

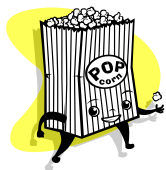
# CHARLTON HEIGHTS KNIGHT MESSENGER

PTA NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2011

## Calendar of Events

- 9/30-10/11 Shoes For The Shoeless
- 10/11 **Walk For The Arts**
- 10/14 Charlton Heights Night at 16 Handles
- 10/17 Taste of Burnt Hills
- 10/18&19 Children's Garden
- 10/20 School Banking Begins
- 10/21 Student Council School Spirit Theme Day (wear Maroon & White) and Popcorn Day
- 10/26,27 & 28 Bookfair
- 10/28 Monster Mash
- 10/31 Halloween Parade
- 11/2 PTA Meeting



### **Friday, October 21st**

Student Council School Spirit Theme Day (wear Maroon and White) and Popcorn Day.

Popcorn will be sold during lunch time for \$ .50 a bag

## A Note From The Principal

Dear Families:

Back to School Nights were a great success. Thank you very much for your attendance and participation. Your support as a family makes Charlton Heights such a great school. Should you still need to schedule a parent teacher conference in November, please send a note to your child's teacher.

The Charlton Heights' staff and PTA have created two events to celebrate the October season. In addition to the regularly scheduled parties and activities, the children will participate in a parade on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. Information will be sent home through backpack mail.

Children and families are cordially invited to dress up in costumes and attend our PTA Monster Mash on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Monster Mash is a family event, and parents are required to attend with their children to share in the experience and to help with supervision. We would ask that you speak to your children about proper conduct at the Monster Mash. Your support and cooperation in this matter will help us to maintain order and help promote safety. More information will be distributed by the PTA about the Monster Mash.

We hope you will consider a donation to the PTA for our **Walk for the Arts on October 11**. Checks can be made payable to the Charlton Heights PTA, and all funds will go to arts in education programming.

Thank you.

Tim Simmenberg

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## A Note From The PTA President

The routines are set and we are back into full swing! We appreciate all of the hard work the program chairs have put in during the busy first two months of school!

As many of you know, on Tuesday, October 11th the students of Charlton Heights will be participating in the Walk For The Arts. I can not stress enough how very important this fundraiser is to our Arts In Education Program. Please consider supporting the efforts of the PTA in bringing enriching educational experiences to your children! Remember \$17 raised by each student will cover the cost of the Arts In Education budget for this year!

There are many programs coming up that will give parents the opportunity to be involved. Whatever time you have available to help out is greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work and with the help of everyone we can accomplish great things for our children.

There are still some programs that are in need of a chair or co-chair. If your interested in helping out contact our VP of Programs, Melissa Antonini.

Our next PTA meeting is Wednesday, November 2nd at 6:30 in the Library. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend! Come share your ideas and collaborate with other parents, teachers and administration. Find out what is happening and help shape the things to come! Charlton Heights PTA is dedicated to providing enriching, fun and educational experiences to the students of Charlton Heights.

Sharan Zarnofsky - PTA President

## WALK FOR THE ARTS

### FUNDRAISING FOR THE ARTS IN EDUCATION PROGRAMS

On **Tuesday October 11th** the students will be walking with all of their classmates to help raise funds for the Arts In Education Programs that they love. We hope you are working on filling up your sponsor sheet with donations from relatives and friends to sponsor you for the walk. Bringing the Arts In Education programs to the children carries a budget that is approximately \$8,500. With almost 500 students at Charlton Heights if each student raises only \$17 dollars each then we have enough funds to support all of the scheduled Arts In Education programs that both the teachers and students know and love. 100% of the amount raised will go entirely to support the Arts In Education programs that enrich the educational experience of your children!

**DIRECT DONATION:** A direct donation is always welcome. By simply writing a Check to Charlton Heights PTA your donation will help support all of the wonderful programs at Charlton Heights. Direct donations are tax deductible too!

