Dates to Remember...

October
10, 11, 13, 14  American Education Week
12  School Closed : Yom Kippur
14  School Dance: 6-8 pm
26  Picture Day

November
2  Parent Assn. Meeting with Dr. Roy - 6 pm in the East Hills Library
8  School Closed: Teacher in Service
11  Report Card Distribution
12  BASD Flu Clinic 10am - Noon at East Hills Parking Lot (rain date next day)
18  School Dance: 6-8 pm
21 & 22  Parent Teacher Conferences - 11:30 am dismissal
23—28  School Closed: Thanksgiving Break

December
7  Parent Assn. Meeting - 9:30 am
7  Picture Retake Day
9  School Dance 6– 8 pm
12/23 - 01/02  School closed for Christmas/Winter Break

January
1, 2  School Closed
3  Schools reopen
4  Parent Assn. Meeting - 9:30 am
16  School Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
20  School Dance - 6- 8 pm
27  Report Card Distribution
Dear East Hills Families,

We’ve had a successful start to the year thanks to all of you. I’ve been enjoying my time working with the rest of the East Hills Parent Association board and committee members. The EHPA helps out in many ways during the school year. We just wrapped up the Charger Challenge, our only fundraiser of the year. I’d like to thank Debra Suleiman, our Vice President for taking on the “challenge” of running the Charger Challenge. Along with your help and support, we’ve raised just over $14,327.55. As always, all of the money will go back into the school to benefit ALL students. This will include a lunch for each grade, monies for all of the encore classes, a new kiln for the art classes, end of the year activities, Lamp of Learning awards and more. Lilly Gaydos and Diane Mitchell are our Book Fair chairs this year. Thank you for supporting the book fair by sending your kids to school with money to buy books. We earned $2,000 in Scholastic dollars that will be used to purchase books for the school. We appreciate all the parents who volunteered to help during book fair. We could NOT have done it without you!

Lisa Kemp is our Treasurer again this year. The board worked together to develop a responsible budget that was unanimously approved by EHPA members at our first meeting in September. This budget along with monthly treasurer’s reports will be posted on the website. Please join us once a month at our EHPA meetings (dates are posted within this newsletter and on the website). Everyone is welcome, even parents who are not members. The administration attends our meetings and provides a variety of information about what’s going on at East Hills that the kids forget to tell you about!

Membership is FREE. Tell your friends. Mary Pat Gerra is our Membership Coordinator this year. You are receiving this newsletter in email because you have signed up as a member – THANK YOU! We currently have 116 members who receive the newsletters via email four times a year and get occasional emails with information about what’s going on at school, and ways you can help. Membership forms are located on the EHPA website. We can thank Julie Sabatino, our Secretary, for providing detailed meeting minutes and newsworthy emails on behalf of the EHPA.

There are a few opportunities to help during the school year. You can make your selections on the Membership Form. We need lots of volunteers for Hospitality. Our hospitality chair, Christine Charboneau, manages the list of volunteers and will send emails looking for goodies to be donated for dances, teacher appreciation week and some other events that we sponsor.

Soma Roy creates informative newsletters and organizes the volunteers who help out during American Education Week. I hope you had a chance to visit your child’s classroom this year.

Lastly, our Parent Advisory Committee members this school year are Pam Marakovits, Joanne Endrick, Jen Woolley, and Robin Hojnoski. They will attend the monthly PAC meetings and provide a report at each Parent Association meeting.

I hope to see you at one of our monthly meetings. I thank you in advance for any assistance you offer at the school this year whether it be providing snacks for a dance, breakfast for Staff Appreciation, helping out at the spring Book Fair, or selling tickets to the 8th grade Farewell Dance.

Sincerely,
Marie Brown, EHPA President
Keep in Touch

East Hills Middle School and the East Hills Library now have Twitter handles. The school's is @EastHillsMSbasd and the library's is @EastHillsMSlib.

