

STEVENS STAR



PTA Newsletter



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Francis L. Stevens Elementary School, Lake Hill Road, Ballston Lake, NY
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Northeastern District PTA

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, April 13th

Board of Education at Pashley,
7:30pm

Wednesday, April 14th & 21st

Stevens PTA Science Night

April 16th & 17th

BHBL Theatre for Children

New York State Testing, Week of April 26th

Grades 3, 4, & 5 English Language
Arts Tests

Tuesday, April 27th

Board of Education at High School
7:30pm

Wednesday, April 28th

5th Grade Parents Orientation at
Middle School, 7:00pm

New York State Testing, Week of May 3rd

Grades 3, 4, & 5 Math Tests

Tuesday May, 11th

Board of Education & Budget
Hearing at High School, 7:30pm

Wednesday, May 12th

Walkabout, 7:00pm

Friday, May 14th

Half Day of School

Look for "Pink Sheets" to come home in May. This is your chance to make a difference at Stevens! Volunteer! Many hands make light work!

Happy spring!

First, I want to take the opportunity to extend yet other congratulations to a Stevens parent who was a recipient of the PTA Founder's Day Award. Charlene Spetla was chosen by the PTA Council for her outstanding volunteerism, and deserves our recognition and thanks!

Special thanks go out to the following: Linda Fieldhouse for her great work on Silver Graphics, as well as Mrs. Buckley for her ongoing dedication to the program. Michelle Graham, who did an outstanding job as a first time chair of the Book Fair and Pajama Party. Tina Crocetto took on the large task of organizing Kindergarten Registration - Thanks, Tina! I know that each of these ladies appreciate all the volunteers who worked with them, and so do I. I would also like to mention the ongoing support we receive from Stevens teachers and staff, and how much that is appreciated!

IMPORTANT:

As you know, BHBL School District is facing yet another year of dramatic budget decisions. If you haven't been following it, our district is working very hard to assure we are making informed, well thought out choices about funding our children's education - both in the short and long term. We are facing unprecedented budget cuts from the state, and are now being forced to look at eliminating some of the very things that make Burnt Hills Ballston Lake the district that it is. (For example, did you know that we share the top spot in the Suburban Council with Niskayuna for highest graduation rate?)

All the budget information can be found on our district website, <http://www.bhbl.org>. There are two

things that I would like to bring to your attention, and for which I am asking for your help:

The Budget Vote is Tuesday, May 18th from 7 AM to 9 PM in the High School Gym.

Please mark your calendars now and plan to participate (I guarantee that there will not be a snowstorm this time!) About 1/3 of the residents in the district have school aged children, so it is up to us to let our opinions be heard.

The Legislative Taskforce wants our help!

Please get involved and help us tell our leaders in Albany how we feel about the budget ramifications to our education system. There is a letter writing campaign underway, and it will be followed up by an organized phone call campaign. Find out how you can easily participate by going to <http://www.bhbl.org/District/Board/lobbying/legislative.htm>. If you have any questions, please let me know.

We have a busy schedule between now and the end of the school year. Hope to see you all, and thanks in advance for your participation!

Amy

Hope for Haiti

The Student Council collected \$650.00 from our Superstars for the Hope for Haiti Coin Drive. We want to thank the Glenville Branch of Trust co Bank for helping us with the counting of coins.

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Save the Date!

Wonderland, a tale of Alice in Wonderland will be performed by the BH-BL Theatre for Children on Friday and Saturday, April 16th and 17th at the BH-BL High School.



You won't want to miss this wonderful opportunity to enjoy live theatre for the whole family!

**Volunteers are needed**

Come join the fun of volunteering! The following programs can use your talents.

Science Night –

Please contact Bob Rafferty at 399-3859

Kindergarten Orientation – Please contact Paula Wunderlich at 399-6277 or Colleen Grabb at 384-7336

Publishing Company

Publishing Company will close May 31st. Please have your books in the library before May 31st to be published.

HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS**April Fit tip: Your Local Library**

The next time you want to update your recipes, try a new workout in the comfort of your own home, or find motivation from the top trainers in the health and fitness industry, check out the library first to see if you can find what you are looking for. You can borrow from the library to get the information that you need, or to preview the topics that might interest you, without spending any money. Plus, it's a great way to inspire community spirit. If you like what you find and you then want to add to your own personal collection of wellness material, you can invest the money afterwards! Take a family outing



and consider using the library for the following material:

1. Exercise DVDs
2. Cookbooks
3. The latest diet and weight loss references
4. Fitness magazines
5. Self help books

Have a wonderful April!

Donna

p.s. – **Fitness Fridays** will be resuming sometime this month, so be sure to send your children to school dressed to move on Friday mornings!

The BHBL Education Foundation

The BHBL Education Foundation is collecting recipes for a cookbook representing the great variety of BH-BL cooking. Please take a few minutes to help us raise funds to continue making a difference for



our schools and our students. Has your school benefited from grants we've given? Yes, you can't walk through any of our schools without seeing the results of the grant requests we've been able to say yes to. Check our website at bhblef.org for a list. Now is the time to share your mom's great dessert, a special salad or that low fat main dish you love. Please share whatever you love to make and eat. We'll add the recipes to our cookbook and make them available to the whole community.

Please send your recipe by April 30th via email to lisa124@msn.com or to BHBL Education Foundation at P.O. Box 568, Burnt Hills, NY. 12027

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**Year book**

THE YEAR BOOK HAS BEEN SENT TO THE PRINTER! Please do not send in any more pictures.