursive letters. As you can see, we are very busy at work. The children are really working hard. We look forward to meeting with parents this month to talk individually about the children.

~ Mrs. Bomm, Mrs. Grasso, Mr. Haluska & Ms. Jones

First Grade News

November is here! First graders will be learning about **Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving.**

We will continue to practice with addition concepts and apply addition strategies. Spelling patterns - ay, - it, and -in will be introduced. The first marking period will end soon and as a follow up to that, first grade teachers will hold parent teacher conferences this month. In recent days, the cold weather has made an appearance and we remind families to send children dressed for the colder weather. This is a great time for teaching age appropriate self help skills such as packing backpacks, zipping and buttoning coats, and most importantly, tying shoes and putting mittens and boots on more independently. Lastly, with Thanksgiving around the corner and the winter holiday season fast approaching, November is a wonderful time to honor your family. Make family dinner a priority, turn the TV off, play a board game, read a book or bake some **cookies. Enjoy each other's company and "celebrate"** each other. From our classroom to your home, we wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

~Mrs. Hjelm, Mrs. McNeal & Mrs. Ollari

Fourth Grade News

Fourth Grade is just plain busy, busy, busy!! We are finishing multiplication and will be learning long division very soon. We are trying so hard to learn our facts more quickly. It would help tremendously when solving those long division and two digit multiplier problems. In science we continue to study animal habitats and adaptations. We have all started reading the book *Food Chain Frenzy*, from the Magic School Bus series. We are looking forward to our first book project, a wanted poster based on a mystery book. We have been studying the Native peoples, the Iroquois and Algonquians in Social Studies. We are thrilled that we will be going on a field trip to NYS museum. Seeing all those Native American exhibits will really help us imagine what life was like for those people hundreds of years ago. We always have a fabulous time.

~ Mr. Bold, Mrs. Donofrio, Mrs. Hall & Mrs. Long

Second Grade News

In November the students will be discovering who their family veterans are in order to understand the importance and significance of Veterans Day. We are working hard on our addition and subtraction facts and are becoming very good spellers. Conferences will **be held to discuss your individual child's** accomplishments and needs so far this year. Due to rescheduling, The Protecting Me, Protecting You program will start early this month and continue into December. The children will be practicing problem-solving skills, learning about feelings, and getting a better understanding of how to give and get help from others. We hope everyone has a very happy Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for.

~Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Buff, Mrs. Gobel, & Mrs. O'Rourke.

Fifth Grade News

Are you smarter than a fifth grader? In social studies, students have been learning about The Declaration of Independence and The Constitution. You can ask fifth graders many questions about this document and they can answer them! **We're now learning more about our** branches of government. Our academic **work doesn't stop there.** Dynamic cell projects and detailed skeletons lined the hallways at Charlton Heights in October. Students wrapped up a unit on cells and they are now taking a closer look at our skeleton system.

- Mrs. Conklin, Mr. Deso, Mr. Moore & Mrs. Robleno



WALK FOR THE ARTS



Thank you to all of the Charlton Heights Community that participated in Walk for the Arts!!! Thanks to the joint efforts of everyone we raised just about \$6,200. These funds will go directly to bring the Arts In Education Programs to all of the children at Charlton Heights!

Our big winners for collecting the most in each grade were:

In Kindergarten, Lily Haluska who won The Fun Spot package. In First Grade, Wyatt DeLalla who won the Battlefield Live package. In Second Grade Ella Fowler who won the Schaubert Stables package. In Fourth Grade Teagan Arras who won the Schaubert Stables package. In Fifth Grade Danielle Borden who won the Maple Ski Ridge package. The Grand Prize Winner and the student who raised the most in the whole school was Ella Katz, in third grade. As her prize she chose to go on an outing to 16 Handles with Mr. Sinnenberg!

Founders Day

Each year Charlton Heights PTA honors an individual who has gone above and beyond in ways that benefit the children of Charlton Height and our community. Here is your opportunity to nominate that special person you know who has given their time, energy and talents in ways that enrich the lives of the children at Charlton Heights. Anyone can nominate someone for this award. Why not you! This is a great opportunity to let someone know that their efforts are appreciated. A copy of the application is at the end of the newsletter. The deadline for nominations is November 18th.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at

357-3219 or ckatz@nycap.rr.com

Thank you! Chris Katz ~ PTA Council Representative



Picture Make-Up/Retake Day!

