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# Boyertown Elementary School

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A Monthly Publication For Parents

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## **The BES Review...**

The students had the opportunity to celebrate their friendships through the classroom Valentine's Day celebrations. Our 3rd grade students enjoyed a visit to the Planetarium. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students entertained us with a wonderful concert.

## **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.

## **Earthquake Relief**

BES students, families and staff collected \$2,150 for the victims of the recent earthquake in Haiti. The money was donated to the Save The Children foundation. Thank you to all who contributed.

## **Parent Conferences**

The third quarter report cards will be distributed to all students on Monday, April 19, 2010. Teachers desiring conferences will send an invitation to parents. Likewise, parents who would like to request a conference should contact their child's teacher prior to April 19, 2010.



## **Educational Trips**

The Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) tests in Reading and Mathematics will be administered to all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students from April 7 – 16, 2010. **NO TRIPS WILL BE APPROVED FOR 3<sup>RD</sup>, 4<sup>TH</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup>, AND 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS BETWEEN APRIL 7 – 16, 2010.**

All 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be administered the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) tests in writing from April 19 – 23, 2010. **NO TRIPS WILL BE APPROVED FOR 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS BETWEEN APRIL 19 – 23, 2010.**

All 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will be administered the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) test in science from April 26 – 30, 2010. **NO TRIPS WILL BE APPROVED FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS BETWEEN APRIL 26 – 30, 2010.**



## **Kindergarten Registration**

Registration for kindergarten students for the 2010/2011 school year will be held from Monday, March 1 through Friday, March 12 at the Boyertown Area School District Education Center. Registration is by appointment only. Please contact the Student Registration Office at 610-369-7492. The Education Center is located at 911 Montgomery Avenue, Boyertown, PA.

## **Class Assignments for 2010-2011**

At this time of year we start to think of student placements for the fall. The staff and I devote a considerable amount of time placing students in class groupings for the upcoming year. Since we consider the placement process to be one of our most important tasks, I would like to share the process we will use with you.

Student placement is determined and reviewed by a team of professionals consisting of your child's teacher(s), reading specialist, guidance counselor and myself. Additional personnel, such as the special education teachers, are consulted when appropriate. Each child's academic, social and emotional growth and needs are discussed as well as peer relations. We strive to create classes that are heterogeneous, function as cohesive groups and provide each child with an educational environment that will best meet his or her needs. We feel our time is well spent because we also have a personal investment in each child.

In view of the time and consideration taken in the placement of your child, I

request that you do not ask for a specific teacher placement. Should your child need special consideration, such as a specific type of learning environment, please write me a letter stating those areas that should be taken into consideration when making next year's placement. Any written request of this nature must be submitted by April 9, 2010. No requests will be considered after this date. We ask that you respect our professional judgment and be assured that we will strive to make the best possible match.



## **From the Health Room**

### **Dates for up coming Family Life and AIDS classes:**

- \* Fourth Grade AIDS presentation: March 3, 2010
- ❖ Fourth Grade Family life presentation: March 8, 2010

Remember, if you do not want your child to participate in these presentations, submit a written request to your child's classroom teacher or the school nurse before the scheduled date.

**Elementary students are not permitted to bring cough drops to school.** Please refer to the BASD policy in your Parent Handbook to review the entire medication policy. Chloraseptic spray is available to all students to treat sore throats and cough. If your student requires medication during school hours remember that a physician and parent note are required. This policy includes all medication, both over the counter medication (such as Tylenol, cough syrup, etc.) and prescription medication.

**Kindergarten registration** requires proof of immunization for entry into

school. If you will be registering your child for Kindergarten, please remember to bring a copy of their immunizations with you.

**Guidelines on school attendance when your child doesn't feel well:**

Even though attendance in school is important for your child's education, there are occasions when they should be kept home from school. Keep the following guidelines in mind if you have questions about sending your child to school.

