

# Berlin Elementary School

## PTO Newsletter

### Fall 2020



## Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year!

The BES PTO is made up of both parent and teacher volunteers. Together we work to enhance and maximize the educational experience of our elementary school students. We welcome you to join us in our monthly meetings.

## Wondering what we do?

### WE FUNDRAISE

Sponsoring field trips and providing supplemental educational materials.

### WE COMMUNICATE

Providing a forum for parents and teachers through monthly meetings and social media.

### WE ENRICH

Providing unique experiences that build community and promote student engagement.

### BES PTO BOARD

2020-2021

Co-Presidents:  
Elaine Smith and  
Amy Ovitt

Vice President:  
Shannon Gardell

Secretary:  
Erika Killeen

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Carrie Minkler

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Coordinator:  
Melanie Arena

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### Our new home on Facebook!

Berlin Elementary  
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### Meetings:

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the  
month at 6:30pm.

October 13<sup>th</sup>  
November 10<sup>th</sup>  
December 8<sup>th</sup>

This year we will  
host meetings on  
Zoom. Log in info  
coming soon.

BCSD website:  
[berlincentral.org](http://berlincentral.org)



## We Need Your Help!

The new and improved Box Tops mobile app is here and uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt. Find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). Traditional Box Tops clips have been phased out of production, but the mobile app makes supporting our school easier than ever. Just look what we could earn for the school with your support!

# of Students	Box Tops Per Month	Months	Box Top Value	What We Could Earn
300	1	10	\$0.10	\$300
300	10	10	\$0.10	\$3000
300	20	10	\$0.10	\$6000

## Tri-City Foods

Tri-City Foods is a monthly co-op that supports our PTO. They offer a huge variety of foods and we receive 6 % of the profit! Paper order forms have been sent out for October and can be returned to the school. Moving forward, all orders will be submitted online at [tricityfoods.com](http://tricityfoods.com). Prepay with a credit card or EBT, or bring cash or check to delivery which is at the BES tennis courts once a month after school.

## Helping Hands

Helping Hands is a group of teachers, faculty and administrators who work to support the needs of our families. They run the BES food pantry which sends food home on weekends and vacations. Their Holiday Bears program supports families during the holidays. They also offer winter coats, hats, and gloves to those in need. For information please contact Deanna Baker at [dhansen@berlincentral.org](mailto:dhansen@berlincentral.org) or 518-658-1500 ext. 3208.

## CAPCOM School Banking

In-school banking is currently suspended. Services are available online and at CapCom branch locations. Kids can earn great incentives and prizes. CapCom will *pay* your child up to \$60 a year for report cards and reading! Our PTO also earns \$10 for each new student account enrolled by November 30th. What are you waiting for? Open your child's account today with as little as \$1 at [www.capcomfcu.org/schoolbanking](http://www.capcomfcu.org/schoolbanking).

## Fundraiser coming soon for Holiday Delivery

**Charleston Wrap**  
BETTER PRODUCTS. BETTER FUNDRAISING.

## Connection During Covid

Opportunities for engaging students and connecting our community look a little different this year. The PTO is still committed to enriching the learning opportunities for all BES students. Here are some of the ways we have been able to offer support :

- ✓ Back to School Welcome Bags for Virtual and In-person learners.
- ✓ School Wide Raz-Kids Subscription
- ✓ Lifetouch School Picture Day – October 6th
- ✓ Lifetouch School Picture Day for Remote Learners – October 7th
- ✓ Scholastic Book Fair – Week of October 19th

