



## Banter in Brief – December 2009

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### ***A Season of Giving: Holiday Dinner Basket Drive and TURKEY TOSSI***

Dear Families,

To help celebrate the joyous holiday season, we will be starting a new project at Buckingham Elementary called the "Holiday Dinner Basket Drive." A "Turkey Toss" will be held in early December to help raise money to purchase the turkeys that will accompany baskets filled to the brim with all the fixings for a beautiful holiday meal. Given the current economic situation, these baskets will go to local families experiencing need at this time. Please look for the information to come home with your child the first week of December. Sincerely, Nurse Randi

**The Holiday Giving Tree** – Beginning on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Buckingham Giving Tree will be on display in the hallway nearest the nurse's office. The Giving Tree will have tags on it that display the names of holiday gifts that can be donated for local families. We invite our Buckingham families to choose a tag if they wish & purchase the gift needed. We ask that you wrap the gift and be sure to secure the tag to the outside of the gift wrap. All gifts should be delivered to school by December 17<sup>th</sup> to ensure holiday delivery. Please deliver your gifts to the guidance office. *Questions? Contact Mr. Bryan Rosica at [brostica@cbds.org](mailto:brostica@cbds.org).*

#### **Upcoming Fun**

- **Secret Shoppe at Buckingham Elementary** is a Holiday Tradition!! Your children are invited to shop for the special people in their lives! All gifts are priced under \$7.00 and will be wrapped and tagged for your child- 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be on hand to assist younger children with shopping! Times : Children only - Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 p.m., and adults and children - Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m-12 p.m.
- **NEW!!!! Peddler's Village Fundraiser** - Do your holiday shopping at Peddler's Village **December 5-13, 2009**. Buckingham PTO gets 10% of all purchases. See website for details. Questions? Email [fionajackson@comcast.net](mailto:fionajackson@comcast.net)

#### **Show Your School Spirit!**

- For a *limited time only* Buckingham Bricks will be available so purchase a brick by mid-January!!! If you are considering a brick for a Student, Teacher or Alumni, please purchase one by going to [www.buckinghampto.org](http://www.buckinghampto.org) website under "flyers" and print your order form. Also see the additional clip art. Contact Virginia Howarth 215-794-4405 [vhow91@verizon.net](mailto:vhow91@verizon.net) if you have any questions.
- **Buckingham Magnets** are available at \$5 each!! Anyone interested can contact me at [jmershon65@aol.com](mailto:jmershon65@aol.com) or 215-794-2926 and I will get them a magnet. It's the perfect gift!!
- **Buckingham Clothing Sale** - Select styles and sizes are available now! The order form is available in the Flyers For Printing tab. They will make a great holiday gift for a teacher or family member. Contact Chris Buesing for more information. [cbuesing@comcast.net](mailto:cbuesing@comcast.net) 267-880-0968

#### **Noteworthy Items!**

- **DONATIONS OF ALCOHOL GEL BOTTLES** AND/OR MONETARY DONATIONS FOR THIS PURPOSE: BOTTLES ARE BEING PLACED AROUND THE SCHOOL WITH AN EFFORT TO "BE WISE AND SANITIZE". PLEASE SEND YOUR DONATIONS INTO THE OFFICE TO THE ATTENTION OF TRINA HAMALIAN.
- **Box Tops**- Congratulations to the winners of the October Box Tops contest! As a school, we brought in \$770.50 just by clipping little pieces of paper! The top three classes who brought in the most box tops per student are: Mrs. Roberts AM, Ms. Outland, and Mrs. Kilgore/Mrs. Doherty. These 3 classes won \$25.00 each to spend as a class! Keep up the great work, and save up your box tops since the next contest will begin in January.
- **Send ACME and Redner's** receipts to school with your child! These stores pay our school for every receipt we submit to them, and it doesn't cost you a thing!  
\*\*\*\*\*Thank you to everyone who cooked, baked, and purchased goods for the teacher's conference dinner. Happy holidays! -Denise Schmidt.

#### **Dates to remember:**

- **No PTO Meeting for December:** Our Next Meeting will be 1/7/10 at 9:30 a.m.! Guest speaker to be announced. Get involved!
- **December's Market Day** pick up will be on Wednesday, December 9th, 3:30-4:30 in the cafeteria. Return completed order sheets to the school by Monday, November 30th or order online by December 3rd. Cookie dough bonus days are here! The more you buy, the more our organization earns. In addition, with any \$40 purchase you will receive a free UNO pizza. Also, if you have been participating in the Frequent Buyer program, you can earn your free lunch tote. Check your order guide or shop online at [marketday.com](http://marketday.com) for details.

#### **Forecasting Winter FUN!**

- **Happenings Program** is coming! This program provides after school classes that children can sign up for at Buckingham Elementary. Most classes are run by parent volunteers. Classes run 6 weeks from end of Jan-March. Examples of classes are: computer web design, Legos, American Girl Doll club, sewing, cooking, pillo-palo, computer games, and fun with science. Volunteers are needed to teach classes, please contact Maria Ferrante if you're interested. [theferrantes@comcast.net](mailto:theferrantes@comcast.net), 215-348-2723.

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