This is a reminder that Adirondack School Portraits will be in school on Tuesday, November 22nd to retake any pictures for parents that would like them retaken or also to take pictures of any children that were absent on the original picture day. If you are having your pictures retaken or were absent on picture day, please call Adirondack School Portraits at 792-7919 to be added to the retake list. If you are having pictures retaken, you must send in your original picture packet on retake day. A new order form is not needed for retakes. If you were absent on picture day, a new order form, if needed, will be available from your child's teacher or the office.

Any questions, please call Dianna Marshall 399-7311

In Search of....

Looking for Monster Mash photos to be used in the school yearbook. If you have any photos you are willing to share, please contact Dee Capella at crybandit@gmail.com Thank you.

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking is off to a great start! We have had over 40 students sign up to start saving! Don't forget if you refer a friend you and your friend split \$10. Not signed up yet. Stop by the cafeteria on Thursday mornings and we can give you a packet to get you started!



Congratulations to our weekly winners of a \$5.00 gift card.

Week 1 Andrew Capella

Week 2 Jack Taylor

Week 3 Briana Gibelius

As always we welcome volunteers!

If you have any questions please email or call Chris Katz at 357-3219 ckatz@nycap.rr.com



The PTA Holiday Shop

This year's PTA Holiday Shop will be on Thursday, December 1st from 9 to 2 in the gym with wrapping in the cafeteria. The snow date is Friday, December 2nd. Children may purchase items to surprise parents, siblings, grandparents etc. Items will range in price from \$0.25 to \$5.00 each. We will have volunteers that day to help the children manage their money and pay for items. This event is CASH ONLY and it would help us immensely if small denomination bills were sent in. On November 22nd an envelope will be sent home to have the children make a list of each person they wish to buy for. To help, gift tags will be enclosed for the children to fill out at home and bring back to school in their envelope with their money on the day of the Holiday Shop. This is a wonderful day filled with holiday spirit and fun. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help out the day of the Holiday Shop, please call Tara DeLuke at 518-280-6422. Thank you to all for making the Holiday Shop a success!

Share Holiday Greetings and Support Our Troops

The Sunshine Committee invites you to remember and support our veterans and troops this season by sending holiday cards as part of the Red Cross "Holiday Mail for Heroes" program. Holiday greetings can be sent to the following address:

Holiday Mail for Heroes
PO Box 5456
Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456

For planning tips and additional program information, log on to redcross.org/holiday.mail. This is a great opportunity for families to show their gratitude and share some holiday wishes with our American servicemen and women, veterans and their families.

The PTA Family Programs Presents

Pajama Movie Night at Charlton Heights!

Friday, November 18th at 6:30 pm

Get in the holiday spirit with two wonderful holiday movies!

The first show will be



Charlie Brown Thanksgiving!

The second show will be



Polar Express!

PTA will be popping some fresh popcorn for everyone to enjoy.
All you have to bring is a beverage and a blanket to sit on!

The admission is free and so is the popcorn!

Contact Melissa Antonini (antom1118@aol.com) or Sharan Zarnofsky (heysharan@aol.com) with any questions

If you have an entry for the newsletter contact Sharan Zarnofsky heysharan@aol.com

Entry deadline is the Monday before our PTA Meeting.

Mark your calendar!

Our next PTA Meeting is
Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30
Charlton Heights Library

Charlton Heights PTA is on the web:

<http://chespta.yolasite.com/>
Or email chespta@hotmail.com



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Help Charlton Heights earn free equipment and supplies simply by collecting Campbell UPCs and sending them in. It's easy to pitch in. Simply save product UPCs from any of the following eligible Campbell products, **clip the UPC along the dotted lines:**

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- Campbell's® Tomato Juices*
- V8® Vegetable Juice*
- V8 V-Fusion® Juice*
- V8 Splash® Juice Drinks*

