



Friday, October 29th

Upcoming Events:

November 4th and 5th No School NJEA Convention
November 11th School Spirit Day
November 13th Parents of Exceptional Children Fundraiser
November 18th Report Cards online

Board of Education Meetings and the School Budget

Due to the Bernards Township school budget being voted down last year and the subsequent \$800,000 in cuts made by the Township Committee in response to the failed budget, major changes in our district are inevitable. The substantially decreased budget in an already efficient school system, and the new property tax cap imposed by NJ's state government are forcing the hand of our Board of Education (BOE) to make unpopular cuts in the 2011-2012 school budget.

The LCS PTO Board urges parents to take an active role in staying informed of the discussions being held at the BOE:

- Attend the twice monthly BOE meetings. The BOE considers all feedback received. Meeting information appears in the Friday Folders or on the district website, at www.bernardsboe.com;
- Read the BOE meeting summaries now included in the LCS Friday Folder;
- Email BOE representatives with your concerns and suggestions at BoardMembers@bernardsboe.com;
- Vote on the school budget either through absentee ballot or on April 27, 2010. Remember a vote against the budget means the budget WILL BE CUT more.

Box Tops for Education

We have launched our 2010-2011 Box Tops for Education fundraising campaign! This year we have set a goal of earning \$2041 through Box Tops for Education. Since 1996, Box Tops for Education has helped America's schools raise over \$300 million to buy the things they need.

Here's how you can help:

- Clip Box Tops coupons from favorite products and send them to school
- Sign up to support LCS on the Box Tops website at btf.com

- Shop at over 100 online stores through the Box Tops Marketplace (btfe.com/marketplace); LCS earns up to 15% of your qualifying purchases at no cost to you!
- Purchase books through the Box Tops Reading Room at Barnes & Noble; LCS earns up to 6% of your purchases
- Help a classroom by purchasing needed items through the My Class Essentials registry

For more information on how you can help LCS earn cash through Box Tops, contact Chris Haddad wil4lie@aol.com or Sandra Their Sandra.12267@msn.com.

Committee Chairs Still Needed!

Volunteer your time and be an active participant in our LCS community!

Spring Social-March social/fundraiser for LCS parents-1 more chair needed

Please click here to access the LCS committees signup sheet:

http://www.libertycornerpto.org/docs/flyers/forms/lcs_pto_CommitteeSign-up_2010-II_06062010.doc

The PTO News goes out every week through the Board of Ed's Friday Folder. To submit items to the PTO News, please send them to Heather Whyte-Kattas at heather.whyte-kattas@lexisnexis.com Items must be received by Friday for the following week's PTO News.

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