Please visit the East Hills Parent Association link from the East Hills website for news, meeting dates and much more! http://basdwpweb.beth.k12.pa.us/easthills/parent-association/

Twitter News

Email us at: ContactEHPA@Yahoo.com or

Stay up to date with what is going on at East Hills by “liking” their Facebook page.

Go to www.facebook.com/EastHillsmsbasd and then click the Like button.

Facebook
WANTED: Volunteers for 2017-2018 Executive Board Position

Many current board members will not be running for any positions next school year as their children are moving on to the high school or they will be taking on other volunteer positions outside of the Parent Association. If you would like to be more involved, consider a board position. If anyone is interested, feel free to talk to any of the board members about their position. You can also shadow a board member if you are interested in a specific position. Come to our monthly meetings to see and hear about what we do.

Every year we have very few parents interested in running for positions; however, without volunteers there will be no board. Without a board, there will be no Charger Challenge Walkathon, our only fundraiser of the year, which provides your children with field trips, lunches, Lamp of Learning Awards, DJ for 8th grade dance, money for all teachers to provide exciting opportunities for their students, and much more.

Just a few of the positions that report into the board are hospitality, book fair, and newsletter. If these positions are not filled, there will not be a committee to request snacks for the school dances or to provide teachers with an appreciation breakfast in May. There will not be two book fairs a year where students can buy books and the school receives about $5000 in Scholastic dollars to purchase books for the library and teacher classrooms. There will be no newsletters or emails providing you with the most up to date information on what is going on at East Hills.

These positions do not require any experience, nor do they take up too much of your time. Most of the work is done from the comforts of your home. It’s not too early to start thinking about volunteering. Nominations will be discussed in February 2017, but now is the best time to inquire about a position to learn more about it from the person who is currently in that position.

East Hills Parent Association Executive Board

The purpose of the EHPA is to enrich the education of the students, to encourage a closer relationship between home and school, to encourage a closer parent and public involvement in school and to promote and/or guide communication between administration, teachers and parents.

The Executive Board consists of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and membership coordinator.

President:
- Preside at all EHPA meetings
- Be a member of all committees
- Coordinate the work of the executive board and committees
- Work with administration to coordinate events/activities at the school
- Assist board members with the budget process

Vice President
- Attend monthly PA meetings
- Act as President in their absence
- Assist in assemblies and school functions when needed
- Assist board members with the budget process
- Run Charger Challenge walk-a-thon held in September/October
Secretary
- Attend and record minutes at all meetings
- Manage the distribution of meeting minutes and communications with members
- Be prepared to read the records of any previous meeting
- File all records
- Have a current copy of the bylaws
- Assist board members with the budget process

Treasurer
- Have custody of the funds
- Maintain a full account of the funds
- Make disbursements
- Keep a full and accurate account of the receipts and disbursements
- Provide a written financial statement at each regular meeting
- Coordinate the annual audit and report the findings
- Prepare a preliminary budget to present to board
- Present a final budget at the September meeting

Membership Coordinator
- Receive and process all membership applications
- Maintain a current record of all members
- Distribute volunteer lists to committee chairpersons including Giant A+
- Coordinate two membership drives per year (Open House and fifth grade parent orientation)
- Assist board members with the budget process

Additional volunteer opportunities include:
- Book Fair
- Newsletter
- Parent Advisory Committee
- Hospitality

If anyone is interested in discussing any of these volunteer opportunities, please email Marie Brown at fivebrowns@rcn.com.
American Education Week

American Education Week is an opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom. If you come for a visit and do not have your child's class schedule, please stop by the Parent Center where a parent volunteer will be able to assist you.

Thank you to those parents and families who have signed up to volunteer for an hour or two from October 10, 11, 13 and 14! We look forward to an enjoyable visit with parents and grandparents. You should have already received more information on American Education week from Mr. Horvath.

Please contact Soma Roy at 610-703-2130 or somaroy@yahoo.com if you can help in the Parent Center anytime during this week!

Wondering what kinds of extracurricular activities are available at East Hills?