BREAD

- Pepperidge Farm® Breads,
- Croissants, Rolls & Stuffing

CEREALS

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- Cocoa Pebbles®
- Fruity Pebbles®
- Golden Crisp®
- Grape-Nuts®
- Great Grains®
- Honey Bunches of Oats®
- Honey-Comb®
- Post® Raisin Bran
- Post Selects®
- Post® Shredded Wheat®
- Waffle Crisp®

COOKING

- Campbell's® Condensed "Great for Cooking" Soups
- Swanson® Broth, Canned
- Chicken & Cooking Stock
- Wolfgang Puck® Stocks and Broths
- Campbell's® Beans

DAIRY

- Dannon® Danimals®

Smoothies

- Dannon® Danimals® Double Crush Cup™
- Dannon® Danimals® Coolision™
- Dannon® Dan-o-nino™ Drinks
- Dannon® Dan-o-nino™ Cups

FOOD STORAGE PRODUCTS

- Glad® Reusable Plastic Containers
- Glad® Freezer Bags
- Glad® Food Storage Bags
- Glad® Sandwich Bags
- Glad® Plastic Wraps

FROZEN PRODUCTS

- Pepperidge Farm® Frozen
- Garlic Breads, 3-layer Cakes,
- Turnovers and Puff Pastry

MAGAZINES

- PEOPLE
- Real Simple
- TIME
- Cooking Light
- Southern Living
- Health
- ALL YOU

PASTA

- SpaghettiOs® pasta

SAUCES & GRAVIES

- Campbell's® Gravies
- Franco American® Gravies
- Pace® Salsas & Picante Sauce*
- Prego® Italian Sauces*
- Wolfgang Puck® Sauces*

SNACKS

- Emerald® Nuts Canisters
- Emerald® Peanuts
- Emerald® 100 Calorie Packs
- Emerald® Breakfast on

the go!™

- Emerald® Trail Mix
- Emerald® Glazed Nuts
- Pepperidge Farm® Baked Naturals®
- Pepperidge Farm® Goldfish®
- Crackers and Grahams
- Pepperidge Farm®

Cookies and Crackers

- Pop Secret® 3 Count
- Pop Secret® 4 Count
- Pop Secret® 6 Count
- Pop Secret® 10 Count
- Pop Secret® 10 Count Snack Size
- Cocoa Pebbles® Treats
- Fruity Pebbles® Treats

SOUPS

- Campbell's® Chunky™ Soups
- Campbell's® Chunky™ Chili
- Campbell's® Condensed Soups
- Campbell's® Healthy Request® Soups
- Campbell's® Select Harvest® Soups
- Campbell's® Soups-Microwavable Bowls
- Campbell's® Soup at Hand®
- V8® Soups
- Wolfgang Puck® Soups

STATIONERY

- BIC® Dry Erase Markers
- BIC® Ecolutions™ Products
- BIC® Highlighters
- BIC™ Mailing Labels
- BIC® Mechanical Pencils
- BIC® Ball Pens
- BIC® Roller Pens
- BIC® Gel Pens
- BIC® Wite-Out® Brand Correction Tape

Would you like to get ...
 Important school news announcements right in your e-mail inbox??
 A text message on your cell phone wherever school is unexpectedly closed due to an emergency or bad weather??

Now you can ... just sign up for the BH-BL School News Notifier today!

The Board of Education is proud to offer a "School News Notifier" (SNN) service to all interested individuals. This is an opt-in alert system — which means that YOU control which of our 8 alerts you want to receive. Users can subscribe or unsubscribe to receive e-mails about any of the following topics:

- Emergency school closings and delays:** Find out via e-mail when any of our five schools is closed unexpectedly due to severe weather or other emergency. Alerts will also go out when classes are on a one-hour or two-hour delay in the morning, or when all afterschool or evening activities are cancelled due to bad weather.
- Board of Education Budget Development:** Sign up for this notification if you are interested in following the process of creating the next school budget.
- Change in Sex Offender Residency:** Find out via e-mail whenever our school district is notified by the police that a registered sex offender has moved into or changed residency in our district. This is a rare occurrence, but signing up for this alert will allow you to share whatever limited information we receive from the police.

PLUS Text Messages:
 By providing your cell phone number and cellular carrier, you can also receive Emergency School Closing alerts on your cell phone as a text message.

You can also sign up to receive alerts on news, events and activities specific to any of our five schools.

