



# Fall Edition

Dear BES Families,

I hope everyone is getting out enjoying the beautiful fall foliage as it begins to appear! Our Spirit Walk was a huge success and never ceases to amaze me. Please join me in thanking the PTG for sponsoring and organizing such an event!

The Board of Education, administration, and staff invite you to visit our classrooms, during Blairstown Elementary's OPEN HOUSE between 9:00 a.m. and 2:20 p.m., excluding lunch and recess, on Thursday, October 12, and Friday, October 13.

We set this time aside each year for parent visitation and welcome the opportunity for you to see Blairstown Elementary School in full operation. Your support and involvement is important to the success of our school and is key to your child's education. Hopefully, your schedule can accommodate a visit. To help your child's day proceed as normally as possible during this week we ask you to keep with the following procedures:

### PROCEDURES FOR OPEN HOUSE AT BLAIRSTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

October 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. - 2:20 p.m., excluding lunch and recess

Please sign the registration book and secure a name tag in the main foyer. You will need this name tag to enter classrooms. (PTG volunteers will be at the main entrance to greet you.)

In all classes there will be a limit of five (5) visitors per room at any one time. (No food or beverages, please.)

Please refrain from conversing with the children, teachers, or other parents, while in the classroom. These are regular school days for students and teachers.

Schedule: Thursday, October 12, parents with the last names beginning A-M and Friday, October 13, parents with the last names beginning N-Z. (Due to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class trip on the 12<sup>th</sup> ALL 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents are welcome to visit on the 13<sup>th</sup>).

#### NOTE:

Please limit your stay in any classroom to one hour.

**NO PRESCHOOL CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED\*\***

Due to space constraints, we are unable to have you join your child for lunch/recess.

Areas other than the regular classroom setting that you may want to visit: art, instrumental and vocal music, physical education, remedial reading, the Publishing Center, library, and the speech classrooms.

Remember....."Teaching should be such that what is offered is perceived as a valuable gift and not as a hard duty." - Albert Einstein -

Sincerely,  
Bruce P. Leal, Principal



### UPCOMING EVENTS...

Oct.12-13- Fall Open House (Info to follow)

Oct.14- 10:30a.m. Paws to Pavement

Oct.19-BOE Meeting 7p.m.- Library

Oct. 31- 2:00p.m. Halloween Parade



### COMMUNITY NEWS...



Mashio Foodservice is looking for Subs please contact Joanne Ashton at 908-362-6111 x108. Thank you!

Blairstown Department of Recreation is currently accepting registration for the following children's **Fall Programs: Stop Motion Animation** for grades 4th, 5th, & 6th, **Wacky Wednesdays** for grades K - 3rd, and **Cool Candy Chemistry** for grades 3rd - 6th. **Adult Fall Program** are work out classes for **Zumba, Yoga, and Pilates**. Work Out classes are available in different packages for participant convenience. **Also a new program offered for Adults is One Stroke Painting** - Class size is limited for this program. Please refer to Township Website for detail information on all programs and events, and other information at [www.blairstowntownship.org](http://www.blairstowntownship.org) and scroll down and click on RECREATION! **Please note with all children's programs registration closes one week prior to the start of the program** or if the program fills at an earlier date.

**Fish/Chicken & Chips Dinner by Tastefully British**  
The First Presbyterian Church of Blairstown at 1 Main St. will be holding its 2<sup>nd</sup> Tastefully British Fish (or Chicken) & Chips Dinner on **Friday, Oct. 6 from 5 to 7 PM**. Advance ticket sales only. Dine in or take out. Adults \$15; Children (10 & under) \$8. For tickets or more information, please call the church office at (908) 362-5254, email [fpcb@ptd.net](mailto:fpcb@ptd.net), or visit [www.fpcbny.org](http://www.fpcbny.org).





**New Signs:** It is with great pride that we share with you the presentation of our new Blairstown Elementary School signs! Our new "Blairstown Elementary School Excellence in Education" sign located on the Blairstown/Stillwater Road was the idea of the BES Student Council and has been a year in the making. The BES Student Council partnered with the BES PTG who financed the project to make it become a reality. In addition, the old Blairstown Elementary School sign was taken down, restored and relocated at the Sunset Hill Road entrance of the school. The restoration was completed by Ryan Tafuni, a former BES student, as an Eagle Scout community service project helping us to maintain the historical aspects of our school for posterity. Please join us in celebrating the pride we have in our school as we acknowledge the Blairstown Elementary School PTG, Student Council, and Ryan Tafuni with gratitude for their significant contributions! Enjoy!

**September is National Preparedness Month.** All are encouraged to prepare for emergencies and there is help available to educate individuals on how to take action. Make an advance plan for your household for emergencies such as fire, flooding, electricity outage, or heavy snow. **Literature is available at the Blairstown Municipal Building so you can make your emergency kit, customized to your household.** For more information, please check [www.readyblairstown.org](http://www.readyblairstown.org) and FEMA website: [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)



**PTG Member Forms:** It's not too late to join the PTG, please send in your member form! If you are in need of a form or have any questions about membership or volunteering, please email [ptgblairstown@gmail.com](mailto:ptgblairstown@gmail.com).

**PTG General Members Meetings:** Please mark your calendars! With increased communication for our members via email and social media we will have only 2 meetings this school year: Thursday October 5, 6:30pm BES library, Wednesday May 16, 6:30pm BES library. We strongly encourage you to attend both. Hope to see you there!

