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"Carrying on a Proud Tradition of Learning"

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Dear Parents and Families,

Wishing all of you a great week and a joyful spring break. When we get back we will be embarking on the state test. Although we're on break, there's a busy two weeks. Please read over all this information and contact the office should you have any questions.

Calendar of Events:

[Monthly Calendar](#)

Principal's Video Message

[Principal's Update April 16, 2019](#)

Notable Events. If the activity is underlined & in a different color, please click to obtain more specific information.

Thurs-Fri	April 19-26	Spring Break
Mon-Fri	April 29-May 3	Middle School State Testing...NJSLA
Thurs	May 2	Cinco de Mayo Celebration
Tues	May 7	Teacher Appreciation Day.
Wed	May 8	Nurse's Appreciation Day.
Wed	May 8-7pm	Grade 7 and 8 Spring Musical Concert at the Investor's Bank Center at WTHS
Fri	May 10-8:30am	Principal's List Breakfast
Thurs	May 16	Humanities Field Trip to Temple University
Fri	May 17	Music in the Parks Dorney Park

Mon-Tues	May 20-21	Middle School Science Testing-NJSLA
Wed	May 22	Bulldog Bash

Gym Floor Information

Families, there is updated information regarding the gym floors as it pertains to the most recent board meeting. Please view my video message at the start of the newsletter as well as updated information as of today, April 2, 2019

The community of Washington Township has brought concerns to the superintendent regarding the presence of Mercury in the rubberized floors not only at BHMS but other schools in the district. In an effort to provide current information that is readily accessible, Mr. Bollendorf is posting the latest updates on the following link on the district web page: [Gym Floor Testing](#)

Please go to the link to see what the district is doing to ensure the floors are safe. Mr. Bollendorf has been working with the engineers and certified professionals in this arena to ensure he can provide the most exact information to you.

Also, please view his letter at this link: [Mr. Bollendorf's Letter on 4/2/19](#). This letter was sent out to all families this afternoon.

At this time, all student belongings from the locker rooms has been returned. However, we have several clothes and sneakers that our students left hanging around and not locked up. We have displayed our entire lost and found collection on the stage in bags. If you feel your child is missing shorts, shoes, or jackets please have your child take a look. We have about 10 or so lunch coolers that have been left over the last several weeks as well. Our next event in the cafeteria is May 9. Any unclaimed clothing will be bagged and brought to either Goodwill or the Salvation Army. Please make sure your child claims his or her items.

April 29-May 3 State Testing

State testing will be the week we get back to school after spring break. April 29-May 3rd. We know that this is always a controversial topic. Many of our families will have their children take the test, especially since the governor is working on new protocols and expectations. For the students taking the test, please encourage your children to put forth their best effort. Their effort and care with the test impact our school performance and can impact their placement. As the principal, I'm convinced that if students who take the test, take it seriously and try hard, our scores would be amazing. As you know, I'm a very, very proud Bulldog and my hope is to show how great Bunker Hill is in all facets...behaviorally, academically, and being inclusive to others with different abilities. I honestly believe this and the effort of the students on the assessment will prove this.

May 2, 2019 Cinco de Mayo Celebration

We are aware that we're celebrating Cinco de Mayo on the 2nd. However, the 5th is a Sunday. We don't want the week to pass without recognizing this importance facet of our World Language Culture. Please see the information and permission slip at the following link. You must have a permission slip and ticket in order to attend and partake in the food and festivities. If you have questions, please contact cmarin-mojica@wtps.org

[Cinco de May Celebration](#)

May 22, 2019 Bulldog Bash

On May 22, 2019, we have our annual field day activity, the Bulldog Bash. This is a fun event that encompasses most of the day with different games. While this day is fun, this day is not guaranteed for everyone. The "Bash" is earned for having quality academics, 10 hours of community service, involvement in activities, and have good standing in the school in regards to behavior. Students who would like to participate must have the Bulldog Tag completed and turned into the counseling office. Once we have the dog tag, we will ensure that the student meets the criteria to participate. **DOG TAGS ARE DUE MAY 15, 2019 TO THE COUNSELING OFFICE. PLEASE CLICK ON THE FOLLOWING LINK TO ACCESS THE BULLDOG TAG AND CRITERIA:** [Bulldog Bash: Dog Tag](#)

Hershey Trip Information

The annual 8th Grade Hershey Park trip is June 3, 2019. Please Click on this link: [Hershey Park Information](#) for information regarding the trip. Please know that 8th grade students must adhere to attendance, behavior, and grade requirements to be considered eligible for the trip. For questions, please reach to Mrs. Zeoli at czeoli@wtps.org or Mrs. Reilly at mreilly@wtps.org.

Information for incoming 6th Grade Families.

Throughout the next couple of Principal's Updates, we will try to provide important links to help with transitional information. Dr. Muscelli, Ms. Baud, Nurse Keane, and I so appreciated the turn out last week and were very happy to meet you. We're very excited to welcome our youngest Bulldogs. If you missed the meeting or want to review the discussion, I've included the presentation on the website. If you're having trouble finding it, here is the direct link to download the information presented: [5th to 6th Grade Transition Night 2019](#)

Dorney Music Trip

For all 7th and 8th grade music students, information is now up for the May Trip to the Music Festival. Please go to Mrs. Dickinson's Website for Information. You can access that site at <https://www.wtps.org/Page/25618>. Keep in mind that if you as a parent would like to chaperone, there is information there as to how to volunteer.

National School Folders

For the 2019-20 school year, we are partnering with National School Folders to provide sturdy folders to students in the middle school. These students will be similar to the ones in the elementary school where there is organizational support. However, in order to fund these folders we're seeking the support of businesses. Please see the link below to help us in this endeavor.

[School Folder Information](#)

PTO Webpage

Please log onto the PTO Webpage by clicking this link: [BHMS PTO](#). Once there, you may access information about activities and meeting times/dates. If you're unable to make some meetings, please click on "Meeting Minutes" for information. The current month is posted now by clicking on this link: [March PTO Newsletter](#)

"The Bunker Hill Times"

This is a student created newsletter that comes out quarterly. To view the most current edition please click on this link: [Bunker Hill student newsletter](#)

Clubs and Extracurricular Activities

Many of the clubs have started. Please listen to the morning announcements or view them on the website. If you don't hear your club on the announcements, please view the club list in the main hallway or in the cafeteria to see who the teacher is to contact. You can also visit this link: <https://www.wtps.org/Page/6860>. Please keep in mind that in all three middle schools there are clubs that are the same and clubs that are different. We try to have a wide assortment of clubs for all students to enjoy.

It is also important that families know about the prep clubs. Prep clubs are in place to provide homework assistance and study assistance. If your child needs to attend or receive extra support, please see this link so you know when your child's grade level prep club meets. <https://www.wtps.org/Page/26254>.

Remind Account BHMS Updates

To join, text the message: @bhmstwp to the number 81010

Sincerely,

Mike D'Ostilio