

NEWS

Staff News

April 27, 2011

Ms. Susan DeClue, our math and reading specialist, will be retiring at the end of the school year. We thank Susan for her dedication to our students and for the support she has shown our classroom teachers and our staff. To those of you that are not familiar with Susan's role in our school, she wears many hats to promote math and reading literacy in our school. She has worked with our assessment team and helps to administer and interpret the AIMSweb reading assessment. She works with whole class, and small groups in reading and math providing additional instruction for our learners needing more time to learn. Susan is also the organizer for our after school tutoring program. We wish her the best retirement!

Mrs. Joyce Sunderland is retiring from her position as food service manager and head cook at the end of this school year. Joyce has served Bridport School as a parent, School Board Member, grandparent, volunteer, and as one of the two cooks who provide our breakfast and lunch. The students love her and she is almost guaranteed at least one hug a day. She has also provided our staff with coffee, friendship, and a great sense of humor. Joyce will be missed very much in the school but her grandchildren will draw her into school for special occasions! Retirement will afford Joyce more time with her family, especially those grandchildren!

Congratulations to **Beth Bearor** our STAR AWARD winner. Beth has continued to develop our preschool program to include a playgroup for three year olds this year. As we extended our preschool program Beth helped us to acquire grants to cover the start up cost of the expansion. She has worked toward getting our program accredited and we now have three stars. Beth has written an EEI Grant Proposal to allow more time for the three year olds and she connected us with Middlebury College as a partner in that endeavor. She is one of the Bright Stars that shines on and in Bridport School. Thank You Beth!

Dates:

May 9-11 Book Fair (Details on the back)

May 21-22: Yard Sale Benefit for BCS Playground

June 1: Spring Concert

May 25-26: 6th grade to Pok-O-MacCready

June 16: Step Up Ceremony (6th Gr.)

Spring Time at BCS

It is that time of year again when we can get outside. As we ease closer to June we often see an increase in our students' anxiety levels as they anticipate their move to the next grade or to the next school. Parents and educators can ease the anxiety by maintaining the student's daily schedule, making sure they get plenty of sleep, and by reassuring them that we are all here to support them.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Just when you think you've seen it all the PTO out does themselves decorating the teachers' room and providing teacher snacks. Thank you so very much PTO (and any others who helped). You show your support for the BCS teachers and staff in so many ways!

BUY ONE GET ONE FREE BOOK FAIR!

The Spring Book Fair is just around the corner and it's Buy One Get One Free! Join us in sharing a love of reading with our students at Bridport Central School's **Scholastic Book Fair on May 9th, and 10th from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and May 11th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.** It's a great way to connect your kids with books they want to read!

This year we have a new opportunity to bring more books to children in our community. We call it *One for Books*. Donate just \$1 or your spare change and sign a Book Slip with your name or your child's name so we can display it in the Book Fair. All of the money collected will go to purchasing books for DCF in Middlebury.

Scholastic Book Fairs will match the One for Books dollars we raise with a donation of up to one million books to three non-profit organizations devoted to improving reading skills among children: Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc., National Center for Family Literacy and Toys for Tots.

The 28th Annual Apple Blossom Derby: 10K/5K/5K Walk

Saturday, May 7th @ 10am
Registration opens at 9am

Family Fun Run starts at 9:30

This race is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Shoreham School Parents, Teachers & Friends. This year's proceeds will support our efforts to install a new gym floor. The first 100 registrants receive a free full-color t-shirt. There will be music and great food!

Registration fees before April 15th are \$15/adult \$8/under 18. Fun Run is \$10/adult \$5/child.

More info and registration:
www.shorehamschool.org/derby

www.facebook.com/shorehamderby

See you at the race!