## PTA PROGRAMS AND THE FUNDRAISING THAT SUPPORTS IT

### PTA PROGRAMS

After School Clubs  
Curiosity Shop  
Holiday Shop  
Spring Ice Cream Social  
Parents as Reading Partners  
CHES Student Publishing  
Children's Garden  
Fifth Grade Celebration  
Teacher Appreciation Luncheon  
Book Fair  
Yearbook  
Kindergarten Orientation  
Milk Volunteers  
Reflections  
School Directory  
Scholarships  
Hospitality

Newsletter  
Family Programs  
Popcorn Kernel  
Adopt-a-Book  
Career Awareness Jamboree  
Bulletin Boards  
D.A.R.E.  
Library Volunteers  
Walk For The Arts  
Spirit Shop  
Make A Difference Day  
New Family Social  
10001 Books  
School Banking  
School Pictures  
Star of The Week  
Shoes For The Shoeless

### Arts In Education Programs:

- Chris Holder 5 Day Residency
- Motoko 5 Day Residency
- Ellen Sinopoli Dance 5 Day Residency
- Saratoga Children's Museum City By Design
- Go Kennel Sled Dogs
- Motivational Productions Assembly
- Scotia-Glenville Traveling Children's Museum (12 un, hands on curriculum enriching classes are chosen by the teachers in each grade level)
- Various school wide assembly presentations that change each year



## WALK FOR THE ARTS PRIZES THAT CAN BE EARNED

- ~ **Top Earning Classroom** will win an Ice Cream or Pizza Party of their choice!
- ~ **Top Earning Student In Each Grade Level** will be awarded prizes from Schaubert Stables, The Fun Spot, Battlefield Live, Maple Ski Ridge, Ellms Farms and Glenville Sports.
- ~ **Top Earning Student Schoolwide** will get to go an outing with Mr. Sinnenberg, a friend and a teacher of his/her choice.

We thank all of the companies named above for their generous donations!



The **Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Education Foundation**, which awards grants to all the schools in our district, will sponsor the **Taste of Burnt Hills** on Monday October 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 in the High School Cafeteria. 14 area restaurants and caterers will provide tasty dishes for your enjoyment. Tickets are \$25 per person and are available at Mail 'N' More. The Education

Foundation recently awarded 7 new grants to our schools, totaling over \$11,000. Show your support to the Foundation and enjoy some great food too! For more information call Dorie McArthur, Foundation President, at 399-9050.



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 Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake school district 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:

- 1. 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.

#### 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.

- 2. Board of Education Budget Development:** Sign up for this notification if you are interested in following the process of creating the next school budget.
- 3. 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.

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](http://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 addresses, 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.)



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/BHBLSchools](http://www.Facebook.com/BHBLSchools) OR go to [www.bhbl.org](http://www.bhbl.org) and click the blue Facebook logo on the right.



## Fall Children's Garden

We are looking for volunteers to help in the Children's Garden. Sign up to help out when your child's classroom visits the

Children's Garden on **October 18th or 19th**. Volunteers are also needed to make food items for the children to sample when they come to visit the garden. Our food and soup theme is centered around the foods that are harvested in the fall, like apples, pumpkin, squash and zucchini. For more information contact Aimee McDonald at [mcdonaldpartyof4@gmail.com](mailto:mcdonaldpartyof4@gmail.com)



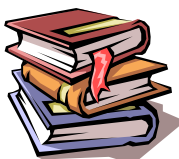
**MONSTER MASH**  
**FRIDAY OCTOBER 28TH**  
**6:30-8:30**

**COME AND HAVE A HOWLING GOOD TIME!**

- PIZZA & BAKE SALE
- SCARY STORIES
- MYSTERY MONSTER LAB
- MUSIC & DANCING

- CONTESTS & PRIZES
- SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR
- CRAFTS
- WEAR YOUR COSTUME!

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS WILL BE HANDED OUT AT THE DOOR.**  
**ALL CHILDREN MUST HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION.**  
**VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED TO HELP OUT. CONTACT MELISSA ANTONINI**  
**ANTOM1118@AOL.COM OR SHARAN ZARNOFSKY HEYSHARAN@AOL.COM**



## 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](mailto:heidip353@yahoo.com).

## New 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. This is especially great for those with first grade students who are finally venturing into the cafeteria. They always love seeing a familiar face! If interested please contact Kristen Boussa at [sboussa@nycap.rr.com](mailto:sboussa@nycap.rr.com) or 377-6140.

## Curiosity Shops Needs Assistants!

Our classes are set and the students are signed up! Now we need volunteers to assist the teachers who are running the classes! Classes are October 7th, 14th and 21st.

