



BMUST BUZZ

The Bi-Monthly Newsletter of The Bellmore-Merrick United Secondary Teachers

Calendar – May/June 2010

Wed., May 5	Trustees Meeting 6 p.m.
Wed., May 19	RA Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Wed., June 2	Trustees Meeting 5 p.m.
Wed., June 16	RA Meeting 3 p.m.
Fri., June 25	Trustees Meeting 12 p.m.

Message From The President

On May 10th and 11th, nearly one hundred BMUST members participated in our phone banks at the NYSUT Office in Woodbury. I want to thank every one who gave their time and effort to help us in our campaign to pass the Bellmore-Merrick Budget on Tuesday. Hundreds of phone calls were made and thousands of envelopes were stuffed and addressed. It was extremely gratifying to me to see this terrific show of solidarity. Everyone who was there knows what is at stake on May 18th – for our district, for our kids, and for fellow BMUST members. We know the disastrous impact a contingency budget at a 0% increase could have on all of us. It is essential that we do whatever we can to get the budget passed.

This week we distributed pink heart pins as part of the AFT campaign of solidarity with the thousands of teachers around the nation who are being given “pink slips”. We are extremely fortunate that our district has not had to resort to mass layoffs. If the budget does not pass, that certainly may change. But we don’t have to look very far to see the impact of teacher layoffs – it is as close as NY City, Brentwood and New Jersey. In New Jersey, the governor has declared open warfare on teachers and public employee unions. It seems that Governor Patterson, Mayor Bloomberg and of course Newsday are marching to the same drummer. It is more important than ever that we support each other and stick to our message that unions, rather than being the enemies of education that we are portrayed as, are actually one of the main factors promoting good education. Just look at the differences between school systems in unionized states and in

those with weak or non existent unions. The middle class of America was built by the union movement and by public education. How ironic that these are the institutions that are now being scapegoated and attacked.

I am appealing to all of you, no matter where you live, to get out and vote in support of your school district budget on May 18th. Talk to you family and friends, especially if they are supportive. If the “yes” votes show up we will surely be successful.

In solidarity,

Mike

News from the Hive



NYSUT 2010 Community Service Award

BMUST is a winner of the NYSUT 2010 Community Service Award. Thanks to all who made this wonderful achievement possible.

BMUST Dinner Dance

Join us for another fun filled evening as we celebrate our union and its members, recognize our new retirees and congratulate all award winners. This celebration will take place at the Woodbury Country Club at 884 Jericho Turnpike in Woodbury from 6 – 11 p.m.

Get a table of friends together, come alone or bring your significant other and join us for cocktails, dinner and dancing for \$60 per person. A great time is always had by all.

Congratulations to:



.... Kate Caparuso (Calhoun/Social Studies)
Recipient of the 2010 N.Y.S. Council for the Social Studies Outstanding High School Social Studies Teachers Award.

...Mike Dolber (Merrick/Social Studies, BMUST President) and Carol Murray (Calhoun/Guidance) for being selected by the Merrick Kiwanis for this year’s Teacher Recognition Award.

Congratulations to:

... Joan Kleinman (Merrick/Math) Edith May Sliffe Award for distinguished Middle School Teaching from the Mathematical Association of America.



... Kate Caparusso (Calhoun/SS) on the birth of her daughter McKenzie.
... Nicole DeLuca (Calhoun/LOTE) on the birth of her son, Logan
... Franca Fiorentino (JFK/LOTE) – on the birth of her daughter Carolina Rose.
... Tina McClenaghan (Mepham/Math) on the birth of her daughter Carah Eileen.
... Flint Moger (Retired/JFK/Business Ed.) on the birth of his 7th grandchild Alexander Steven
... Bill Murphy (Mepham/Social Studies) on the birth of his son, Charles.
... Susan Necroto (Calhoun/Math), Lou and their son Ryan on the birth of Kate Nicole
... Mark and June Spruyt (Calhoun/PE) - on the birth of Hope's little brother, Austin Mark Spruyt.
... Shari Stack (Mepham/Librarian) and her husband Chris, on the birth of their son Liam.

NYSUT Service Award Winners

Carolyn Condenzio, 10 years
Mike Dlugozima, 10 years
Lisa Gaeta, 10 years
Doug Smestad, 20 years
Sharon Lefkowitz, 30 years

Winners of the LITBF –

Len Motisi Memorial Scholarship

Brian Carney (son of Mary Ellen Carney/Mepham/Math)
Alexander Hamilton (son of Fred Harrison/Calhoun/SS)
Michael B. Williams (son of Melissa Williams/Grand/Art)

BMUST 2010 Senior Scholarship

Award Winners

Calhoun: Samuel Dobre, Allison Lerner, Corey Werbelow
Kennedy: Braden Carlo, Brittany Sacks, Ashley Wander
Mepham: Jenna Cavuto, John Coen, Emily Fox
MAP: Amanda Barry

BMUST Award Winners

Outstanding Professionals:

Justin Uliano/Calhoun HS
Lisa Gaeta/Grand
Lisa Oliveri/JFK
Rob Walsh/Mepham

Outstanding Professionals:

Mike Dlugozima/Merrick
Geisha Rodriguez/MAP

Lou DeFilippo Outstanding Union Service Award:

Peter Brideson/Grand

Para Special Service Award: Terry Goodridge/Merrick

PTA Award: Pamela Banks-Davis/Co-President
Bellmore-Merrick Coordinating Council of PTA's