How do I sign up for SNN?
 Simply visit the district website at www.bhbl.org and click on the large "SNN" School News Notifier logo. You will find answers to **Frequently Asked Questions** and a place to set up your personal options, including your e-mail address(es), desired password and desired alerts.

Important note: SNN is a secure system. The school district cannot see your password, and we will NOT share your e-mail address with anyone(s).

Another way to receive district news & announcements is to "Like" us on Facebook.
 Yes, BH-BL is on Facebook. To view the types of news and announcements our Facebook "fans" receive automatically, go to www.facebook.com/BH-BL-Schools OR go to www.bhbl.org and click the blue Facebook logo on the right.

www.bhbl.org

Dear Members of the PTA,

As you consider your family's charitable gift giving this year, please consider the BH-BL Education Foundation. The Foundation is an independent, not-for-profit corporation that works in harmony with the school district.



Many of us work or have spouses who work for employers that participate in an annual United Way Fund drive. Your donation to the United Way could be designated for the BH-BL Education Foundation. **All you need to do is write in BH-BL Education Foundation on your pledge card.** There is

no additional form required. You can also split your donation if you wish to support more than one organization.

The BH-BL Education Foundation is here when creative ideas need a financial jump-start. EVERY dollar raised stays in the community to make new opportunities available. Since its inception the Foundation has awarded a total of \$104,693.84 for 116 individual grants. It is most impressive that these kinds of innovation can continue to occur during these tight budgetary times.

A sample of approved grants includes:

- The funds to build a wind turbine at the high school for use by several departments
- 1001 Book Kits for preschool and grade one
- Materials and supplies for parent program : "Help I Have a Teenager"
- Equipment and supplies to restore a pond habitat at the middle school
- TI-Nspire CX hand held units and Active Board projector for the math department
- Innovative Saw Stop Table Saw for ultimate safety for the technology department

When we open doorways of opportunity for today's children, we create a brighter future for our community, our nation and ourselves. Thank you for your consideration.

Sally Ellms
 Board Member, BH-BL Education Foundation

CHARLTON HEIGHTS code is: 15697
 It's time to sign up for Tools for School. Even if you have signed up in the past, Price Chopper is requiring you to sign up again by using our school code to be sure your shopping points are earning Charlton Heights free school equipment. **Sign up for e-labels!** Go to www.pricechopper.com

Charlton Heights participates in Box Tops for Education! Clip Box Tops and send them in.

Turn in your Hannaford Helps certificate's to our Charlton Heights slot at your local Hannaford or turn it in to your child's teacher and we will do the rest

Target Red Card
 Sign up for Take Charge of Education and designate Charlton Heights. Target will donate up to 1% of your REDcard purchases to your chosen school.



Fall Children's Garden Soup Recipes

The children and staff enjoyed wonderfully delicious baked goods and soups at the Children's Garden. Many enjoyed the soups so much that they are asking for the recipes! Here are the recipes for you to try at home.

Mrs. Katz's Baked Potato Soup

Ingredients:

- 4 Large baking potatoes
- 4 slices of bacon
- 6 C milk
- ½ C flour (you can use corn starch ¼ C so it is gluten free)
- 4 green onions, sliced
- 5 oz. (1 ¼ cups) shredded extra sharp cheddar cheese
- ¾ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp pepper
- 1 8 oz container of sour cream

Directions

1. Pierce the potatoes with a fork: place in the microwave and cook for 20 minutes or until tender
2. Meanwhile, cook bacon in Dutch oven over medium heat until crisp. Remove and crumble. Set a side.
3. In the same Dutch oven, (I drained most of the grease!) combine milk and flour; blend well. Cook over medium heat until thickened, stirring frequently. Remove from heat.
4. Cut cook potatoes in half. Scoop out potato from skins; place in a medium bowl; mash well.
5. Add potatoes, bacon, 2 T of onions, 1 cup of the cheese, salt and pepper until cheese is melted. Add sour cream; cook and stir until soup is thoroughly heated.
6. To serve, sprinkle serving bowls with remaining onions and cheese.

