

Benson Hill e-mail newsletter

November 3, 2011

Benson Hill children, staff, and community are caring partners, creating a supportive learning environment, fostering academic, social, and personal growth.

Benson Hill Paws-itive Expectations:

Show Respect - Follow Directions - Be Safe - Be Responsible - Do Your Best!

School hours Monday-Thursday 8:35a.m. – 3:10p.m.

Fridays 10:05a.m. – 3:10p.m.

Meal Prices: Lunch - \$2.25 Breakfast - \$1.50 Milk \$.50



Friday, November 4 – School starts at 10:05AM. AM Kindergarteners attend all day; PM kinders stay home.

Thursday, November 10 – **NO SCHOOL** – Teacher Training Day

Friday, November 11 – **NO SCHOOL** – Veterans' Day

Friday, November 18—School starts **ON TIME** at 8:35AM (Early dismissal at 11:30AM)

Monday, November 21—Conference Day (Early dismissal at 11:30AM)

Tuesday, November 22—Conference Day (Early dismissal at 11:30AM)

Wednesday, November 23- Early dismissal at 11:30AM

Thursday, November 24—**NO SCHOOL** – Thanksgiving Break

Friday, November 25 —**NO SCHOOL** – Thanksgiving Break



After School Plans and Student Safety In order to help us in keeping your students safe, please be sure that if a student's plans for after school transportation changes that the Benson Hill office is notified right away, in addition to sharing the change of plans with your child and your child's teacher. Notifying the office first thing in the morning with a note or phone call if a child will be picked up rather than riding the bus, or if a child has permission to go home with

a friend from school helps us steer students in the right direction.
Thanks for your help!

Veterans' Day Assembly Benson Hill Staff and Students will be honoring our community veterans on Wednesday, November 9th at 9:30 in The Commons. If you or someone you know is a Veteran, please encourage them to attend our special presentation.



Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up in November. If you have not yet signed up for a conference time, please look for information coming from your child's teacher.

On Thursday November 17th the Teachers & Staff will be staying late at school for Parent/Teacher Conferences. The PTA will host a Crock Pot Dinner for them. This is a very busy day & goes well into the evening, and the teachers greatly appreciate having food provided for them.

If you are interested in contributing to the Crock Pot Dinner, please email or call **Judy Dias** with what you would like to bring at Judy@TheDiasFamily.com or [425-277-8940](tel:425-277-8940). Some help on clean up duty around 8:00pm is also needed. If you are able to stop by to help it would be greatly appreciated. Please call or email Judy. Below are a list of the items we are in need of. Thank you in advance. The PTA, Benson Hill Teachers & Staff really do appreciate it!

Crock Pot Main Dishes

Whole Fruit - bananas & apples for example (easy to grab & go)

Veggie trays

Salads

Desserts

Rolls

Please provide any serving utensils that may be needed with whatever you bring & please put your name on everything you bring. Drop off will be on Thursday the 17th up until 11:00am. Please check in with the office. Paper plates, paper bowls, eating utensils, napkins, paper cups & drinks will be provided by the PTA. You can pick up your dishes that evening at 8:00pm or pick it up the following day. Thanks again!

Dress like an Alien Day



In order to launch the book fair, Benson Hill students will be showing their school spirit by dressing as Aliens on Wednesday, November 16th. Dressing like an alien may include – wearing antennae, green clothing, t-shirts with aliens on them (make sure they are school appropriate), “Spock” ears, etc. (Please no face paint, masks, costumes, or spray painted hair). Looking forward to seeing our halls filled with “visitors from another planet.”

PTA Corner

Book Fair is Coming! Reading is “Out of this World!”

Attention Earthlings! Benson Hill will be invaded by The Scholastic Book Fair! It will be landing November 16th-18th open 10:00am-3:30pm daily in room 107.



This year there is also an on-line Book Fair for those of you who would like to shop from home. This store has all the Scholastic Book titles and will be open November 14th until December 4, 2011. The on-line store is a terrific way to have long distance friends and family show support and the purchases they make will be delivered directly to the student at the school. Please visit our webpage at

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/bensonhill> and our on-line fair at www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs/2916483 There will be a scavenger hunt for the students with prizes! We are also trying to put a book in each of our students' hands during this Book Fair. Information for this program "One for Books" came home with your student. We will be putting each returned donation slip and student's name on our donation board, so please send in any loose change or any donation. Our goal is 560 books.

Movie Night

Movie Night is Thursday November 17th at 6-8pm.

Come enjoy a movie with your Family. The PTA will have popcorn, pizza and treats for sale during the movie. The money the PTA earns goes into programs they fund for the students such as Reading is an Adventure, R.I.F, Dance Night, Carnival and Field Trips. Please come have fun and help support your school. The students will be voting on the movie, "Planet 51", "Monsters vs. Aliens" and "Aliens in the Attic"

Book Fair & Movie Night Volunteers Needed!!

We are also looking for volunteers during the Book Fair November 16th-18th and during Movie Night to help with concessions and popcorn. If you are available for help please contact **Megan Jacob** at meganjpta@hotmail.com or [425-351-1936](tel:425-351-1936).

Benson Hill PTA and your school have some **year round fundraisers** for programs that directly impact Benson Hill Bobcats and the teachers that educate them:

Recycle Today!

Do you ever wonder what to do with those old ink cartridges or cell phones? It seems such a waste of our resources to just toss them.

You don't have to! With the PTA's "Recycle Today!" program, you can drop off those old cell phone & used ink cartridges plus feel good that they will be recycled & Benson Hill students will benefit from the proceeds received!

Box Tops for Education! Benson Hill has benefitted from this great program for years. There are so many products that participate you probably have some in your pantry right now. Look for the official coupon, cut it out & bring it in. It is that simple to help your school! There is a box in the lobby for your convenience or just send those labels to school with your child. We earn \$.10 for each Box Top that is submitted.

Box Tops can be found on hundreds of products including cereal, juice, garbage bags, sandwich bags, refrigerated cookies, and even school supplies and diapers, so be on the look-out for those labels! Thank you for your support!

There is also a box in the school lobby for you to drop off those Campbell's Soup labels. This has been an effective program for the PTA & has allowed us to acquire much needed supplies for our school. Labels earn us points for shopping in the label catalog. Keep those labels coming!

Calendar:

- Nov. 2 PTA Meeting 7:00
- Nov. 9th Veterans' Day Assembly 9:30**
- Nov. 10 NO SCHOOL – Teacher Training Day**
- Nov. 11 NO SCHOOL – Veterans' Day**
- Nov. 17-23 Parent-Teacher Conferences, Early Dismissal at 11:30AM
- Nov. 16th-18th PTA Book Fair**
- Nov. 17th PTA Movie Night**
- Nov. 24- 25 NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break**
- Dec. 19 – 30 NO SCHOOL – Winter Break**

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