

Charter Chatter

Mark Your Calendar

- **September 1** - Fall Fund-raiser Orders Due.
- **September 2** - Friday Candy Bar Sales begins for Relay for Life.
- **September 5** - Labor Day Holiday/No school
- **September 10** - RCS Bulldog Day - 1 Mile Fun Run and Walk
- **September 22** - Early Release @12:30pm
- **September 23** - Wear Relay for Life t-shirts
- **September 27** - Fall PTO Program
- **September 30** - BHCS Relay for Life walk @2:00pm



Relay for Life - by Patty Vincent (Team Captain)

It is that time of year, that we focus on the Relay for Life campaign to help raise money to fund cancer research. Many of us at some point in our lives have experienced the difficulties of losing someone near and dear to us or we've been exposed to the tough issues of fighting this life threatening disease.

You can help others that are fighting this cause by taking part in our BHCS Relay for Life fundraiser. Following are the ways you can get involved:

1 - We are allowing students to collect donations on their own using their own creativity. We will record all monies turned in by each student and the top three students will receive a gift card to Wal-Mart!

2 - For \$1.00 per name, students can recognize people that are special to them, on our "Relay Wall of Fame" for individuals. They will be placed in one of three categories: 1) in memory of, 2) in honor of, or 3) in prayer for. Please

note that we will have weekly drawings for prizes and any student who participates in our "Relay Wall of Fame" will have a chance to win.

3 - We will have a candy bar sale on Fridays for anyone to purchase. The candy bars will sell for \$1.00 each. The candy bar sale will start Friday, September 2.

4 - Save your change! We will have a quarter-drive starting the week of August 29. The quarter-drive will end on Friday, September 30. Of course, it doesn't have to be quarters, we will take pennies, dimes, and dollar bills!:) The class with the most money earned for the quarter-drive will have a pizza party!

Please note special dates below:

Sept. 1 - All money is due for the Kid's walk, team shirts, and luminaries
Sept. 29 - Other money collected is due
Sept. 30 - BHCS Relay for Life Balloon Walk @2:00pm—Wear your t-

shirts.

-All money earned by students can be recorded on their team collection sheet.
 -All monies should be given to Ms. Patty Vincent/BHCS Team Captain.

BHCS Settles with Person County Schools by John Betterton

This summer Bethel Hill Charter School settled with Person County Schools over a dispute with local funding. It resulted from the Sugar Creek dispute in Charlotte where Sugar Creek, a charter school, sued Charlotte/Mecklenburg Schools for not funding the charter school according to the law. Sugar Creek won the suit. That prompted BHCS Board of Directors to ask David Hostetler, an attorney in Chapel Hill, to look into the matter. As a result it was determined that BHCS was due approximately \$500,000 in additional funds over a period of three years. Our Board agreed to settle for \$424,000 to prevent spending additional funds on legal expenses.

The BHCS Board has placed that money in a savings account for safe keeping and will continue to make plans to use the funds wisely. This is a one time lump sum payment so whatever the Board plans it must be a finite expense. One of the good possibilities is to put the money toward another building. We will keep you posted on new developments.

PTO Updates

Attn Parents:

Please note that this month's newsletter is being sent to everyone on paper. However, after this month we will no longer send out paper copies of the newsletter. We will send it electronically (only) unless you indicate that you do not have e-mail, internet, etc. The school will send home a note next week, please indicate on this note whether you have access to e-mail, internet or if you would need to receive paper copies. If you have questions, contact Cindi Jacobs.

We are holding our annual PTO membership drive. It is \$4.00 per membership. We would like to have 100% participation from our parents. The number one reason to join the PTO is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help our school. As a result of now being a PTO, all membership dues go to benefit the efforts of the school. Our PTO provides support for field trips, teacher appreciation, core knowledge materials, playground equipment, and many other things needed by the school, teachers, and students. It also creates an eligibility status for voting for PTO members, etc. In addition, as a PTO member, you get your money back when you attend the Fall Carnival for free (the entry fee is waived). For those who have

already paid for their membership, we will be getting your cards to you very soon. Please show your support by joining our PTO!

