

COLEBROOKDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



January 2010

January Events

- 1 No School
- 6 "Keeping Touches Safe and Healthy"
preview for grade 2 parents
6:30 p.m., Junior High West
- 8 PARP calendars due
- 12 School Board meeting
Education Center, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Family Life Education parent preview
grades 4 and 5 – 6:30 p.m.
grade 6 – 7:00 p.m., Junior High West
- 14 Grade 1 to the Planetarium
- 14 H.S.A. meeting
library, 6:30 p.m.
- 14 Meet the Principal
library, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Market Day delivery
4:45 - 5:45 p.m.
- 18 No School
- 19 Monday Special Area classes
- 21 "Keeping Touches Safe and Healthy"
presentation to grade 2
- 22 Family Life
presentation to grade 6
- 26 end of second quarter
- 26 School Board meeting
Junior High West, 7:00 p.m.
- 27 12:25 p.m. dismissal

School District Reading Requirement

At this time of the year, I would like to remind parents of the district reading requirement. All students in grades 1 through 12 in the Boyertown Area School District are required to read a minimum of ten (10) books during the school year. All novels used in the teaching of reading may be counted toward this reading requirement. Students may read books that are not on the district suggested reading list. You may consult with your

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child's teacher to determine the appropriate reading level for your child.

It's Almost Time for the Soup-er Bowl!

During the first week of February we will again be giving our students and families the opportunity to donate to the food pantries at Boyertown Multi-Service. Our two "soup" cans in the lobby will be designated for the two teams who will compete in the Super Bowl on February 7. A list of the most needed items will be sent home in the near future. Place your items in your favorite team's container and watch the points add up! The scores will be reported daily.

Dear Colebrookdale Families

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve the families of Colebrookdale over the past 21.5 years as school counselor. Along my path I have also held the positions of learning support teacher, instructional support teacher, and currently, intervention teacher in the school. At the end of the second quarter, January 26, 2010, I will retire from this position and enter a new chapter in my life.

I am very happy to tell you that Mrs. Lisa Johnson, our current third grade teacher, has been hired to step into the dual role of school counselor and intervention teacher. Mrs. Johnson holds a master's degree and state certification as a school counselor. She brings her enthusiasm, her love for Colebrookdale, and both her counseling and teaching expertise to the position.

And so it is with bittersweet emotions, I leave my much-beloved position here at CES, and I look eagerly to a future filled with adventures. Thank you for the many fond memories that I take with me!!

Mrs. Weinberger
School Counselor and Intervention Teacher

Parenting for Prevention

For parents of students in grades 4 – 6: Mark the evenings of Wednesday, February 3, 10, and 17 on your calendars for a series of three programs presented by the Caron Treatment Center. The series is designed to provide information and strategies for parents to use with their children in relation to alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use. A flyer with dates, time, and location will be sent home with your child.

Grade 3 Music Program

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our third grade concert on Tuesday, February 9. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the all-purpose room. Join us and think warm thoughts as we go "Cruisin' on the Caribbean".

Preschool Story Time

Our Preschool Story Time is scheduled to begin in February. The sessions will be held in the Colebrookdale Elementary School library beginning at 9:30 a.m. on the following Fridays: February 5; March 5; and April 9.

If you know anyone with preschool children who does not currently have a student enrolled at our school, please pass the word along. This program is intended for children who will be enrolling in our kindergarten program for next school year.

H.S.A. Corner

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Holiday Shoppe a great success.

January 14 will be our next H.S.A. general meeting for this school year. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the school's library. There will be babysitting available. After the meeting there will be a "Meet and Greet" for the new principal, Mr. Michael Stoudt, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Anyone who has pictures from this year's parties, programs and other events is encouraged to share these special memories with our yearbook staff. Pictures may be handed in at the office until February 15.

Yearbook order forms will be distributed in the beginning of January and are due back on February 5, 2010. The cost of the yearbook this year is \$17.

There are a few wooden replicas of Colebrookdale Elementary School available. The cost is \$10. Call the school office if you are interested in purchasing a replica.

Dear Colebrookdale Elementary School Community,

Hello! My name is Michael Stoudt. I will be assuming the role of principal of Colebrookdale Elementary School as of January 4, 2010. I can't tell you how excited I am to be the chosen leader of CES. It has been a dream of mine to join an educational family like the one here at Colebrookdale Elementary. I will work very hard to build relationships and create relevance with all of the stakeholders of the CES community. I am honored to have the opportunity to work alongside those who are committed to doing what is best for children.

My past experiences include 5 years working in industry and more than 15 years in education with families, teachers, and students in kindergarten through grade 12. The majority of my educational experience has been within the Wilson School District as a support teacher and supervisor. I reside in the Wilson School District with my wife and two teenage sons. My wife had been an elementary teacher at Wilson for 20 years, and is currently the elementary instructional coach.

I would like to thank Dr. Shugar for his many years of dedication and commitment to building the CES community into the child-first environment that it is. After spending time with Dr. Shugar and members of the CES faculty, it is obvious that our children have been in excellent hands. I am eagerly anticipating getting to know you and working in collaboration toward providing the best possible education for our children. Together we will study the past to understand the present and plan for the future. I will do everything I can to make my transition as smooth as possible for the students, faculty, and CES community. I will be conducting a meet and greet at Colebrookdale Elementary School on Thursday January 14 from 7:00 until 8:00 in the evening right after a general membership H.S.A. meeting from 6:30-7:00. This will be a time for us to meet and start building our relationships together. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Have a peaceful, relaxing, and safe holiday break.

Warm regards,
Michael Stoudt