Check out the East Hills Middle School website

There are links listed down the left side of the site that provide all sorts of information ranging from sports info, to activities/clubs, to school calendars.

Check it out at

http://basdwpweb.beth.k12.pa.us/easthills/clubsactivities/
Free Little Library

East Hills now has a Free Little Library! Based off of the Free Little Libraries across the country, East Hills' Free Little Library is available to all students. Located within the Main Office, students are welcome to take a book, leave a book, or swap a book. All books are available for students to keep as long as they wish. If students choose to donate a book, it should be middle school appropriate and should not be property of EHMS. The Free Little Library is just another way EHMS is encouraging literacy and the love of reading!

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Amanda Hahn
Librarian
East Hills MS
Bethlehem, PA
ahahn@basdschools.org

East Hills Book Fair

Thank you to all of the students, parents and teachers at East Hills Middle School who purchased books and made the fair a success. As a result, Mr. Horvath will receive around $2,000.00 in Scholastic Dollars to spend on books and educational items for the school. During the Book Fair, a student from each class won a FREE book of their choice and other students had the opportunity to win a FREE poster. We were even able to fill some of the teacher wish lists.

A special THANK YOU to all of the great moms for volunteering their time and enthusiasm for the students at the book fair. We couldn't do it without you!

Hope to see you 3/6/17-3/9/17 for the next Scholastic Book Fair.
School Dance

The first dance of the school year will take place on **Friday, October 14, 2016**. It will be held from 6 to 8 pm in the East Hills gym. Any student planning to go must first obtain a permission slip from their homeroom teacher. That slip must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian and brought along to the dance. Students should be dropped off by the gym entrance. Parents are not permitted inside the dance. The event is chaperoned by East Hills teachers and staff. The **cost is $5** which can be paid at the door. Snacks and drinks are available for purchase with proceeds going to the various East Hills clubs/activities that sponsor each dance. Students are dismissed from the gym entrance at 8 pm. (Insider tip: pickup can be a little chaotic so it's best to arrange a place to meet up with your child. Many of the parents park in the main lot and have their kid walk down the grassy hill and meet them there. It's a lot less crowded.)

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**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

The life skills classes will be collecting box tops for the 2016-2017 school year. Please start clipping and saving all year long. Just send them in with your child to turn into their homeroom teacher. Each month a prize is given to the homeroom that has collected the most. At the end of the year, the homeroom that has the highest total will receive a pizza or Rita’s Ice Cream Party. Money earned from the Box Top Program is used to purchase classroom supplies and provide community based instruction opportunities. We appreciate your help and support of this worthwhile program.
Three Cheers for the Charger Challenge!

On Thursday, October 6, 2016, the East Hills’ students and staff participated in the annual Charger Challenge walkathon to raise money for their school. Students enjoyed the beautiful day by walking outside with their teams and grade levels. Each team chose a theme and theme song to represent their class. Students were encouraged to dress up and enjoyed dancing and cheering when their song was played.

Thank you to everyone that helped to raise $14,327.55. This money will be used to support extra events such as picnic lunches for all grade levels and Lamp of Learning Awards. The Encore classes will be given funds to purchase enhancements for their classrooms.

Congratulations to all our Charger Challenge raffle winners:

$10 Dunkin Donuts Gift Card
- 6th Grade Winner: Arun Chhugani
- 7th Grade Winner: Lukas Davis
- 8th Grade Winner: Howard Nagy

$20 Target Gift Card
- 6th Grade Winner: Gavin Labbadia
- 7th Grade Winner: Steven Gonzalez
- 8th Grade Winner: Madelaina Pursell

2) Dorney Park Passes
- 6th Grade Winner: Katelyn Geiter
- 7th Grade Winner: Emme Tolbert
- 8th Grade Winner: Anastacia Faisetty

Bonus Raffle - $50 iTunes Gift Card:
- Jackson Matlock

$100 Visa Gift Card: Kayla Schankel
$100 Amazon Gift Card: Nathan Suleiman
$100 SkyZone Gift Card/Basket: Jackson Matlock

Grand Prize Winners:
Five homeroom classes had 100% participation in raising funds for the walkathon. Mrs. Rufe, Mrs. Horvath, Mrs. Shaffer, Ms. Micolochick, Mrs. Fritzinger and their students will be treated to ice cream parties for their 100% support.