Contact Heidi Todd if you would like to help out  
[heidip353@yahoo.com](mailto:heidip353@yahoo.com)

## Coming in October.....Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday, October 26th 9 am-3 pm

Thursday, October 27th 9 am-3 pm and after school until 6 pm

Friday, October 28th during Monster Mash (6:30-8:30 pm)

**\*\*New\*\*** Online orders October 28th until November 4th at  
<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/charltonheights>

Pre-Orders for Diary of a Wimpy Kid 6: Cabin Fever!

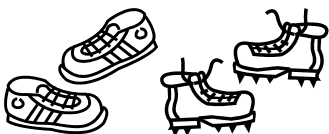
Contact Laura Paolino for more info [paolinofamily4@yahoo.com](mailto:paolinofamily4@yahoo.com)  
Volunteers will be needed to help set-up and run the bookfair!



## SCHOOL BANKING IS BACK!

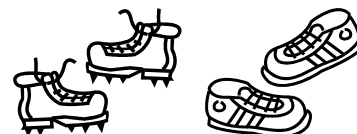
Charlton Heights PTA is proud to announce that first New York Federal Credit Union will be providing our school banking program. Information on how to start saving will go home to all students the week of October 11<sup>th</sup>. School banking will take place every

Thursday from 8:15-8:45am. The first day of banking will be Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup>. **Volunteers are need!!** Please contact Chris Katz at 357-3219 or [ckatz@nycap.rr.com](mailto:ckatz@nycap.rr.com).



## Shoes for the Shoeless Collection

September 30 – October 11, 2011



Our annual shoe collection is underway! As you start your fall cleaning, pack up those wearable shoes, sneakers and boots to help those who are less fortunate. With the recent hurricanes and flooding, the local need is greater than ever. In conjunction with the Delmar Bootery and Lions Club International, shoes collected at Charlton Heights will be distributed to families in local areas where there is a special need due to the impact of Irene and Lee, along with locations in Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky.

All types and sizes of **good, wearable shoes, sneakers and boots (no slippers please!)** can be donated. We cannot accept shoes that are too worn for wear. **Each pair of shoes must be tied or rubber banded together;** this helps pairs stay together and makes for easier packing.

Place your donations in the labeled collection bin in the lobby and feel good knowing you helped out families in need. We are truly grateful for your support! If you have questions, please call Pam Turczyn at 399-3585.

If you have an entry for the newsletter contact Sharan Zarnofsky  
[heysharan@aol.com](mailto:heysharan@aol.com)

Entry deadline is the Monday before our PTA Meeting.

Mark your calendar!

Our next PTA Meeting is  
Wednesday, November 2nd at 6:30  
Charlton Heights Library

Charlton Heights PTA is on the web:  
<http://chespta.yolasite.com/>  
Or email [chespta@hotmail.com](mailto:chespta@hotmail.com)



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- Golden Crisp®
- Grape-Nuts®
- Great Grains®
- Honey Bunches of Oats®
- Honey-Comb®
- Post® Raisin Bran
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**COOKING**

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

- Dannon® Danimals®

**Smoothies**

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

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- Glad® Plastic Wraps

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- 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!™

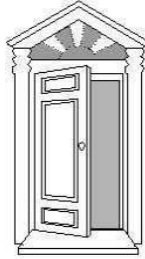
- Emerald® Trail Mix
- Emerald® Glazed Nuts
- Pepperidge Farm® Baked Naturals®
- Pepperidge Farm® Goldfish®
- Crackers and Grahams
- Pepperidge Farm® Cookies and Crackers

**SOUPS**

- 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



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  
885-7377

Please visit our website for more information - [www.bhblef.org](http://www.bhblef.org)



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Photography

Film Production

Musical Composition

Literature

Visual Arts

**2011-2012 Theme: "Diversity Means..."**

Reflect on the theme. Create an original work. Be recognized.

**Deadline for entries:** October 20, 2011

**For details, contact** Sharon Swain  
sswain@nycap.rr.com



**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](http://www.pricechopper.com)

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION!**

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

**Hannaford**

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.

Kindergarten News

Kindergarten is in full swing! We have been working hard with learning the routines and rules of school. In September, we made a gingerbread man but he ran away. We searched all around the school for him. Luckily, Mr. Sinnenberg was able to catch him!