Mrs. Andolina's Apple Rice Soup

Ingredients:

- 2 Tart apples, cored, peeled and chopped
- ¼ cup instant rice, uncooked
- 1 cup apple cider
- ½ cup golden raisins
- ¼ cup water
- 2 tablespoons frozen apple juice concentrate
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 tablespoon packed brown sugar

Directions:

Mix all ingredients together in a pot. Bring to a boil and reduce heat. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes. Enjoy! Easily doubled, tripled, etc.

Mrs. Andolina's Quick & Easy Beef Veggie Soup

Ingredients:

- 1-2 lbs Beef, diced (you can use leftovers from a roast, stew meat already cut up, etc)
- 1 can each carrots, green beans, corn, peas, zucchini and any other canned veggies you desire
- 2-3 cans beef broth
- 1 can diced tomatoes unstrained
- 1 bottle V8 Juice
- Salt & Pepper to taste
- Sprinkle of garlic powder
- 3 bay leaves

Directions:

Brown or heat beef in a large soup pot, shred to desired size. Add all ingredients. Simmer until everything is heated thoroughly. Remove bay leaves before serving.

Mrs. Andolina's Crockpot Corn Chowder

Ingredients:

- 4-6 slices of bacon, crisp and crumbled (for a short cut use bacon bits)
- 1 med. onion chopped
- 1 T flour
- 3 cans corn
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1 cup chicken broth
- ½ cup green or red pepper chopped
- 2 large potatoes cubed
- 1 cup evaporated milk
- salt and pepper
- Italian seasoning blend, to taste

Directions:

Drizzle some oil in a pan, add onions and sauté briefly. Sprinkle with flour and stir well until blended. In slow cooker combine corn, soup, broth, pepper, potatoes, onion roux mix, and bacon. Cook on low for 7-9 hours. Add evaporated milk and seasonings 30 minutes before serving and heat through. ENJOY!

Mrs. McDonald's Butternut Squash Soup

Ingredients:

- 1 Butternut Squash
- 2 tbsp unsalted butter
- 1 medium chopped onion
- 6 cups chicken stock
- 1 pint heavy cream
- Nutmeg, Cardamom, Salt and Pepper to taste

Directions:

Peel, seed, and cube butternut squash into 1 inch chunks. In a large pot melt 2 tablespoons of unsalted butter. Add 1 medium chopped onion and cook until translucent. Add in the squash and 6 cups of chicken stock. Bring the pot to a simmer and cook until the squash is tender about 20 minutes. Remove the squash chunks with a slotted spoon and puree in a blender. Return the pureed squash back to the pot. Stir in 1 pint of heavy cream and nutmeg, cardamom, salt, and pepper to taste.

Mrs. Pirrone's Applesauce

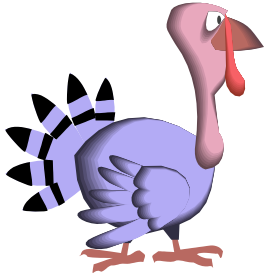
Ingredients:

- Cortland or Empire Apples peeled and chopped into small cubes
- 2 Granny Smith Apples peeled and chopped into small cubes.
- ½ cup water
- Cinnamon
- Brown Sugar

Directions:

Put apples in crockpot to an inch or two below the top of the pot. Add cinnamon. Don't overdo with the cinnamon as more can be added at the end. Cook on high for about 1 ½ hours. Mash with a potato masher. Add brown sugar and cinnamon to taste. Can keep in canning jars in fridge for future use. Enjoy!!

The Charlton Heights Student Council
will be sponsoring the 2011



*THANKSGIVING
FOOD DRIVE*



The food collected will be used to assist needy families in the BH-BL community. Any remaining food will be donated to local Food Pantries.

Food may be brought in to your child's classroom starting

Monday November 7th until Tuesday November 15th

Suggested non-perishable food items for donation are:

baby food, baby formula, baking supplies, canned fruit, canned meats, canned soups, canned vegetables, cereals, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, desserts, dried beans, dried milk, instant potatoes, juice, pasta, peanut butter, pork and beans, rice, sauces, spaghetti sauce, stuffing, and tuna fish.

Thank you very much for your support!!

Curiosity Shop

Traci Hall and I really hope that your children enjoyed the classes that were offered this year. We had such an array of choices and I really wanted to thank all of our volunteers.

