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# Boyertown Elementary School

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A Monthly Publication For Parents

Greg M. Miller, Principal

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## The BES Review ...

As we come to the close of the school year, I would like to THANK YOU for all of your support in offering the best educational experience we can provide. Your willingness to share your time and talents helps us “make a big difference” for the children who attend BES. I wish you and your family the very best for a great summer!

Best wishes to ...

- our 6th grade class as they transition to the Junior High School for 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

## Change of Residence

If you have plans of relocating to another residence prior to the opening of school next September, please notify the school office at 610-369-7462. This information will be most helpful as we make plans and preparations for the opening of another school year.



## Summer Hours

The Boyertown Elementary library will be open this summer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 21<sup>st</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The library will be available from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM for book selection only. The library will be closed on July 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Unfortunately, the BES computer lab will be closed this summer.** The BES office will be open this summer from 7:00 – 12:00 and 12:30 - 3:30 PM (closed the week of 8/1/10.)

## Lost and Found

Our piles of “found” items continue to grow. Please have your child look for lost items in our “Lost and Found” chest. Also, please feel free to look through the items when you visit our school.

## 2010 – 2011 Class Assignments

### Please Mark Your Calendar



- 9/16/10 Meet the Teacher  
(parents only)  
**Kindergarten**  
7:30 PM  
(AM & PM Kdg.)
- 8/30/10 Meet the Teacher  
**1<sup>st</sup> grade**  
6:30 PM
- 9/7/10 Meet the Teacher  
**2<sup>nd</sup> grade**  
7:30 PM  
**3<sup>rd</sup> grade**  
6:30 PM
- 9/2/10 Meet the Teacher  
**4<sup>th</sup> grade**  
7:30 PM  
**5<sup>th</sup> grade**  
6:30 PM
- 9/16/10 Meet the Teacher  
**6<sup>th</sup> grade**  
6:30 PM

### Parent Teacher Conferences

This year during each of the Meet the Teacher evenings, we will be allowing parents to sign up for parent conferences in one location. During each of the Meet the Teacher evenings there will be tables in the main hallway with all of the sign-up sheets. We hope this will help those of you with multiple children to arrange convenient times for you.

Each year the administration and teachers must assign students to classes for the next school year. The child's educational success is the foremost deciding factor when making these important decisions. Many factors are considered when making class assignments. Since our staffing needs and teacher assignments will not be finalized with the close of this school year, students will not be assigned to their new classes until later on during the summer. **Parents will be notified by mail of their children's 2010-2011 class assignments and other related information.** Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Greg Miller.

### 2010 – 2011 Bus Deviation Requests

Please remember that if you wish to request permission for your child to ride a bus or use a bus stop other than the one assigned based on your residence, the transportation department will need your completed bus deviation form as soon as possible. These requests are approved on a space available basis and require four days notice before becoming effective. If you wait until the start of the 2010-2011 school year to request a bus deviation, there will be delays and possible denial due to the unavailability of space on the bus requested. Also, remember that district policy regarding bus deviations no longer permits more than one pick up or drop off location.

## **Kindergarten Orientation**

Orientation for incoming kindergarten students and their parents is scheduled for Monday, August 16, 2010. Additional information will be mailed to parents in July.

## **Kindergarten Information**



On Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, students in grades 1 through 6 will be dismissed at 12:30 PM. As a result, kindergarten will follow the schedule outlined below:

Morning Kindergarten  
dismissed at 10:25 AM on June 11<sup>th</sup>

Afternoon Kindergarten  
10:25 AM arrival and  
a 12:30 dismissal on June 11<sup>th</sup>

## **Cafeteria News**



Note from the Cafeteria: School is coming to a close. Please make sure all lunch charges are paid before June 11, 2010. Attention 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents: any money that is remaining in your son or daughter's account will be rolled over into their account at Junior High West.

## **2010-2010 School Lunch**



The approved lunch price for the 2010 – 2011 school year is as follows:  
Elementary lunch (including milk) - \$2.10

## **P.T.O.**

The PTO has completed another year of wonderful support to the students, teachers, and staff of Boyertown Elementary. A big thank you to our BES P.T.O. officers as well as all of the PTO members.

Andrea Elsier	President
Karen Cumens	Vice President
Kim Ibach	Secretary
Stacy Faust	Treasurer
Judy Miller	Corresponding Secretary



## **From the Health Room**

### **MEDICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 2010-2011**

Reminders will be sent home along with new medication forms for next school year for students that currently have medication in the nurse's office. Your physician must renew medication orders each year as per the BASD medication policy. If your child will need medication for the 2010-2011 school year, remember to **refer to the BASD medication policy** (see BASD School Handbook or BASD web site) **including prescription and/or over-the counter medication**, during school hours.

According to the medication policy, you will need to provide the school nurse with a note from the physician and a parent note. The physician note must include the child's name, name of medication, appropriate dose and time to be given. Please contact the health room if you have any questions. Medication forms are available on the BASD Web site at <http://www.boyertownasd.org>, click on the services tab, and then click on the students' services link, followed by clicking on the health services tab or by request from the health room.

Students who require an inhaler or epi-pen at school, may self administer their medication with their physician and parent approval. Please have your physician complete the appropriate section on the medication authorization

form. Information concerning this procedure can be found on the BASD web site as listed above.