**Register now!** PTG Paws to the Pavement 6th Annual 5K Run/Walk, Children's Fun Run and Preschool Dash will be held on October 14. Registration forms have been distributed through homeroom teachers. Please share our event with your family and friends! [Facebook.com/paws5K](https://www.facebook.com/paws5K) Questions? Contact Adrienne Lynch at [Alynch94@yahoo.com](mailto:Alynch94@yahoo.com)

**Blairstown Rec. Youth Basketball, Warren County League:** Registration for the 2017-18 season is open now through Oct. 6. This program is open to all 3rd through 8th grade girls and boys from Blairstown and Hardwick. **Registration fee is \$150 for the first child then \$130 for each sibling (fee includes \$50 security deposit).** Season will run Nov. 2017 through Mar. 2018.

**Online registration is available**

at [www.leaguelineup.com/blairstownyouthbasketball](http://www.leaguelineup.com/blairstownyouthbasketball).

**Mail-in/printable forms are available in the Blairstown Municipal Building lobby as well as on the website.** To have a registration form emailed to you or for more information, send a message to [blairstownyouthbasketball@yahoo.com](mailto:blairstownyouthbasketball@yahoo.com).

**\*\*Blairstown Rec. Basketball Registration Deadline is Friday, Oct. 6\*\*** **Open Gym & In-Person Registrations:** Sept 28, Oct 2 & 5 in the BES Gym & Lobby from 7-9 PM. **Only registered children may participate in the Open Gym, Grades 5-8 only.** If they are not registered, they will not be able to participate. (When registering, please make sure that all forms are filled out completely. We will have extra copies in the Lobby if needed.) **Open Gym and LATE In-Person Registration on Oct. 12 in the BES Gym Lobby from 7-9 PM with Open Gym availability for Grade 3 & 4 only from 7-8 PM.** No Registrations will be accepted after Oct 12. (Late registration ends on Oct 12.) When registering on Oct. 12, a late fee of \$30 will be assessed. **\*\*To avoid a Late Fee we must receive all forms by Oct 6.\*\***

**Princeton Blairstown Center will be hosting** our first Autumn Adventure Fest Community Day on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 1-5p.m. (rain or shine) free admission. We will have live music along with face painting and pumpkin painting for all. Our 35 Foot climbing tower and 30 Foot horizontal Bouldering Wall will be open along with Canoeing and Kayaking on our lake (weather dependent). We have 30 vendors signed up, and many door prizes, along with Oktoberfest Fare. Visit our website at: <http://princetonblairstown.org/events/2017/7/27/psc-autumn-adventure-fest-community-day> for more information. Pre-sale tickets for our "all-yu-can-eat" Oktoberfest fare are available here: <http://princetonblairstown.org/autumn-adventure-fest-tickets>, as well as a list of menu items available. Advance wristbands can be purchased up to Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**MUSIC UNDER THE STARS- Marching Band**

**Competition Saturday Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017** Award Winning NWRHS Marching Band and Many NJ & PA Marching Bands Perform and Compete a Truly magical evening to remember. **Bring your appetites!** Burgers, fries, chili, soups, marching tacos, Krispy Kreme doughnuts and other favorites! **Gates @ 5:00pm, Starts 6:00pm Adults \$10, K-12 & Senior Citizen and ages 5 and under free at North Warren Regional High School, Blairstown, NJ.**



**Tricky Tray** – Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> at Knowlton Elementary School – doors open at 6:30pm with the first drawing at 8:00pm. This is a major fundraiser for the **Knowlton Elementary PTO and the Knowlton Township Fire and Rescue Volunteer Department**. PLEASE come out to support these two organizations. Advance admission tickets are \$12.00 (includes 1 sheet of tickets at the door) and are available by calling Kathy Garriques at 908-475-2498 or email at [kaglag@embarqmail.com](mailto:kaglag@embarqmail.com). Admission at the door is \$15.00 and also includes 1 sheet of tickets. We have TWO grand prizes – 1) Large Flat Screen TV and 2) Four Walt Disney World Park Hopper Passes!!!!!! We also have a beautiful Adirondack Chair. Many more great prizes as well. See our ad on [TrickyTray.com](http://TrickyTray.com). **Come out and make Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> your LUCKY night!**



**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Fundraiser** -Please support our mixed bag fundraiser. If you would like to place an order please log onto [www.mixedbagdesigns.com](http://www.mixedbagdesigns.com) and enter our ID number # 708964. Fundraiser end date October 13. For any questions or for more information please email us at: [bes6thgradegraduationparty@gmail.com](mailto:bes6thgradegraduationparty@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

**The October edition for "Home and School Connection" is posted on our website under the News and Resources tab.**



**Ghosts and Goblins to Sweep Down Blairstown's Main Street**  
The Blairstown Rotary Club will host its **Annual Halloween Parade and Contest on Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup> in Blairstown**. Parade Participants will gather for registration at the **Post Office on Main Street at 4:30pm. The parade will kick off at 5:00pm** and end at Blairstown Agway, 3 Stillwater Road where the contest will be held. Participants will be judged in five various categories with cash prizes awarded for two age groups: **infants to 6 years old and 7 years old and older.**

Refreshments will be served in the Blairstown Fire Department building at 5 Stillwater Road. Families may also look forward to visiting the bookmobile of the Catherine Dickson Hofman branch of the Warren County Library for spooky stories and tales.



**North Warren Jr. Lacrosse 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SpOoOoOctacular Halloween Dance** for all local 4-6 graders on **FRIDAY THE 13<sup>th</sup> (Oct.13)** at the Lions CLUB in Knowlton from 7-9 pm. \$10 the door. Wear your favorite Fall colors, costume or best Halloween Outfits! ...as always, DJ(Coach Ali) with games, prizes etc. Please contact [nwjrlacrosse@yahoo.com](mailto:nwjrlacrosse@yahoo.com) with any questions.