We had so many parents lead the classes this year. Not only did they give of their time and talents, many of them gave of their own resources and provided the materials for their class at no cost to the PTA. To all of these talented individuals, thank you so much!

Adrian Skinner, Wendy Kuehner and Soahn Kuehner, (the scientists): you never cease to amaze and amuse! Our PTA powerhouses, Sharan Zarnofsky, Chris Katz, and Krissy Jackson: your dedication to Charlton Heights is so admirable. Our children are very lucky! To our super creative leaders: Jen Gray, Shannon Zardezed, Jodi McClernan, and Amy Roselli. We thank you so much for inspiring our children to make beautiful works of art. Patti Valenza, Jodi Fitzgerald and Laura Barry, thank you for sharing your knowledge and unique talents with the kids. And Jodi Cataldo, lots of children have loveable bears to snuggle with because of your efforts! Thank you!

For all the parents who gave of their time to come in after school and on In-person Registration Night, your help was much appreciated! Thank you for helping us get through the chaos of our first Friday (with the early dismissal drill!), for ensuring that all the children were accounted for and safely escorted to their class, for staying to help them and our teachers, and seeing them off when their parents came. We hope you had fun and will return again next year!

Traci Hall was the most wonderful co-chair the past 2 years. Her calm, easy demeanor was always reassuring! Her ability to manage (what seemed like) never ending paperwork and data entry was awesome! Thank you, for all your help!

My two year commitment to running this program is done. I am more than willing to **help the next person who steps up to take it on, as my "predecessor" did for me.** It was such a fun experience and I loved getting to work in the school, with the kids. Thank you to Beth and Dottie for all their help and patience!

Heidi Todd



Monsterous Thanks!!

A great big thank you to all everyone who helped make the Monster Mash a smashing success!

Thanks to the people who provided baked goods and beverages for the bake sale and to all of the volunteers that helped out that evening and made it a fun, safe time for all of the families that attended!

The PTA needs someone to head up the Nominating Committee

The Charlton Heights PTA Executive Committee will need to fill the positions of the President, VP of Programs, VP of Homerooms, Treasurer and Secretary for next year! Do you want to be on the Nominating Committee or do you want to volunteer to be on the Executive Committee or the Executive Board chairing or co-chairing a program??? Let us hear from you! Contact Sharan Zarnofsky 882-7123 or heysharan@aol.com

Random Acts Of Kindness

A big THANK YOU and round of applause goes out to all of the students who participated in the Random Acts Of Kindness class during Curiosity Shop!

Cierra Afleje
Nico Antonini
Alyssa Bleyl
Chloe Boussa
Lexie Childs
Margaret Dedon
Kristen Langdon
Olivia Moran
Calla Presseisen
Jared Rosselli
Layla Solberg
Isabella Tatro
Kate Turczyn
Kelsie Weeks
Alizabeth Zarnofsky
Desiree Zenner
Kate Ziegler
Jessica Zukas
Annaliese Blowers

These students shared the gift of giving, by being kind and sharing their time, creativity, and craftsmanship.

I'd also like to thank the parent volunteers and 5th grade student, Cameron Wolfe for their extra hands while assisting with each RAOK class.

Many thanks again!,
~Krissy Jackson



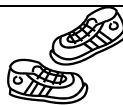
Milk Volunteers Always Welcomed!

If you would like to get a little more face time at school why not become one of our wonderful milk volunteers! The kids love to see you in the cafeteria and they can even come and sit with you while they have their lunch. Volunteers are in the cafeteria from 11:30-1:30 to sell milk and snacks. Help out as little as couple times per year or as much as a few times per month, whatever your schedule permits. If interested please contact Kristen Boussa at sboussa@nycap.rr.com or 377-6140.

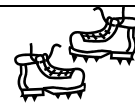


Library Volunteers Are Needed

Come in and volunteer in the library. Help is needed checking books in, shelving books and helping children choose or find books. This is a great opportunity for you come in when your **child's class is in the library!** Call Heidi Todd 399-4004 or heidip353@yahoo.com.



Many Thanks!!



