



Be My Valentine



THUNDERBOLT PARENT BULLETIN #6 FEBRUARY 1, 2012

PROGRESS REPORTS

3rd quarter progress reports are being sent home with students on Wednesday, February 1st.

BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

Our next Parent Booster Club meeting will be Monday, February 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the TBolt Library. We hope you can join us.

BIG 5 SPORTING GOODS FUNDRAISER

Baseball, Softball, and Track are just around the corner. Thunderbolt will receive 5% of ALL sales made at Big 5 Sporting Goods when you present our flyer between the dates of February 10th and February 19th. Flyers will be sent home via email, with students, and available in the front office. Thank you in advance for your support.

ONLY 12 DAYS LEFT TO ORDER A YEARBOOK

YEARBOOKS

Thunderbolt yearbooks will be sold until **February 17, 2012**. After that date, we will NOT be selling more. We will order only the amount that has been sold from the beginning of the school year until **February 17th**. No extra yearbooks will be ordered and only those that ordered a yearbook before **February 17th** will receive one. The yearbooks are \$25.00

SCORPION WEED

With the warmer weather approaching, we will soon be seeing signs of scorpion weed blooming. Please be aware of this plant. It has dark green leaves with a dark purple bloom. Watch for a local itchy rash similar to poison oak or ivy, usually on hands, legs, and feet.

PARENT DAY

Parents, it's your turn to come to school and experience a typical morning at Thunderbolt Middle School. You are invited to attend our annual PARENT DAY on Wednesday, February 22nd. You will follow your child's schedule and attend their morning classes and maybe even get to take a test. All we ask is that you do not bring younger siblings and please do not use this time to conference with teachers. Please sign in when you arrive and wear a visitor sticker while you're here.

SPRING SPORTS MEETING

The Spring Sports information meeting for Baseball, Softball, and Track and Field will take place February 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the Thunderbolt Student Center. This meeting is for both parents and students. In order to participate in sports a student needs a current physical, consent to treat form, proof of insurance, and \$100 participation fee.

EARLY RELEASE DAYS

FEBRUARY 9
FEBRUARY 23
1:30
DISMISSAL

NO SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 20
PRESIDENT'S DAY

GIVE TO THE TROOPS

National Junior Honor Society serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character, and Citizenship. Students must have a 3.5 GPA and be selected by the NJHS Faculty Council.

NJHS is hosting a collection for our troops. Any of the following items are requested:

Coffee, granola bars, instant drink mixes, gum, trail mix, cheese and cracker packs, oatmeal, microwaveable popcorn, and dry soup. Please have items in by the end of February.

NEW SCHOOL/HOME COMMUNICATION TOOL

Our school district now has an automated calling system called Blackboard Connect. The system will allow us to make hundreds of automated phone calls, emails, and text messages in a matter of minutes. We will be able to send messages to all of our parents regarding attendance, event reminders, school information, and emergencies. Most of our automated messages will be sent after hours, but every once in a while you may receive a call during the day.

In preparation, please note these important call delivery notes:

1. **When a call comes from the school, your caller ID will display the main school phone number.**
2. **When listening to a message, please be aware that background noise will cause the system to stop and start. It is carefully calibrated to determine whether a person or an answering machine/voicemail has been reached, and background noise may affect the delivery. If possible, move to a quiet area, or press the "mute" button on your phone.**

If you missed any part of a message, please stay on the line and press the asterisk (*) key on your phone to hear the entire message again.

We are very excited to have this system in place as we continue to improve communication with our parents.

If you do not wish to receive text messages from us please email or call the office.

POLICE BEAT

For those who have made it a rule to wear the bike helmet for bikes, boards and scooter use, Thank You! We see more and more students complying with the new law and wearing this important piece of equipment. For those of you who may not have been aware...YES, it is a City Ordinance and is enforceable. The ordinance reads "Persons under 16 years of age operating skateboards, scooters or skates on any public roadway or sidewalk shall at all times wear a protective helmet." If you have not purchased a helmet for your child, do so immediately, or suspend their use of the scooters, boards and skates until they use a helmet.

For parents driving their children to school, please do not drop off students in the cross walk or school crossing zone. This can create a hazard and is not safe for your student.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Student Council will be travelling to Phoenix for a Leadership Conference that will involve them working with the Phoenix Suns!

Pennies for Patients will begin on February 6th. We will be collecting donations for three weeks to help benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Parents may make donations as well as students. All donations are tax deductible! Checks can be made out to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

We have Spirit Week February 13-17 and a Valentine's Dance coming up on February 17th.

We are also busy planning this year's 8th Grade Dance, which has a theme of "Hollywood Red Carpet". There may be a small fee to attend the dance. Look for information soon.

CHILD FIND SCREENINGS

Free Developmental Screenings are offered for children ages 0-5 that include:

Hearing/Vision	Gross Motor Skills
Fine Motor Skills	Social/Emotional Skills
Cognitive Skills	Communication Skills

Screening Dates: **February 24** **March 30**
 April 27 **May 18**

Call 505-6033 to schedule an appointment

8TH GRADE PRESENTATION

Wednesday, February 1st, 7pm at the LHHS Performing Arts Center (PAC).

A presentation for parents and 8th grade students to help prepare for high school.

The High School counselors will be coming to Thunderbolt the week of February 13th to discuss with the students: high school requirements, electives, registration, etc. Watch for registration materials to come home.