



Boyertown Elementary School

A Monthly Publication For Parents

Greg Miller, Principal

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Our very best to the students at Boyertown Elementary School and their families for a very happy and healthy New Year!

Thank you

To 5th, and 6th graders and Mrs. Lydic for a fantastic Winter Concert.

To Mr. Renninger for the Giving Tree in our Lobby.

To everyone for the items (hats, gloves, mittens, scarves) that were donated for the Giving Tree.

Adjusted Specials Schedule

Due to missing specials because of no school, we will be following Monday/Friday schedule on the following dates:

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

Tuesday, April 6, 2010

We will follow Monday's special schedule.

Last Minute Dismissal Changes

If you send a note to the teacher about arrangements for your child being picked up, please write the teacher's name and the words "Pick-up Information" on the note. I am asking you to do this because a substitute teacher will not open the note if you only

have the teacher's name written on the note. This will ensure that the proper people are aware of the dismissal arrangements. Please avoid e-mailing the teacher or leaving a message on their voice mail related to dismissal procedures. A substitute teacher does not have access to voice mail or e-mail messages. In the event of a last minute change to dismissal procedures, please call the office.



Bear Pride

BES is practicing Bear Pride! When a child is observed exhibiting positive behavior, or has achieved an academic milestone; he or she is rewarded with a red Bear Pride Card. The student places the card in the Bear Pride box in the office. At the end of each month 15 cards are drawn for the following prizes, compliments of the P.T.O.:

1 st place	\$20 gift card to Borders Book Store
2 nd – 5 th place	\$15 gift card to Borders Book Store
6 th – 15 th place	\$10 gift card to Borders Book Store

Congratulations to all of our winners!





Weather Related Updates

For weather related updates, please call **610-369-SNOW (7669)**. This is a district wide phone number available for your convenience.

“Keeping Touches Safe & Healthy”

Parents of second grade students are invited and encouraged to attend a parent preview of “Keeping Touches Safe & Healthy” which will be presented on Wednesday, January 6, 2010, at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria at Junior High West. This program will be presented by the Victims Services Center of Montgomery County. There will be a video presentation and discussion of the program that will be shown to our second grade students. The program will teach the children how to recognize and prevent sexual abuse. The program will be presented to the second grade students on Tuesday, January 26, 2010.



From the Nurse:

Attention Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade Parents: As part of our school district’s health curriculum, students in these grades are given the opportunity to receive Life Education (covers the biological changes that occur) and AIDS education. The Life Education Parent Night, which allows you to preview the materials presented to the students, is scheduled for January 13, 2010 (snow make up date of January 19, 2010) at Junior High West. The Life Education Parent Response letter was sent home in

December. If you have any questions regarding the parent preview night please contact the school nurse at 610-473-5170.

**Grade 4 Parents: 6:00 PM Auditorium
Grade 5 Parents: 6:30 PM Cafeteria
Grade 6 Parents: 7:00 PM Auditorium**

Attention Kindergarten and 3rd grade parents: Dental exams are now due. If you have not yet handed in the dental exam form for your child, please do so as soon as possible. School dental screenings will be given on February 6, 2010 for any student who has not handed in the dental form. If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse.

Effective 2001, elementary students are not permitted to bring cough drops to school under any circumstances. Please refer to the BASD policy in your Parent Handbook to review the policy. Chloraseptic spray is available to all students to treat sore throats

Health Updates: Please notify the nurse if there are any changes in your child’s health status. We would like to keep your child’s health record current and up to date to ensure proper care while your child is attending school.

Please keep your Emergency Card information current: Anytime you have phone number changes, either at home, work, or for an alternate, please notify the health room so we can keep your child’s emergency card current.

Colds & Flu

Is it a cold or is it the flu? See the chart below to learn the differences between the two.

Signs & Symptoms

Cold:

Fever, chills	low fever, if any
Headache	rare
General aches and pains	mild, if any
fatigue, weakness	mild, if any
runny, stuffy nose	common
sneezing	usual
sore throat	common
cough	mild to moderate

