

BCUEA

Bethlehem Central United Employee Association
BCUEA.org

Community Action Committee has started the annual pet drive to help homeless pets get taken care of. There should be a box and posters in every building to place your donations in. It is going on for two weeks from February 29th to March 11th. Items needed are dog and cat foods, leashes, toys, beds, cleaning supplies and even gift cards to pet shops. We will be donating items to local organizations like Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, Out of the Pits, Animal Protective Foundation, Whiskers and more...

The Board of Directors

Some members attended an SRP Conference in Cooperstown on February 26 and 27th. NYSUT was offering training classes to members from around the state. Members from Voorheesville Schools, BOCES, Syracuse and more. It is a chance to hear what other unions are doing and get ideas to make our union better. Classes like Building Rep Training, Reinventing Your Local (Our own LRS Derek Lewis taught this class) Grievances, Successful Bargaining, School Violence, Discipline in the Workplace and many more. There is always something new to learn and this is always a great way to do that. It's an opportunity to get to know how things work and talk with other people about troubles and concerns in their union. BCUEA is one of the largest in the area. One thing that was mentioned was Member Benefits through NYSUT. All BCUEA members can take advantage of this resource. It is a great place to get discounts on day to day things and save money for vacations. A tip! Cheapest Great Escape tickets through Member Benefits.



Upcoming Events

February 29

Start Pet Supplies Drive

March 11

End of Pet Drive

March 19

Cabin Fever Party

Important Announcement

Cabin Fever Party is coming up fast. Saturday March 19th will be a night of fun. Hopefully every building has a flyer posted about it. It's at the American Legion in Delmar at 6 pm. The cover charge is \$15 and friends and spouses are welcome for the same price. There will be a 50/50, raffles, music, buffet dinner, cash bar. Come have some dinner and drinks with some friends. Sign up with your building rep.

More Important News

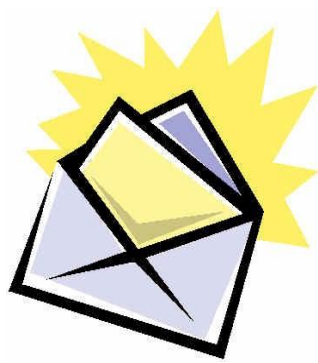
For Your Information



Visit us on
Facebook

Since social media is all over the place these days, the BCUEA does have a Facebook page. Check it out. We try to post all the important happenings of

the BCUEA so members can see it. Just search BCUEA on Facebook to find it. Share with your fellow co-workers.



Did you move recently???? The district does not notify the union that you have changed your address with them. Please let your building rep know your new address and phone number so we can be sure to keep you informed. You can also send a message to Mary Mann at Mmann@bcsd.neric.org or send a note in the PONY to Mary at Transportation.

Have you filled out an index card for your building Rep??? Did you fill one out at a recent Union meeting? If not please do so at the next meeting or send your name, address, non-school phone number, non-school e-mail, your job title and building to Mary Mann at Transportation or Mmann@bcsd.neric.org. Your information is only for the union to contact you for meetings and important info. We are working with NYSUT to develop a data base with the info. So we can easier do mailings and maybe even an e-mail blast to let you know about meetings. Please get us the information.



In the Community

Board of Education Meeting

Wednesday March 16th at 7pm in the High School.

Stage 700 presents GREASE

BCHS students present Grease on March 17, 18, 19, at 7pm and March 20 at 2 pm at the high school.

Go to www.stage700.org

for more information .
Tickets are \$12

Good Friday

There is No School on Friday March 25. Enjoy the long weekend

What is VOTE-COPE?

VOTE-COPE is the Committee on Political Education, the non-partisan political action arm of New York State United Teachers. Funded entirely by voluntary contributions from members, VOTE-COPE is used to help union-backed candidates and campaign committees that support education and labor.

VOTE-COPE helps strengthen political action programs on all levels — national, state and local. To help on the local level, VOTE-COPE provides rebates to participating unions for local political action.

VOTE-COPE funds, by law, are kept separate from those of NYSUT. Decisions on the use of VOTE-COPE contributions are made by a statewide committee.



VOTE-COPE solicits and accepts only voluntary contributions. Contributions or gifts to VOTE-COPE are not tax-deductible.

Those of you that filled out the paper to donate to Vote Cope back in September should be seeing it deducted from your checks now. You can give as little as 25 cents per pay check. Your building rep can get you the paper to fill out. The BCUEA can get a rebate to fund our own political actions. The more that participate the more we can get back.



Don't forget that May general membership meeting will be Elections and Voting for the positions of President, 1st and 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you are interested let your building rep know or e-mail Arooney@bcasd.neric.org with your letter of interest. Please make sure you know the job duties of the position you are interested in. ask your building rep for the job description if its not posted in your building. It is a great opportunity to help the union grow.

Wed., May 18, 2016 -- Slingerlands
Election of Officers for 2016-2017 school year.
Voting starts @ 4:30 pm -- Meeting @ 5:00 pm

President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

Charles Jones
Mary Mann
Trish Hardy
Matthew Assini
April Rooney

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There are still committees looking for people. The Community Action Committee is looking for ideas to help out in the community, maybe somewhere we can volunteer and help out. If you volunteer somewhere and need help let us know and we can try to get a group together. Contact Karen Verhagen at the middle school at verhagen699@verizon.net or Karen Anthony at eagle kanthony@bcasd.neric.org.

Hall of Fame offers NYSUT members special BOGO tickets



Educators from across New York State will be all-stars when the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown celebrates NYSUT members during the Hall of Fame Classic in May.

As a special thank you for their commitment to public education, the HOF is offering NYSUT members buy one, get one free tickets.

NYSUT members can purchase up to six regular-priced Classic tickets and receive six tickets of equal value. Tickets for the Hall of Fame Classic are \$12.50 for first- and third-base seats and \$11 for general admission outfield seats. The Classic, the annual legends game at historic Doubleday Field, takes place at 1:05 p.m. Saturday, May 28, with a special recognition for NYSUT members during the game. A home run contest begins at noon.

Hall of Famers Phil Niekro and Ozzie Smith return as team captains and managers. They will be joined by four Hall of Famers: Andre Dawson, Ryne Sandberg and two more to be announced. Each will serve as coaches for the teams. The full roster of Classic players will be announced later this spring.

Players already committed to appear at the 2016 Hall of Fame Classic include: Michael Barrett (Nationals), Brandon Backe (Astros), Travis Hafner (Indians), LaTroy Hawkins (Twins), Torii Hunter (Angels), Terrence Long (Athletics), Juan Pierre (Marlins), Kerry Robinson (Cardinals), Aaron Rowand (White Sox), Andy Sonnanstine (Rays), Alfonso Soriano (Yankees), Ryan Spilborghs (Rockies), Tanyon Sturtze (Blue Jays), Alan Trammell (Tigers) and Steve Woodard (Brewers).

Order your tickets

Tickets for the Hall of Fame Classic go on sale at 9 a.m. Monday, March 7 at <http://baseballhall.org/> or by calling 877-726-9028. To take advantage of the BOGO offer, use the code NYSUT16 online or over the phone. All purchased tickets are assessed a \$4 service fee. No service charge will be applied to the "get one free" ticket.

This newsletter was brought to you by Karen Verhagen Board of Director member, and building rep. in the Middle School. Do you want something in the next issue? Do you want to help with it? E-mail me at verhagen699@verizon.net