The (3) top earning homerooms who raised the most money are Ms. Mohap, Ms. Micolochick, and Mrs. Kreidler. They will be awarded with a percentage of the funds they raised, to use in their classrooms. Ms. Mohap has earned ($200), Mrs. Micolochick earned ($150), and Mrs. Kreidler earned ($75).
Charger Challenge Walkathon 2016
East Hills is getting a MakerSpace! Located in the Library, the MakerSpace is a place for students to explore and create with STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art Math) activities. Currently, there is a LEGO wall for students to build on, JENGA, Snap Circuits, OZO-bots, origami paper, and more!

Students will have the chance to experience the MakerSpace in the upcoming months either with a class or during homeroom and/or Activity period on a pass.

Donations of new or gently used LEGOs, board games, or arts and crafts supplies are always welcome.

Red Robin Royalty Program Burgers for Better Schools

If you are a Red Robins Royalty Member, you can earn money for East Hills. Red Robin will donate 1% of your check to a school of your choice every time you visit and use your Red Robin Royalty card. If you are not a member, consider joining – it’s free. Please visit https://redroyalty.redrobin.com/ for more information and don’t forget to select East Hills as your school of choice.
Dr. Roy, Superintendent of the BASD, will be at our **November 2nd meeting at 6:00 pm** to give you an update on what’s going on in the district and to answer any questions you may have. We will meet in the library. Please enter through the 6th grade doors (to the far left of the building). This is a great opportunity for you to get the latest updates from Dr. Roy, to hear about current district wide initiatives and to ask questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Please note that this is a 6 pm evening meeting instead of a morning meeting.*

**Hospitality Committee**

The dances this year are on October 14th, November 18th and December 9th. I will be sending out emails in a few weeks. If anyone wants to be added to the Hospitality list for this school year, please email me at pen-noak@msn.com. Thank you,

Christine Charboneau
Hospitality Chairperson
The Bethlehem Area School District Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is comprised of parent representatives from all of the 22 BASD schools. It serves as an advisory committee to the Superintendent of Schools. Parent representatives report back to their schools on the items discussed at the monthly meeting. Each high school is allotted 4 parent representatives, each middle school is allotted 3 parent representatives, and each elementary school is allotted 2 parent representatives. Schools also select an alternate if one of the representatives cannot attend a meeting.

You can view PAC’s meeting schedule, agenda and meeting minutes on the BASD website under the Parents and Students section (https://www.beth.k12.pa.us/ParentsStudents/pac.lasso).

If you have concerns that you would like us to share at an upcoming PAC meeting, please feel free to speak with us or contact us by email.

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**GIANT A+ REWARDS**

Last school year you helped raise $3907 by registering your Giant A+ rewards number and designating East Hills as your school. Let’s try to exceed that amount this year! Mr. Horvath uses the money through many of our Charger Pride initiatives including Tier 1, 2 and 3 rewards. Additionally, funds will be used to help pay for the 8th grade homeroom of the year trip. It also helps purchase t-shirts and/or materials for teams and pay for Charger Pride prizes, brunches and lunches.

If you haven’t done so already, please send in your BONUSCARD # along with your last name to ContactEHPA@yahoo.com, so the school can receive credit.

Or, you can do it on your own by entering school code:

23376

East Hills Middle School

Giant allows you to designate up to 2 schools.