The PTO fall fundraiser orders are due on Thursday, September 1. The orders will be delivered to our school during the week of our next conferences. Our next conference date is Thursday, October 13. You can either pick-up your items before or after your conferences. We will need volunteers to help on this day to assist with parents when picking up orders. We will need volunteers from 12:00PM-8:00PM. We will make contact with those parents who indicated (on their volunteer forms) they would like to help. In addition, we will need several volunteers to help unload the orders

when they are delivered on the morning of October 11. If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities please contact Melinda Blanks at the school.

Also, please note that Melinda has placed a t-shirt order. The order should be back within two weeks (we expect them around the middle of September). Please be patient with getting them as she ordered hundreds of shirts. Any t-shirts that have not been paid for will remain in the classroom until the monies are received. We do encourage all students to have a t-shirt for field trips, field day, spirit week, etc. All proceeds from our t-shirt orders will go toward the PTO budget needs. We appreciate your support of our school!

News from Coach Bowes

Keep those labels coming! A sheet was sent home with a list of eligible products. Please encourage friends and relatives to collect the UPC's and lids from these products. Our goal this year is 40,000 labels. The class that turns in the most labels will win a pizza party at the end of the year.



Y ties are for sale in the gym. Regular laces are \$4.00/pr, boot laces are \$5.00/pr. We were able to purchase new mats for the gym last year with the proceeds. We have a large variety of colors available. Y-tie if you don't have too?

Welcome Back!

BK Nights for 2011-2012

- September 13
- October 11
- November 8
- December 13
- January 10
- February 21
- March 13
- April 17
- May 8

BK Nights

We need a volunteer to coordinate our Burger King Nights! This is a great way for parents who work to get their volunteer hours. This is fairly simple to organize so please contact Cindi Jacobs if you are willing to coordinate this for the school.

For those parents who are new to the BK Nights this is a great opportunity for us to raise money for our school. We earn 20% of all the proceeds from 4:00pm-8:00pm

on the nights designated for our school. We are required to have someone present at Burger King during the entire evening. If you sign up to help and then don't show up the school loses the profit for that night. You can also support us by eating at Burger King during the designated time. We have averaged approximately \$275.00 each night with very little effort on our part. Please see the schedule (to the left of this article) for all of the Burger King Nights we have scheduled for this year.



Benefit for Harold Carver—October 8

In Bethel Hill Charter School Cafeteria

11am - 2pm



ASBESTOS UPDATE

We now have two small places in our school that have asbestos. In each of these places, the asbestos material is encapsulated and in good condition. Any questions concerning our management plan may be directed to Gary Clark (building and maintenance supervisor) or John Betterton (principal).

Benefit for Harold Carver

The BHCS faculty and staff will be having a benefit for Harold Carver. Many of you know Mr. Carver because he has been employed with Bethel Hill Charter School for a number of years. Students, parents, teachers, and anyone who knows Mr. Carver realizes what a caring, kind, and considerate person he is.

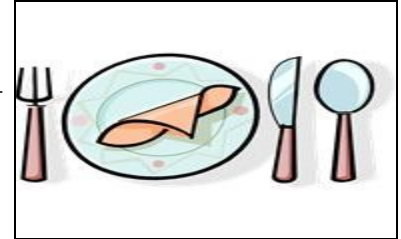
Mr. Carver has struggled with his health and has incurred many medical bills as a result of his illness. Please join us in our efforts to help Mr. Carver. The benefit will

be held on **Saturday, October 8** from 11am—2pm in the school cafeteria. We will be selling plates for \$7.00 each and they will include BBQ, slaw, baked beans, rolls, dessert and a drink.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets or making any type of donation please contact Marie Martin, Donna Beaver, Mamie Paul or Cindi Jacobs at the school. All monetary donations are being collected by Mamie Paul. Also, many of our faculty and staff will be selling tickets as

well.

So mark your calendars and plan to join us for some good food and fellowship and to help Mr. Carver, who is near and dear to our hearts!



