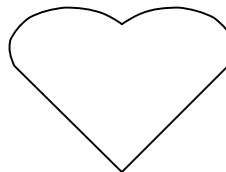


## **Banter in Brief**

[www.Buckinghampto.org](http://www.Buckinghampto.org) February 2010



**PTO General Meeting, Thursday, February 4th at 9:30am in the auditorium. Get involved! Be informed! Find out what committees are doing, see what fun events will be coming up soon. Three board positions will be up for nominations for next year: Secretary, Vice President and Co-President. Bring your suggestions and nominate your candidates! (Treats and coffee will be served.) For more information, email Co-Presidents Emby Staub [ukstaub@hotmail.com](mailto:ukstaub@hotmail.com) or Susan Romanus [susanr@valcoregroup.com](mailto:susanr@valcoregroup.com).**

**Heart-to-Heart Bake Sale** to benefit the PTO. February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> / all lunches. We need baked items or purchased baked goods and volunteers at the sale (no baked goods that contain peanuts!). All the items under \$1! Kids can decorate a Valentine card which is donated to a local nursing home. We have "Guess how many pennies in the jar" - win a Webkinz! The pennies will be donated to Haiti-20 cents per guess! We were designed to help families, students, during difficult times, whether it be a hospitalization, illness, or any time we as a school community feel it is important to reach out and help. If you know someone who may need us, please contact Mrs. Solitario, Mr. Rosica, the Heart-to-Heart Co-Chairs, the nurse, or your teacher. To assist at the sale, or to donate, please contact Denise [dvdbelle@comcast.net](mailto:dvdbelle@comcast.net) or Donna [donnadevaney@yahoo.com](mailto:donnadevaney@yahoo.com).

**February's Market Day** sale is scheduled for pick-up on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-4:30 in the cafeteria. Return completed order sheets to the school by Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> or order online by February 11<sup>th</sup>. Cookie Dough Bonus Days are here. When you purchase Market Day cookie dough, we'll earn extra profit on every box. You can also start qualifying for the Frequent Buyer® Program to earn a FREE Mite 'N' Mighty Step Stool. Look for your order guide or look online at [marketday.com](http://marketday.com) for details.

**Box Tops** contest ends February 26<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to send in all your box tops. Not only do we earn money for the PTO, but your child's class could win up to a \$25.00 prize! We have already earned over \$700 this year! Let's see if we can hit the \$2000 mark!

**B.I.N.G.O...That's the name of the "GAMEO"....**It's time for pizza, fun and great prizes. Join the Buckingham family and the "Secret Bingo Caller" Friday March 5<sup>th</sup> 2010, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The Leprechaun is dancing around so wear all the green you can, because if you are caught, she will give you a prize!! Keep an eye out for more information. If you would like to join in on the fun, and lend a helping hand, or have a question, give a shout out to Katrina Brillman at 215-794-5396 or [Katbrill@yahoo.com](mailto:Katbrill@yahoo.com) or Bonnie Blythe at 215-794-0106 or [Skywitch@comcast.net](mailto:Skywitch@comcast.net).

**Art Expo 2010! Our 22<sup>nd</sup> Year - Opening Night Reception:** Wednesday, March 10, 2010- 6:30-8:00 p.m. **Exhibition Dates:** March 10-March 24<sup>th</sup> (forms will be in backpacks & on the website). Artwork from every Buckingham student will be on display throughout the halls with a selection taken from Art Class this year! For info or to volunteer: Betsy Benosky [abenosky@comcast.net](mailto:abenosky@comcast.net) or 215-794-0209.

**COMING SOON....THE SPRING BOOK FAIR!** Mark your calendars - the **SPRING BOOK FAIR** will take place from Monday – Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> - March 26<sup>th</sup>. More information coming next month! Questions? Email Louise at [louisestejbach@comcast.net](mailto:louisestejbach@comcast.net).

***Wanted: co-chair and photographer with technical expertise for science fair on May 5, 6 and 7<sup>th</sup>. Please volunteer your time for this enjoyable event! No experience needed! Contact Carol Cope at 215-794-2326. Thanks!!!***

***Please remember*** to 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!

**\*\*THE PTO WOULD APPRECIATE 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.**

**Buckingham's Honor Book Club** always makes a great gift to honor a teacher or loved one anytime of the year. An order form is available on Buckingham's website in the 'Flyers For Printing' tab on the left under the PTO link. Questions? Contact Gail Smith, [emailngs@comcast.net](mailto:emailngs@comcast.net) or 215-794-8166. **Honor Book Club Dedications – Dec. 2009/Jan. 2010 : Around the pond: who's been here?** – Happy Holidays to Mrs. Barno from Kevin Reinhardt 2009 **Friendship According to Humphrey** – Dear Mrs. Yates, Thank you for all that you do. Your quiet kindness makes the Library a very special place to visit each week. Sincerely, The Canterbury Family **Trouble according to Humphrey** - Dear Mrs. Diodati, Thank you for being you! The enthusiasm and energy you have is contagious and makes the Library such a fun place to visit each week. Sincerely, The Canterbury Family **The world according to Humphrey** - Dear Grace and Caroline, We will always remember your love of little fuzzy creatures and hope you enjoy reading Humphrey's adventures. Love, Mom and Dad

**Take me out to the Ball Game!!** Trenton Thunder's baseball game is right around the corner ! Friday May 7<sup>th</sup>. Game time 7:05. Come on out to see the Trenton Thunder take on the Bowie Bay Sox. The Fireworks after the game will WOW young and old alike. Just a reminder: sell 25 tickets or more, and you can throw the first pitch! Any questions? Call the Base Coaches, Katrina Brillman at 215-794-5396 or [Katbrill@yahoo.com](mailto:Katbrill@yahoo.com) or Bonnie Blythe at 215-794-0106 or [Skywitch@comcast.net](mailto:Skywitch@comcast.net).

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