In October, kindergarten will be learning all about seasonal changes, apples, and pumpkins! We have a field trip planned to Ellm's Family Farm on Thursday, October the 13th. We will go on a hayride, visit a pumpkin patch, jump on a huge pillow, and enjoy a yummy apple cider donut and drink.

~Susan Brennan & Jennifer Martin

Second Grade News

Students have been working hard and are making a smooth transition into second grade. Many special programs have begun since September and continue to enhance the children's experiences. They are enjoying and developing in Extension Centers. The children learn new skills and participate in hands-on and technology enrichment activities.

October is Fire Prevention Month and the children will participate in activities and discussions about fire safety, including a tour of a fire truck from our local fire department. Our program for home reading started this month with goals such as completing daily reading logs/calendars, doing book reports, or creating projects to share about books. The Protecting Me, Protecting You program will also start. 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. The children are budding meteorologists as they begin their first science unit on weather.

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

Fourth Grade News

Wow!! Can you believe we have already been in school for a WHOLE month? In math we are wrapping up addition and subtraction and moving on to multiplication. Please help us make sure we know those multiplication facts **cold**. It will make learning how to do two digit multiplier problems so much easier. In science we are learning about animals and what they need to survive as well as their habitats. We are also busy reading our 25 books for the year and will need to read a mystery to help us celebrate the Halloween spirit. Look for our "Wanted Posters" based upon the mystery book in the beginning of December. We have wrapped up our tour of New York State and we will begin learning about the natives of our State. I'll bet they loved New York, too!!! As you can see there is never a dull moment in fourth grade.

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

First Grade News

Fall is here, so the calendar says, but it sure feels like a warm summer day in the classrooms. The students seem to be adjusting well into the routines of first grade and all the "newness" of first grade is becoming old hat. We are buckling down to business with writer's workshop, reading groups, science and social studies lessons, and have begun first grade math concepts. The topics of fall, including fire safety and Columbus Day, are coming soon as well. We are looking forward to picture day and leaf peeping. Thanks to all the families who supported Back to School Night. We enjoyed meeting you all and look forward to working with you and your children. Here's to a great start in first grade and a wonderful rest of the school year!

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

Third Grade News

Third graders have been very busy for the start of the school year!! In math, we worked on a Place Value unit (comparing numbers, rounding numbers, and understanding how digits get their value). In Science, we are finishing up our butterfly unit. We learned the different parts of a butterfly, the butterfly's life cycle, and will even get to watch our Painted Lady caterpillars turn into butterflies!! We are looking forward to starting our simple machine unit. In SS, we have been learning about maps and globes. We learned directions, continents and oceans, as well as the equator and prime meridian. We look forward to starting our unit on China. We are off to a good start!!!!

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

Fifth Grade News

Our fifth graders have quickly gotten into an academic groove as they settle into their last year at Charlton Heights. In addition to learning about cells in science class and the early days of our country in social studies, students have already completed reading the novel Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary, as well as a collection of short stories.

We've been closely looking at character, setting, and main idea as we read this variety of written work.

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



**TEAM BHBL** is once again walking in the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> in Washington Park, Albany. Please Join us by walking or pledging at [www.cancer.org/stridesonline](http://www.cancer.org/stridesonline) (TeamBHBL) You Can Help Save Lives. The American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk is as unique and special as the stories that motivate our dedicated walkers, donors and volunteers.

*Each step we take is personal.* And each donation is helping to save lives. And each volunteer helps create a world with less breast cancer and more birthdays. Any questions? Contact Mary Grasso



**"Costumes for Kids" Halloween Costume Donations Needed**

My name is Sydney Thomson. I am a 13-year old Cadette Girl Scout working on my Silver Award. I collect Halloween costumes and then I personally outfit children at the Albany Boys and Girls Club with a costume. My goal is to bring a smile to 100 children this Halloween.

If you would like to make a donation of gently used or new Halloween costumes (infant to adult sizes), crazy hats or wigs, masks, pretend jewelry, tiaras or wands - please drop them off in the donation box in the CHES Main Lobby.

For more information, please contact Sydney at [Thomson.Sydney@gmail.com](mailto:Thomson.Sydney@gmail.com) or 885-3415.