New Personnel at BHCS

As we begin a new year, our twelfth as a charter school, we welcome new personnel to our Bethel Hill Charter School family. Each individual brings exciting new ideas to our school. I know the parents and students will want to get to know them as time allows. New to our faculty and staff team are Rick Baltes, Melinda Blanks, Bucky Buchanan, and Ashley Suddreth.

Mr. Baltes has taught 5th grade for 11 years at South Elementary school. He received his elementary education from Malone College in Ohio and his masters from Central University. In his spare time he enjoys spending time with his family and he coaches soccer at PHS and with the recreational league in Person County. He commented that he is enjoying the students here at BHCS and the open communication that is shared with the parents. He will be teaching 4th grade.

Mrs. Blanks will be working as our Involvement Coordinator. She has been a stay at home mom for 7 years after working a number of years in Clinical Research. She is a

graduate of East Carolina University with a Chemistry Major! Mrs. Blanks is no stranger to Bethel Hill as she has actively involved herself in many ways since her children first began school here. She goes from full time volunteer to full time Involvement Coordinator. Cindi Jacobs desired to go part time and relinquish part of her duties. Mrs. Blanks was a perfect fit for the task of organizing and involving our parents and community in our school. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, going to the beach and church.

Mr. Buchanan is our new Art teacher. One has only to walk into the art classroom to see how very talented he is! He is a noted artist in Person County and around the world. He has sold art work internationally, illustrated books, magazines, painted portraits, and landscapes all across the southeast. He has spent much of his time teaching private students and he has taught at St. Andrews college in Richmond, Va. He is a graduate of Alamance Community College. He says that he is really impressed by the bright and talented students

we have at BHCS. In his spare time he enjoys time with his two daughters and he enjoys Astronomy.

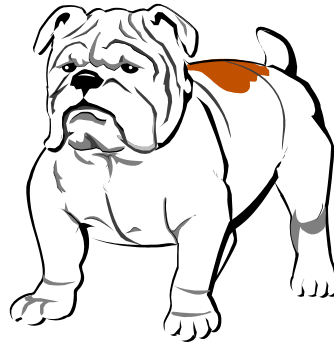
Ashley Suddreth is a UNC graduate and was awarded the distinguished title of Teaching Fellows in North Carolina. This is her second year teaching, and her first year in elementary education. In her spare time she enjoys watching documentaries, reading, and music. She will be teaching 3rd grade.

We want to welcome each of our new folks and are so glad they have joined our team!

We've also had some changes in assignment. They are listed below:

- Pam Whitt** - moved from 2nd to 3rd grade.
- Jewel Hamlett** - moved from 6th to 5th grade.
- Stephanie Cook** - moved from 4th grade to Technology Specialist.
- Nicky Collie** - changed from part-time PE to full-time PE and teacher assistant.

Who Let the Dawgs Out?



3rd Annual 1 Mile Family Fun Run/Walk Benefiting Roxboro Community School's Athletic Department

Saturday, September 10, 2011
Family Fun Run/Walk will begin at 9:30 a.m.
\$15.00 per person

Pre-register by September 1st to receive one free t-shirt per person; Prizes will be given for age group winners.

Send Registration to: Yvonne Pleasant at Roxboro Community School or Cindi Jacobs at Bethel Hill Charter School; **Make checks payable to RCS.**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

T-Shirt Sizes: Adult - S M L XL XXL XXXL
 Youth - S M L XL

We want to say a big "thanks" to LP Corporation for their generous donation to our school. Teresa Burnette and Lisa Thomas from our local LP facility presented the school with a check for \$1500.00!

L-P Corporation has a Community Relief fund and because of the damages incurred as a result of the tornado, they choose our school to support. It is only because of generous donations like this that we have been able to recover the way we have. Thanks again to L-P and any others who have made contributions.

Smile Programs ...the mobile dentists

BHCS will have the mobile dentists on site September 30, 2010. Registration forms have been sent home. This is great opportunity for your children to be seen by a dentist regularly and at a very cost efficient price. If you are interested please complete the registration form and send it to Cindi Jacobs.