**Reminder, all medication must be picked up by 6/11/10.** If arrangements are not made to have your child's medication picked up on or before the last day of school, remaining medication will be discarded. Medication may not be stored in the health room over the summer vacation.

**Attention parents of incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students, private dental exam forms and incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students, private physical exam forms may now be turned in for the 2010-2011 school term.** PA School Health Act #535 requires these examinations for all students in these grades. Forms were sent home earlier this school year. If you need a form just contact the health room or visit the school district website as indicated above.

Please have a healthy and safe summer. Remember to wear your sun block when outside at all times, even on overcast days, to protect your skin from harmful UV rays. Make sure you wear your bicycle helmet and protective gear when skateboarding or rollerblading to prevent head injuries and other injuries. And most importantly, don't forget to buckle-up. We are looking forward to seeing you healthy and ready for the 2010-2011 school year.

**From Your School Counselors: Peg Glasgow, Erica Hummel, & Erin Nester**

**Summer Safety Tips**

Summer is just around the corner and soon we will be enjoying warm days and good times with our families and friends. As your family prepares for a summer full of fun please keep the following safety tips in mind.

Protection from the sun:

- Protect your children from too much sun. When the temperature is 90 degrees or above children should not play outside for more than 30 minutes at a time.
- Encourage your child to drink plenty of fluids, especially water.
- Insist that they take cooling off breaks in the shade.
- Use a sunscreen that protects against UVA and UVB rays. Sunscreen works best when it is applied 30 minutes before going out.
- Re-apply sunscreen every 60-90 minutes and after being in the water. The sun's rays are strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Remember to apply sunscreen even on cloudy days as the sun's burning rays go right through clouds.



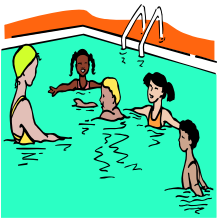
Riding safety:

- Children should always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle, scooter, skateboard or when rollerblading.
- Knee and elbow pads should be worn as well when riding a scooter. Wrist guards should be added when children are skateboarding.
- Children should only ride bikes that fit them.



Water safety:

- Children should be supervised at all times when playing in or near the water.
- Teach children to swim and make them aware of the hazards of swimming in a lake or river.
- Life vests should be worn for boating and while swimming in lakes, rivers, or the ocean. Be sure that the life vests fit your children and are comfortable.
- Children should only swim in areas where a lifeguard is on duty or if an experienced swimmer is watching.



Protection from insects:

- Use insect repellent that contains no more than 30% DEET.
- Avoid using repellent on infants, small children, the face and open cuts. Repellent should be used on clothing instead of skin.
- Teach children to leave bee or wasp nests undisturbed. Check eaves and under decks for nests.
- At the end of the day check you child's whole body for ticks.



We would like to wish everyone a happy and safe summer. Enjoy! ☺

# P.T.O. News

We celebrated Earth Day at Boyertown Elementary on April 22nd. Cara Schweizer organized Earth Day and was responsible for the idea of the reusable bags. All students and staff received a bag as a reminder to cut down on the amount of plastic bags that we use. Again this year, Eternal Landscaping and Jason Bello donated 4 more cherry trees that were planted and dedicated to our outgoing sixth grade class. Thanks to both Cara and Eternal Landscaping for all that they did to make this year's Earth Day a memorable one.

Thank you to all our parents who sent in cookies and juice to help us celebrate Grandparents' Day. We had many grandparents visit our school and due to your generosity they were able to share a large variety of cookies and juice with their grandchildren. Thanks to all the parents who came to volunteer their time welcoming the grandparents and helping give directions. The day was a huge success and it would not have been such a success without all our volunteers.

The PTO recognized our teachers and staff during Teacher/Staff Appreciation. Thanks to Meghan Burnell for planning this event, and thanks to all the parents who donated food and dessert items for all to enjoy.

Don't miss out on a chance to stock up over the summer! We will be having a Market Day summer sale this July. You can place your orders online at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) under Account# 16217 Boyertown/Pine Forge Elementary. Pick up date will be Tuesday 7/20/10 at Boyertown Elementary School at 4:00pm. Please call Janelle Ordway with any questions (484) 300-2328.

We are in the midst of planning our Fun Day activities. This event is fun for all and it is our last event before we say goodbye to school and hello to summer. Thanks to

Connie Hukari for running this event, and thanks to all the parents who will help make this a fun time for the students.

Good luck to our sixth grade class who will begin their Jr. High years in September.

Many thanks must be given to all the parents and family members who have supported the PTO this past year. You have supported us with volunteering your time, talents, supporting our fundraisers and attending our activities. We appreciate all your help.

Thanks to all our PTO chair members who make our events happen. We must thank Mr. Miller, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Finnerty, custodial staff, teachers and support staff who have helped us with whatever was asked of them. We truly could not run our events without their help.

We hope that all our students and staff have a safe and happy summer.

The PTO welcomes Meghan Burnell as our new PTO President. Below is a list of our new PTO officers for the 2010-2011 school year.

Meghan Burnell- PTO President  
Andrea Elsier- PTO Vice President  
Karen Cumens- Treasurer  
Kim Ibach- Secretary/Sunshine Club

If you are interested in getting involved in the PTO in the coming school year, please feel free to contact me.

Andrea Elsier  
610-367-4697