

The Pipeline

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DATES TO NOTE

- General Meeting/ Election of Officers- May 19- 6:30- HS Cafeteria
- Annual Benefits Fair- April 19- 2:30- 5:30- HS
- Next Issue- June 18th

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Hello, BCUEA Members and A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2010 to all! Can you believe that we are half way through this school year?

Let me bring you up to date. As of now, we are waiting to hear a decision from the Arbitrator about the Half Day Early Dismissal issue. We also settled with the district two grievances: one for five bus drivers getting back-pay for 2008 and the other for two custodians and their

A Letter from your President

use of sick time. In December, we made two Community Action donations, which went to the Bethlehem Fund and the Bethlehem Food Bank. We have a new Sick Bank report and this should be posted in your buildings. If there are any questions, let me know. We are still looking into some kind of get-together for this

winter. The District has started to work on the 2010/2011 School Budget and this is going to be a very tough one. Well, that is all for now. Have a great second half of your year. I hope to see you all at the General Meeting in May, as you will need to take part in the election of new officers for the NEXT TWO YEARS.

Your BCUEA President, Bob Wagner.

Oh NO! No more SNOW!

Dr. Tebbano has clarified (yet again) the calendar in regards to Snow Days. So far, we have used ONE snow day. We get to use another. After that, we will start cutting into April Break. So, if we get two more bad storms where school is cancelled, then we



ALL have to come in on Friday, April 9th. Yet another storm takes away

Thursday, April 8th. If, however, we do NOT have more snow.. then the students and ten month employees need NOT report. If you are still unsure, then I suggest double checking before you leave on the 2nd of April.



*Wishing you a
Happy Valentine's
Day from the
BCUEA!*

**Pat Biche
(Hamagrael)**
wants the
Pipeline to

remind us all that
there are about 50
days left until Spring,
140 days left until our
next newsletter and
about 145 days left
until the last day with
our students.



BCUEA Meeting

The BCUEA General Meeting was held on January 20th. Unfortunately, there was a low turnout. Some items of note at the meeting, however, were:

- Support Staff Seniority Lists are now available for your perusal.
- The BCUEA 2009-2010 Scholarship Applications are available to be filled out. The scholarship is to be granted to a graduating senior of a BCUEA member. The senior does NOT have to be a student at Bethlehem.
- The Ancillary Insurance provides legal services to any BCUEA member needing it. Ask a legal question or

have your will drawn up!

- The BCUEA Annual benefits fair will be held April 19th from 2:30 to 5:30 at the High School. There will be representatives to answer questions about the Dental Plan, Flex Spending and other items.

Props and News Notes

- Welcome back to Maureen Frank (Glenmont) from her 5 day trip to Las Vegas, Nevada. Why was Maureen there? To visit her brand new baby granddaughter! Little Emma Maureen Frank joined us on December 18th 2009, weighing in at 7lbs, 7oz and measuring 19 1/2 inches long.
- Hmmm, wonder where she got her middle name?
- The Hamagrael Soup Cook Off was again a great success. Congratulations to DARE officer Dave Harrington for getting an honorable mention on his very first time entering. The cook off is very competitive! The next

Hamagrael food event is an Appetizer/ Dessert share on February 26th



BCUEA

Our next issue of the *Pipeline* will be coming out on June 18th. Please be sure to get your information to me by June 9th.



**Hurray! Hurray!
For St. Patrick's
Day! Enjoy the
Wearing o' the
Green!**

**GOOD FOOD! GOOD FRIENDS!
The Support Staff Ladies at the
High School held their annual
Christmas Party on December 3
at the Orchard Tavern in Al-
bany. A Chinese Auction was
held, raffling off many beautiful
baskets. They were able to do-
nate \$100 to the BCUEA Schol-
arship community Fund.**



A Retirement Farewell

The Elsmere Family would like to extend our congratulations to Judi Douglas on her upcoming retirement this April. Judi began her career with the District in 1988, and has worked at Elsmere throughout this entire timeframe. In her present position as Head Custodian, the service she provides is invaluable. She is always there when a problem arises, and there is no task that goes undone under her management.

Judi Douglas has been a friend to all with her kindness and in-

fectious laughter. We wish her a wonderful future with her husband of almost 42 years, Elmer. In addition, we hope that now she will have the time to share with her family, watching grand-



children playing basket-
ball, and having a wonder-
ful time camping.

Judy, we are all going to miss you very much, as you are truly irreplaceable. All the best to you on your retirement!