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY**  
NATIONAL DAY OF DOING GOOD

Thank you for your wonderful donations! Collectively we have gathered a "van full" of beautiful gently worn children's clothing! We

will be presenting the donations, this weekend, to an organization called the Quest for Grace Foundation. **Donations will still be collected until Friday afternoon.** Questions, please contact: Make a Difference Day Chair Krissy Jackson 399-6341.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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| 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,<br>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

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# Charlton Heights Knight Messenger

Charlton Heights PTA Meeting  
Wednesday, September 7, 2011

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

## Old Business:

June minutes presented for review and approved with one date adjustment

## Presidents Report-

- \*thank you to all chair people and volunteers
- \*there are more program chair positions and co-chair positions are available

## Vice President Homerooms-

- \*thank you to all homeroom parent volunteers- meeting will be tomorrow at 6:30
- \*new family social will be Sept. 30 at 6:30, kindergarten families are welcome

## Vice President Programs-

- \*folders are available tonight- many of the forms are now available online so folders will have less paper than previous years- thank you to all of the volunteers

## Secretary Report-

- \*thank you cards and letters for last year's PTA programs and donations were presented

## Co-Treasure's Report-

- \*budget presented and open for questions- budget accepted
- \*last year programs did a wonderful job sticking to the budget- thank you

## PTA Council Representative-

- \*nothing to report- meeting will take place later in the month
- \*nominations for the Founders Day award will be looked at in October

## Principal Report-

- \*very nice opening day- there are some new staff in the building- we have a new teacher, a new TA and a special education student teacher from Saint Rose
- \*first Arts in Ed presentation is coming up on September 15th- it is on bullying- it will be shown on a large screen for the school- bullying will also be an issue addressed at the building council level and it will include cyber bullying- professional development at Opening Day also focused on bullying as part of staff development
- \*Back-to-School nights are 21<sup>st</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup> of September
- \*the summer reading assembly will be at the beginning of October

## Board of Education Report- Will Farmer

- \*thank you to the PTA for all that you with the programs and fund raisers
- \*Jim Schultz has announced his retirement at the end of the year- a panel will be put in place to look for a replacement
- \*please feel free to come to me with any questions

## Teacher Representative (s)- Elsa Hjelmar, Megan Jones

- \*thank you for the Entertainment books and the staff breakfast both are appreciated
- \*it was a smooth day for the first day of school- bus dismissal went well

## Standing Committee Reports-

- \*Membership- reminder that chair and co-chairs need to be members according to the bylaws- the goal is to have as many or more family memberships than last year
- \*Entertainment books- goal is to make \$3600 this year
- \*Curiosity Shops- 18 classes are currently schedule with offerings for grades 1-5 the will run 10/7, 10/14 and 10/21
- \*school pictures- order forms will go home on the 27<sup>th</sup> -picture day is the 4<sup>th</sup> of October
- \*Book Fair- October 20<sup>th</sup> books will be received and the date will be set shortly during the last week of October- possibly it will be part of Monster Mash
- \*new family social- September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30
- \*Children garden will be October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>- we will be looking for volunteers
- \*Make a Difference Day- Quest for Grace Foundation which provides used clothing for children in transit- we would look to collect used clothes in good condition which would be washed and offered to children in need- all sizes newborn to teen
- \*Star of the Week- colored paper is available in the PTA closet
- \*Shoes for the Shoeless- collection will be the first week of October
- \*Walk for the Arts- October 11<sup>th</sup> rain date the 14<sup>th</sup>- it will be at 10:30. The focus will be making the community aware of the need for the fundraiser as the sole support for the Arts programs that PTA provides- prizes will be awarded to top winners goal- will be to hit \$8,500.00
- \*Newsletter- we are in need of a chairperson for the newsletter- deadline for submissions is the Monday before each monthly PTA meeting
- \*Webpage- PTA has a website that can be found as a link on the BHBL site
- \*Holiday Shop- lots of vendors are interested- wrapping continues to be an issue- there will be some outside stores this year- feedback will be looked at to see if the new format works- PTA table will be in need of more donations some of which will be provided by the Random Acts of Kindness curiosity shop

## Planning- PTA Calendar

- \*a PTA calendar was distributed showing upcoming events, information, and deadlines

## Open Forum-

- \*Entertainment books make the money back very quickly- more coupons can even be printed out online

## Next Meeting-

October 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 Charlton Heights Library

## Adjournment-

7:37