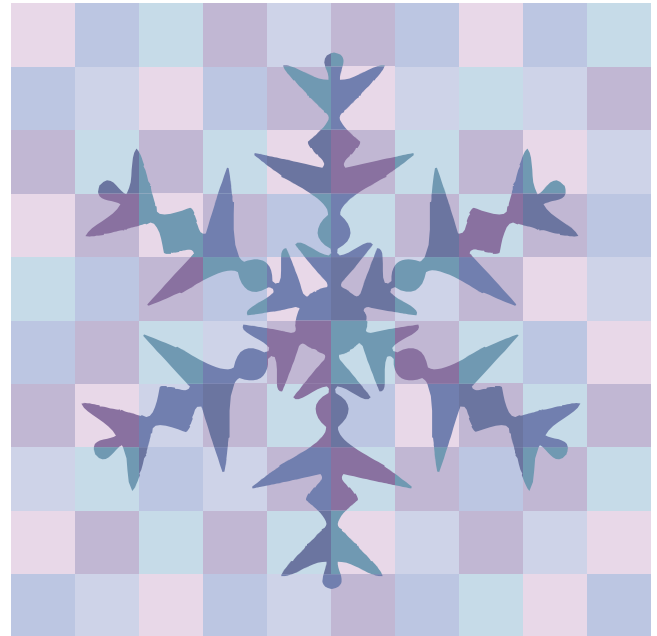
Flu:

Fever, chills	usual; can be a high fever
Headache	usual
General aches and pains	usual; often severe, affect the body all over
fatigue, weakness	usual; often severe. Makes you want to stay in bed
runny, stuffy nose	sometimes
sneezing	sometimes
sore throat	sometimes
cough	common; can be severe

Flu symptoms come on suddenly and affect the body all over. Cold symptoms develop gradually and mostly affect you above the neck. However, when you get the flu, you are more prone to developing secondary infections such as bronchitis, sinus, and ear infections.

Prevention of Colds/Flu

- Wash your hands often.
- Keep them away from your nose, eyes, and mouth.
- Use an instant hand sanitizer when you can't wash your hands.
- Try not to touch people or their things when they have a cold or the flu.
- Get regular exercise.
- Eat well.
- Get adequate rest.





News from the Reading Specialists

by Bob Trainer and Kristi Medvetz

We would like to inform you about a special week in our school from Monday, March 1, 2010 to Friday, March 5, 2010. On Friday, we will be concluding our **READ ACROSS AMERICA** week which honors Dr. Seuss' birthday. We have many fun and educational reading activities planned for the day. To add to the reading excitement, students are invited to bring no more than 3 gently used or new books to our **Book Swap** on Monday or Tuesday of that week. Students will take their books to their classroom. Classrooms will go to the Book Swap at their class's scheduled time during the day. The number of books your child brings will determine the number of books your child may choose at the Book Swap. If your child brings one book, then he or she will get one "new" book.

We encourage your participation, but it is optional. We hope your child continues to explore the many adventures that he or she may have in reading. Happy reading to all! We hope to see your child at the Book Swap.

We need the help of **parent volunteers** to staff the tables at the Book Swap. You will need to help keep the tables of books organized and possibly place books swapped by the students on the appropriate table(s). A half hour or hour of your time is all that should be needed. If you are able to volunteer that day please complete the slip below, detach it, and have your child return it to school tomorrow.

=====**Return this tomorrow to Mr. Trainer**=====

**I can help at the Book Swap on Friday, March 5th at the following times
(Check all times that are good for you.)**

<input type="checkbox"/> 8:30 A.M.	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:00 A.M.	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:30 A.M.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 P.M.	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:30 P.M.
<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 A.M.	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:30 A.M.	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 Noon	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:30 P.M.	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:00 P.M.
<input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 A.M.	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:00 A.M.	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:30 P.M.	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:00 P.M.	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:30 P.M.

Child's Name _____ **Teacher's Name** _____

Parent's signature _____

Day phone _____ **Evening phone** _____

E-mail address _____ **Schedule me for** _____ **half hours**

P.T.O. News

The BES PTO would like to thank all who picked an apple or two from the Teacher Wish Baskets to help our teachers with classroom items. Your generosity was very much appreciated by the PTO and our teachers. A huge thanks to Meghan Burnell for organizing this project.

Many thanks to Connie Hukari for running the Holiday Shop for our students. This event takes many hours of planning and work and Connie did a great job again this year.

This was our first time participating in the Festival of Trees sponsored by the Multi Service. Thanks to Karen Cumens who did a great job in decorating our tree with the theme "Snow Days." It was a great event and we hope to be a part of it next year.

The PTO again offered spirit wear to our BES families. We hope that this helped you find something to show your Boyertown pride. Thanks to Laurie Kelly for coordinating this.

Dates to remember:

Market Day pickup

January 12, 2010

PTO General Membership meeting

January 14, 2010 @ 7pm in our Library.

Andrea Elsier

PTO President

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