President's Choice Award: Rick Hamilton

Patricia Christy Outstanding Retiree Award: Joseph Gsell

Community Service Award: Bruce Reed/JFK

New Retirees

Richard Benay (Grand/Technology)
Doug Dale (Calhoun/Special Ed)
Barbara Gai (Mepham/Health)
Maxine Geller (Calhoun/Speech)
Fred Harrison (Calhoun/Social Studies)
Ellen Katz (Calhoun/Business)
George Kessel (Grand/English)
Antoinette Mastrullo (Mepham/Nurse)
Steve Pagiavlas (JFK/Art)
Connie Primavera (Calhoun/Special Ed)
Steven Spivak (Calhoun/Special Ed)

Congratulations to the Newly Tenured Teachers

Andree, Keri (Sec. Math/Kennedy)
Avellaneda, Jr., Walter (Music/Kennedy)
Beinert, Lauren (Gen. Sp. Ed/Merrick)
Burtraw, David (Sec. English/Kennedy)
Daniels, Brian (Sec. Social Studies/Calhoun)
DeMartinis, Anthony (Counselor/Kennedy)
Feliney, Amanda (Music/Grand)
Glick, Heather (ESL/Calhoun)
Grasso, Matthew (Counselor/Kennedy)
Gray, Taryn (Sec. Math/Calhoun)
Hanly, Veronica (Sec. English/Calhoun)
Joyce, Brian (Sec. Social Studies/Calhoun)
Kefaliakos, Alexandra (Sec. Language/Calhoun)
Kramer, Matthew (Sec. Science/Calhoun)
Lentino, Kristy (Sec. Social Studies/Kennedy)
Leonard, Karen (Sec. Language/Grand)
Levy, Rebecca (Sec. English/Grand)
Melo, Daytona (Sec. Science/Calhoun)
Nolan, Kevin (Sec. English/Calhoun)
Prinzevalli, Cara (Sec. Science/Kennedy)
Rolnick, Amanda (Sec. Language/Kennedy)
Rothschild, Jaclyn (Gen. Sp. Ed/Mepham)

Congratulations to the Newly Tenured Teachers

Rzempoluch, Tiffany (Gen. Sp. Ed/MAP)
Steiding, Danielle (Art/Kennedy/Mepham)
Stiglitz, Daniel (Ed. Tech. Specialist/Merrick)
Sutherland, Christopher (Music/Calhoun/Mepham)
Tannenbaum, Erin (Sec. Language/Grand)
Weinstein, Jennifer (Sec. Math/MAP)
Yodice, Nicole (Sec. Science/Grand)

Best Wishes for Sharing Life Together:



... Jennifer Werner (JFK/English) was recently married.

We Mourn the Loss of:



... Rick Hamilton - Former BMUST President, Retired - (Kennedy/Calhoun/Mepham/Grand/Health)
... Virginia Shaver – Retired (Library District Chair)
... Joe Tartikoff – Retired (Merrick/Mepham/Grand/Math)
... Ruth Terry - Retired (Brookside/Home Economics)

Condolences to:

... Audrey Andrews (Payroll) on the loss of her mother Caroline A. Fountain.
... Manny Espinal (Custodian) on the loss of his sister-in-law, Florida Squero.
... Barbara Gai (Mepham/Health) on the loss of her mother-in-law.
... Christine Kane (Mepham/Art) on the loss of her grandfather.
... Rosa Manzo (Mepham/Language) on the loss of her father.
... Steve Pagiavlas (JFK/Art) on the loss of his brother.
... Joeann Salvani – (Retired/Calhoun/Mepham/ Health) on the loss of her husband Mark.
... Michael Scinto – Retired (Merrick/Grand/Jerusalem/Mepham/Calhoun/JFK) On the loss of his wife, Alison
... Doug Smestad (Calhoun/SS) on the loss of his wife Janice.
... Donald Smith (Security/Brookside/MAP) on the loss of his mother-in-law Elizabeth Cochol.

Budget Vote

Don't forget to vote **YES** for the School Budget on **Tuesday, May 18th**.

Membership Services

BMUST Death Benefit: Any change of beneficiary, please contact Kim Black at ext. 1068. If you have not already filled out this form, please do so & return it to the Union Office at Brookside.
This is a **free** \$500 policy for active teachers and paras.

Any member, who has *changed their name, address, phone # or e-mail address*, please notify Kim at the union office at ext. 1068, by e-mail bmustsecretary@gmail.com, or by interoffice mail – no stamp needed. Those returning from leave must fill out a new membership application.

If you have not done so, PLEASE sign up for the BMUST e-mail list serve at www.bmust.org.



Important Dates:

BMUST Meeting Dates for 2010:
Board of Trustees 5/5, 6/2, 6/25.

Representative Assembly: 5/19, 6/16.

BMUST Awards/Dinner Dance: June 17, 2010, 6 – 11 p.m.

Special Education Committee Meeting Dates 2009-2010

5/19, June TBA

All meetings are held in the Union Office at Brookside, Room 96 at 3:15 p.m.

Emergency School Closings

For information tune into:

WINS (1010 AM)	WHLI (1100 AM)
WBAB (102.3 FM)	WBLI (106.1 FM)
K-JOY (98.3 FM)	WOR (710 AM)
WALK (97.5 FM)	WCBS (880 AM)
WNBC/WNYW/Fox 5	WABC-TV
WMJC (94.3 FM)	WRNC (103.9)
LOVE (96.1 FM)	

Cable News - Channel 12 or check the Website www.bellmore-merrick.k12.ny.us

When possible, Emergency School Closing Decisions will be made by 6 a.m.

The *Buzz*

The *Buzz* is published bi-monthly following a Representative Assembly Meeting. If you would like anything announced in the next *BUZZ*, please E-mail Kim Black at bmustsecretary@gmail.com.