A huge thank you to all the families who **donated shoes to this year's "Shoes for the Shoeless" collection.** We collected nearly 200 pairs of shoes, boots and sneakers! These will be distributed through Lions Club International to needy families in the Kentucky and Virginia and in the Capital District areas affected by Hurricanes Irene and Lee. Thank you for your continued generosity!!

Founder's Day 2012

Founder's Day is a nationwide celebration to remember the founders of PTA who first gathered in 1896. Each year Charlton Heights PTA honors an individual who has gone above and beyond in ways that benefit the children of Charlton Heights and our community.

At the District wide Founder's Day Dinner on February 2, 2012 recipients from each school will be recognized and presented with a Lifetime Honorary Membership in PTA. This is an evening filled with good food, great music and high praise (along with a few tears) and is an event that all are encouraged to attend. Watch for details in early January.

Here is your opportunity to nominate an individual who has given their time, energy and talents in ways that benefit and enrich the lives of the children at Charlton Heights.

The nominee can be a leader or someone who is a behind-the-scenes volunteer. This person can be a parent, teacher, support staff or a community member.

Anyone may nominate someone for this award (nomination form attached). Additional copies can be obtained in the mail rack outside main office. A nomination can be submitted by one person or a group may join their voices. All nomination forms will then be reviewed and voted on by the Charlton Heights PTA Chair-people, to decide the winner(s). Those nominees not chosen at Charlton Heights will then go on to the PTA Council level for an additional review and potential award.

This is an award that can only be won once by an individual. Please note list of previous winners on the **nomination form and then take a moment to think about yours and your children's experiences at Charlton Heights** to see who stands out in your mind as someone who would deserve to have their efforts recognized.

Please send your submissions in an envelope via **Ella Katz -Miss Jones 3rd grade class or mail to 511 Charlton Road Ballston Spa, NY 12020**

Nominations must be submitted by Friday November 18, 2011!!!!

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 357-3219. This is a great opportunity to let someone know that their efforts are appreciated.

Chris Katz
Charlton Heights PTA Council Representative

2012 Founder's Day Nomination Form

Step 1. The Founder's Day Award is a once in a lifetime award. Make sure your nominee is not on the list, and then proceed.

1988- Sarah Schermerhorn, Anne Long	2000- Elizabeth Herkenham, Helen Moore
1989- Carol Douglas, Angela Fischetti, Arlene Peterson	2001- Jan and Tom Houghtalen
1990- Sally Ellms	2002- George Dorvee, Pat Kluth
1991- Marie Gilroy	2003- Rita Snively
1992- Lynn Oliker, Betty Gatley	2004- Karen Smith
1993- Linda Sennet	2005- Mary Beth Frewin, Lori Moore
1994- Sue Ripley, Dan Riggins	2006- Patre Kuziak, Mary Grasso
1995- Cindi Quinn	2007- Barbara Becker
1996- Nancy Walko	2008- Chris & Mark Katz, Tim Sinnenberg
1997- Suzanne Godshalk, Mary Querques	2009- Sonja Thompson
1998- Evelyn Smith	2010 - Krissy Jackson & Alison Donofrio
1999- Debbie Himmelwright, Carol DiLallo	2011- Laurie Kruppenbacher, Linda Mindel, Andrew Haluska

Step 2. Nominee's Name: _____
 Nominated by: _____
 Date: _____

Step 3. List or describe in paragraph format Volunteer Work Information. This may include PTA committees, other community or religious work that focuses on helping children.

Step 4. Describe family/personal information such as family member names and ages, number of years living in this community, special interests or other information highlighting the individual's personal talents and strengths.

Step 5. Describe educational and/or professional information such as continuing education or professional accomplishments that may have enhanced their contributions toward children.

Step 6. Anything else that needs to be included such as a specific contribution or story goes here.

