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"Carrying on a Proud Tradition of Learning"

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Dear Parents and Families,

It's the middle of March and Spring is quickly approaching. Please read over the

Calendar of Events:

[Monthly Calendar](#)

Principal's Video Message

[Principal's Update April 2, 2019](#)

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

Tues-Fri	April 2-5	Book Fair in the IMC
Wed	April 3	Para Professional Appreciation Day
Tues	April 2	SEPAG Meeting on Suicide Prevention
Fri	April 5-6pm	Bulldog Dig...PTO Fundraiser Volleyball tournament in the high school gym.
Sun	April 7	Crush Your Run 5k (Supporting the acquisition of an adaptive bicycle for one of our students) ...Newark, Delaware
Tues	April 9	Middle School State Testing Infrastructure Trial
Tues	April 9	5 th Grade Parent Orientation
Thurs-Fri	April 19-26	Spring Break
Mon-Fri	April 29-May 3	Middle School State Testing...NJSLA
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
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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.

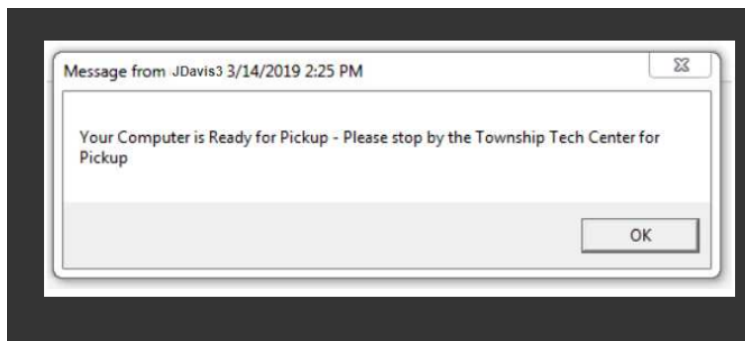
Bulldog Dig

This Friday (April 5), we will be having our annual Bulldog Dig. This is a massive fundraiser for our PTO. This year we have 24 teams. If your child is participating, they would have turned in a permission slip and money as of Monday. Each team has two parent coaches or chaperones. In order for the team to play, those adults have to be identified and supervise their students at all times. This event is so large that we rely on these parent coaches to keep each team organized.

Technology and 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.

With technology, in order to provide minimal disruptions, students who have loaner computers will start to receive "pop up" notifications when their computer is ready. The pop up will look as follows:



This information will start to be pushed out to students. We want the students to have the best technology options available for the upcoming assessment.

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.

Jessie Chris in Concert CANCELLED for MAY 4, 2019

Unfortunately, the Jessie Chris concert scheduled for May 4th in Washington Township has been cancelled. If you had purchased tickets online your credit card you will be refunded, and you should receive an email confirmation about this. If you paid by check, we will be contacting you for a refund. While we had high hopes to bring Jessie back to our area for a concert, especially after her nine very successful and impactful school Anti-Bullying assemblies, unfortunately ticket sales were not at the level needed to financially pull off the show. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Baby Bundles

The Girl Scouts in Washington Township are working on a service project to support Choices of the Heart for disadvantaged women with small babies. A box will be in the BHMS foyer starting March 20, 2019. Please click on the link for more information: [Baby Bundles](#)

BHMS Accolades

National Geography Bee... Congratulations to Louis Esposito who made it to the state tiebreaker round of the National Geography Bee at Rowan. Louis placed in the top 40 out of about \$1,000 middle school students across the state. Louis achieved a higher ranking than any other middle schooler in Washington Township over the last several years.

Bunker Hill Student to Get Adaptive Bicycle--One of 8th grade students has been waiting a long time for her adaptive bicycle. An organization called Preston's March has graciously donated the adaptive bike for 8th grader Dhvani Rathod. She is one of 20 individuals in the Delaware Valley who is getting this adaptive bike. It will be life changing for Dhvani as she is confined most of the day to a wheelchair. Dhvani will be awarded this bike at a 1-mile fun run/5k race in Newark, Delaware near the University of Delaware on Sunday April 7, 2019 at 9am. Please consider getting in some physical fitness and supporting Dhvani and her family. Dhvani's brother Jayveer is a 6th grader at Bunker Hill. Please click on the following link for event information:

[Crush Your Run 5k Newark, DE](#)

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.

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