- If you are designating two schools, those school codes must be added at the same time in order for both schools to get credit.
- If you previously registered your BONUSCARD to support East Hills Middle School, you do not need to register again this year.
- If you are new to East Hills or your BONUSCARD was not registered with East Hills last year, please register your BONUSCARD by accessing the following link:

http://www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus/

**Important:** Providing a BONUSCARD NUMBER in no way affects your discounts or gas points. Giant A+ Rewards is simply a great way for EH to receive money at no cost to our families.
The first PAC meeting of the year was held on September 22nd. The evening started with a presentation from the student leaders of the BASD MiniTHON. They gave a brief overview of the purpose of the MiniTHON, which is to raise money to support the fight against childhood cancer. Information regarding upcoming events including a 5K color run on October 8th was provided. The actual MiniTHON will be held on March 25, 2017 at Liberty High School. Further information is available on the website www.basdminithon.com

The rest of the meeting consisted of an overview of the district Roadmap 4.0 to Educational Excellence. Dr. Roy and Dr. Silva presented key areas of the current roadmap. There are central beliefs which provide the framework for the roadmap. They consist of 2 academic and 2 non-academic components. The academic components include Core Learning and Stretch Learning. The frameworks of Comprehensive Literacy Plan and Career Pathways are included under Core Learning while Personalized Learning and Advanced Placement Equity and Excellence fall under Stretch Learning. Non-academic components include Student Engagement and Personal Skill Development. The frameworks of United Way Community Schools and Restorative Practices are under Student Engagement while Leader in Me and No Place For Hate fall under Personal Skill Development.

Dr. Silva reviewed the top two goals related to Strategic Initiatives for Educational Programs. The number one goal for the district for the year is to improve reading levels. The district will work to have all students have proficient reading skills by the end of 3rd Grade. Two keys to achieving this goal are full day kindergarten and Letters training that has been occurring for all elementary school principals and kindergarten teachers. The second goal for the district is to transition to a more competency based, personalized learning approach. This is being done through blended learning and web-based learning.

For more detailed information, including minutes of the meeting, please see the Parent Advisory Committee section on the BASD website.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Marakovits
# EAST HILLS PARENT ASSOCIATION

## BUDGET FOR 2016/2017

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Guitar Ensemble : *Notes from the Desk of Mr. Quelet*

Our East Hills Guitar Ensemble continues to grow, and this year all grades are encouraged to participate. We plan to play more community engagements this year. We are taking a field trip to Martin Guitar Factory for a tour *October 27th*. Guitar Ensemble and 6th grade Chorus will again perform at Christkindlmarkt (*Chorus on Dec. 2nd; Guitar on Dec. 15th*). We will again host our school's Talent Show in the spring of this school year.

We are reforming our school record company, "Charger Records," and students interested to write original songs and record them are encouraged to join.

Earlier this week I was surprised and honored when I was visited by Julie Bailey of the Bethlehem Area Education Foundation, who told me that my [grant application for the "Songwriting & Digital Audio Recording Project"](http://example.com) had won $1,000 for our school to purchase an audio interface (for digital recording). The BAEF will come to film our progress throughout the school year.

Parents and students can contact me, or Mrs. Dutt, or Mrs. Collazo if you have an interest to learn more, or to get involved.
East Hills MS Band & Orchestra

Clothing Drive

Saturday, Oct. 8
8am - 12pm

Drop Off Site -
East Hills Middle School

Clean out your closets & help
East Hills Band & Orchestra and
Big Brothers/Big Sisters!

These items should be placed in kitchen garbage bags:
~Wearable Used Clothing (Men, Women, Children)
~Shoes, Belts, Handbags
~Linens (Bedding, Curtains, Towels)
~Stuffed Animals

These items must be boxed (36x36 or smaller)
~Kitchen (pots, bakeware, toasters, dishes)
~Toys (board games included)
~Household (clocks, lamps, antiques)
~Misc (CD/DVD, holiday décor, knickknacks)
~Books

EHBOA will receive money for every pound collected and proceeds from the sale of your donated items will go to support the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Program! This is not only a great way to support EHBOA (and our Timpani fund), but also a great way to support the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Program!

Please share collection dates with family, friends, & neighbors.