Your child should stay home if he/she:

- has a fever of 100 degrees or more within the last 24 hours
- has been vomiting more than one time within the last 24 hours
- has had diarrhea more than one time within the last 24 hours
- has a rash with a fever of 100 degrees or higher
- has a rash, without a fever, that is open and draining (such as chickenpox/impetigo)
- has strep throat and has not been on medication for 24 hours (*may return to school after being on medication for 24 hours*)
- has pink eye and has not been on medication for 24 hours (*may return to school after being on medication for 24 hours*)
- Your child should not arrive at school with an injury that occurred at home to be evaluated by the school nurse. Please have any serious injury occurring at home evaluated by your health care provider

**Reminder to all parents,** please notify the school nurse of any change in your child's health status so that we may better serve your child at school (this would include such things as new health condition: diabetes, seizures, GI disorder, returning to school post surgical procedure, serious injury or illness). If you have any changes to your emergency contact information, please

notify the nurse/school so the changes can be made.



**Read Across America News**

A Reminder!!!!!!!!!!

Dear Parents and Guardians,  
We will be hosting a Book Swap for our students on Friday, March 5, 2010. On this date, we will be celebrating READ ACROSS AMERICA day which honors Dr. Seuss. Students are invited to bring no more than 3 gently used or new books to our Book Swap. Those books may be brought in any day this week. Students will keep their books in the classroom until their class goes to the Book Swap. Classrooms will go to the Book Swap at their scheduled time Friday. The number of books your child brings (1, 2, or 3) will determine the number of books your child may choose at the Book Swap. We encourage your participation, but it is optional.

**From Your School Counselors: Mrs. Glasgow, Mrs. Hummel, & Mrs. Nester**

10 Tips for Helping Build Leadership Skills

1. Create a harmonious home through clear and fair rules, consistent and fair discipline. Allow opportunities to discuss disagreements within the family.
2. Allow your child some choice and control in daily activities within prescribed limits such as picking out his or her clothing for school or choosing one meal a week.
3. Be familiar with your child's strengths and weaknesses as well as his or her present level of ability. Make reasonable demands for performance based on improvement by your child rather than comparisons with peers, siblings or developmental milestones.
4. Establish "family time" on at least a weekly basis. Allow each child to take turns choosing the activity.
5. Let your child know that you have confidence that they can do things on their own. Refer to past struggles and point out how they were able to overcome them.
6. Assign your child manageable age-appropriate household chores. Expect them to complete them everyday with minimal reminders. Use specific task feedback and award close approximations.
7. Be sure to encourage and support your children. Do not make love and support conditional on a child's efforts or behaviors. Make sure that your children know that you may be displeased or disappointed in a behavior, but that they can always depend on your love.
8. Model good social problem solving skills. Stress using words to express feelings and discussion as a way to solve family problems.
9. Encourage children to develop a wide range of skills and hobbies that they can feel successful at. Remember that confidence is developed through evaluations of ability in several areas, not just academic achievement.

Source: National Association of School Psychologists. *Helping Children at Home and School*

# P.T.O. News

At this time the PTO is preparing for our Basket Party and our candy sale is coming to an end. We thank all who have supported these events.

With funds that have been raised, the PTO is able to help contribute towards the author Brian Pinkney's visit to our school. We are sure that this will be an enjoyable time for our students.

The PTO is excited to be involved with Read Across America again this year. We were able to donate money for the purchase of new books for students to swap during Read Across America Day.

Our next PTO meeting will be held on March 11, 2010 at 7 PM. We will have Dr. Dion Betts, Superintendent of Boyertown Area School District as our guest speaker. This meeting will be held in our music classroom.

The PTO will hold Family Fun Movie Night on March 26th. Please look for more information to come home soon in reference to this event. Students will soon be voting for the winning movie. This event has been a huge success in the past and we look forward to seeing you and your family again.

The PTO is always looking for new members to join us at any time during the year. If you think you might want to get involved but are just not sure what is involved, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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