



Banter in Brief

January 2010

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Not to Miss!!! January 7th, 9:30am in the Auditorium: General PTO Meeting (our 1st 2010!). **10:00am:** Come hear our special guest speaker, the head of CBSD Science, **George Mehler!** George is responsible for Curriculum for K-12. He will be discussing how the new curriculum emphasizes the thinking skills involved in the scientific method of data collecting, analyzing, and problem solving. Early grades use hands-on, experimental kits exclusively, while the upper grades use kits plus supportive written material. Mr. Mehler will also share information about www.learningscience.org, a website he created, that, thanks to approved additions by many others, now has one of the most comprehensive links to reputable k-12 scientific websites anywhere.

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, emailmgs@comcast.net or 215-794-8166.

Honor Book Club Dedications – December 2009

So, What's It Like to be a Cat? – To Mrs. Roberts. Thanks for all you do. Love, Madison Grace

Polo, the Runaway Book – Thank you Mrs. Barno! From: Reins Leedy

Six-Dinner Sid – Thank you, Mrs. Butler. From: Reins Leedy

For the Love of Field Hockey - Miss Wood, Happy Birthday from your 5th grade class of 2009-10.

Soccer: the Ultimate Guide to the Beautiful Game – Miss Wood, Happy Birthday from your 5th grade class of 2009-10.

Verdi – Donated by Charlie Reimer's Family

Don't Forget about Box Tops!! The next Box Tops contest starts January 11th and ends on February 26th. The top 3 classes will win a class prize. Ask your friends and family to collect Box Tops for you! For more ways to earn money for our school, check out www.boxtops4education.com

It is time for Happenings!!! Volunteers are needed to teach Happenings classes! The Happenings program will begin the 1st week of February and provides a variety of after-school classes that children can attend. Classes run for 6 weeks. Some examples of past classes are Legos, Sewing, Cooking, Cheerleading, Karate, Computer Games, Writing. Please contact Maria Ferrante if you're interested in teaching a class. theferrantes@comcast.net, 215-348-2723.

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 HAND SANITIZER 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.**

Happy New Year to all Buckingham families, students, and staff!!!