Fill in as many steps as you can. Please use extra paper as needed

Return to: Chris Katz 511 Charlton Rd Ballston Spa, NY 12020 by November 18, 2011

Charlton Heights Knight Messenger

Charlton Heights PTA Meeting - Wednesday October 5, 2011

The Meeting was called to order at 6:35 by the president, Sharan Zarnofsky

Old Business:

September 7th minutes presented for review and approved

Presidents Report:

- *membership- committee members should be members of PTA- please check that you have become a member this year
- *letterhead must be used for all PTA materials that are distributed and it needs to be approved by the PTA president and the school principal
- *YO- youngest only list should be used- it saves over 100 copies
- *left over supplies should be put into the PTA closet to be used by others

Vice President Homerooms:

*last Friday was the new family social- games were played and everything went well

Vice President Programs:

* nothing to report

Secretary Report:

*two thank you cards to present

Treasure's Report:

*nothing to report

PTA Council Representative:

- * **met in September, went over Founder's Day Dinner that will take place in February 2nd**- standard form for all schools has been put into place- nominations will be accepted shortly- the form will be in the newsletter
- *some board goals were discussed- donations, superintendent replacement, anti-bullying program- looking for PTA and parent involvement with this program
- *roofs are continuing to be improved- pool is complete- lessons will resume in January
- *push for communication-SNN school news notification- please sign up to get up to date information
- *parent portal computer system will be up and running in Middle School and High School in January.

Principal Report:

- *September was busy- thank you for motivational presentations
- *back to school went well thank you
- *Reading and math celebration will be this week with Superintendent- dunking tank will be there
- *Walk for the Arts 10:30-11:15 on October 11th
- *Fire Safety Day- assembly and fire truck tours
- ***Children's garden October 18th and 19th**
- *Monster Mash will be October 28th- Halloween Parade 31st at 9:30

Board of Education Report:

- *superintendent search is currently underway
- Four key questions: including looking at the strengths of BHBL, improvements that are needed in the district, characteristics and personal attributes that are important in our new superintendent and what will be the first call of duty for the new hire- survey is online and we are looking for community input. The goal is to have someone hired by April 1st

Teacher Representative (s):

- *thanks for parents for coming to back to school night and thank you to homeroom parents
- *we are looking forward to upcoming events in October
- *PTA will continue to help out with field trip of people in need
- *parents please go over handbook with your children and sign and return it to school
- *we continue to collect box tops
- *November conferences are coming up- **if you didn't sign up yet, contact your child's teacher**
- *dress appropriately for days out

Building Council Representative:

*goal was set- grade level team will set goals based on building goals- LA and math- looking at new common core state standards- culture team data is also being looked at district wide

Standing Committee Reports:

- *Labels- you can sign up for e-labels as well with your Price Chopper card
- *PTA membership- 340 cards are sold and going well- lots of family memberships
- *Entertainments books sales have ended- sales seemed low, but not final yet
- *Curiosity Shops- 144 students registered so far- run three Fridays in a row
- *School Pictures- went well
- *Book Fair- October 26th- 9-3 27th 9-6, and at 28th 6:30-8:30 at Monster Mash- there were lots of volunteers- there is a new online ordering for 1 week after the sale
- *Walk For the Arts- \$1,500 so far- which is good being that it is early- prizes are set up and kids are getting excited and volunteers- agendas could be used to remind kids
- *Newsletter- still looking for a volunteer to chair this committee
- *Shoes for the Shoeless- week of October 11th they will go to local need first and then to needy areas elsewhere
- *Make a Difference Day- Request for Grace Foundation- which collects and cleans clothes then offers them to local needy children- collection ends this Friday
- *Family Programs- Monster Mash October 28th- November 18th Family Fun Night- future programs will be: pj movie party, we will have YMCA night, Tubing night, game night
- *School Banking- First Niagara is no longer offering School Banking- we will now be using First New York Credit Union- in Glenville- October 20th will first day of banking- Thursdays will be banking days- volunteers are needed- \$5 gift cards will be picked every week as incentive- four times a year they get \$10 for each one- refer a friend program is also rewarded - minimum of \$2 deposit- maximum of \$10 deposit from school- new accounts will be matched up to \$5
- ***Children's Garden**- we have lots of volunteers for the event
- *Holiday Shop- 13 vendors have already signed up- wrapping will be in the cafeteria- looking for 23-30 vendors

Open Forum:

- *auditions for BHBL Theater for Children take place next week- Pinocchio and Treasure Island show will be February 3rd and 4th
- *Thursday Brooks BBQ at YMCA- Lights On at the YMCA- lots of games for kids

Next Meeting:

6:30 Charlton Heights Library

Adjournment:

7:18