

# EARL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT



## January 2010

Dr. Craig Zerr, Principal

Mrs. Helen Thomas, Secretary

### **PRINCIPAL'S NOTE**

I would like to personally thank all of the parents and students who attended the Christmas Concert. A very special congratulation goes out to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert Choir and Vocal Ensemble for a phenomenal performance! I would hold these groups up to any elementary school choirs anywhere. Thank you to all parents and students who purchased, help sell, and organize the poinsettias. The sale was very successful with 165 poinsettias sold. This truly is a testament to your support of the Earl Music program. The proceeds will directly benefit our Earl Music program. They truly made the stage look beautiful for the concert! Thank you again for your participation and contributions to our cause! We greatly appreciate your continued support!

### **KEYSTONE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

The Pennsylvania Department of Education is pleased to announce the *Keystone Achievement Award* to recognize schools that have met their Adequate Yearly Progress improvement targets for two consecutive years. Earl Elementary School has again been awarded a *Keystone Achievement Award* due to its accomplishment of this goal.

### **TESTING INFORMATION**

Please mark your calendars with the following: **PSSA** (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment) Reading and Math will be given to students in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 during the week of April 12-16. **PSSA** Writing will be given to students in grade 5 during the week of April 19-23. **PSSA** Science will be given to students in grade 4 during the week of April 26-30. **Parents should make sure appointments are NOT scheduled during these time periods. Students will NOT be excused for "educational trips" during these testing periods.**

### **SPECIAL AREA CLASS ADJUSTMENTS**

Due to the large amount of Monday holidays, on three separate occasions this year we will be holding Monday special area classes on Tuesday. On Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. **Monday specials will be held.**

### **BASD INFORMATION LINE**

By dialing 610-369-7669 or logging onto the district website ([www.boyertownasd.org](http://www.boyertownasd.org)), parents/guardians will be informed of current information regarding the status of the district's schedule depending on conditions.

## CONNECT-ED®

Our **Connect-ED®** telephone messaging service enables us to deliver important school information in the event of any emergency, including weather delays or closings. With the **Connect-ED®** service, we are able to send a personalized voice message to parent/guardians and families with one recorded phone message. It is important that the school office is updated with any change in contact telephone numbers so that you will not miss any important communications. We are utilizing your phone numbers from our student information system.

## HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS DEVELOPING DURING THE NIGHT

Heavy snowfall or other serious weather conditions may make it necessary to close schools, delay openings or dismiss early. In such cases, the following media locations will broadcast the information.

### Radio

93.5 WSBG-FM	Stroudsburg
96 WCTO-FM	Allentown
99.9 WODE-FM	Allentown
100.7 WLEV-FM	Allentown
102.5 WRFY-FM	Reading
104 WAEB-FM	Allentown
105.1 WIOV-FM	Reading
105.5 WMGH-FM	Tamaqua
107.1 WWYY-FM	Allentown
107.5 WFKB-FM	Reading
790 WAEB-AM	Allentown
830 WEEU-AM	Reading
1060 KYW-AM (District #893)	Philadelphia
1160 WBYN-AM	Boyertown
1240 WIOV-AM	Reading
1340 WRAW-AM	Reading
1370 WPAZ-AM	Pottstown

### Television

CBS3 – TV	Philadelphia
WCAU-TV – NBC 10	Philadelphia
WFMZ-TV – Channel 69	Allentown
WPVI-TV6	Philadelphia

### Websites

[www.wfmz.com](http://www.wfmz.com)  
[www.wzzo.com](http://www.wzzo.com)  
[www.fox1470.com](http://www.fox1470.com)  
[www.b104.com](http://www.b104.com)  
[www.waeb.com](http://www.waeb.com)  
[www.NBC10.com](http://www.NBC10.com)

## HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS DEVELOPING DURING THE DAY

When weather conditions warrant doing so, a decision to close schools will be made as soon as possible. Junior high school students will be dismissed, followed by the senior high school students. Elementary school students will be dismissed as soon as the buses arrive.

In some instances, the school district may reverse this procedure by allowing the elementary students to be dismissed first. In either case, announcements will be made that will detail the plan. Afternoon kindergarten classes will not meet on days when schools are dismissed on the above schedule. When school is closed, all school and community activities in district buildings are canceled.

## PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Parents are expected to anticipate early dismissal due to inclement weather and to make appropriate provisions for their children.

## REMINDERS

- If there is no announcement from **Connect-ED®**, the previously listed radio and television stations or on the district website, parents can be assured the schools will remain open.
- Please limit phone calls to the school so the telephone lines may remain open for emergency use. The BASD Information Line (610-369-7669) and district website will have current information regarding the schedule for the day.
- When schools are closed for emergency reasons for one day, they will reopen the next day unless the radio, television stations, and/or district website carry information that schools will remain closed.

**INFORMATION ON CHECKING YOUR CHILD'S CAFETERIA ACCOUNT BALANCE THROUGH MYSCHOOLBUCKS.COM**

You can create an account at mySchoolBucks.com, and then click on "pay as you go" to view your child's account without incurring a fee.

**FROM MRS. LORENZ, ART TEACHER**

Thank you for sending in egg cartons, tin pie dishes and yogurt cups. PLEASE keep sending in the egg cartons and yogurt cups.

**MUSIC NOTES FROM MR. BRUNNER, VOCAL MUSIC TEACHER**

The Earl and Pine Forge third and fourth graders will be presenting their winter production entitled "A Trip to Disney," on Wednesday, February 10, 2010. The concert will take place at Junior High West and the curtain is at 7 p.m. The premise of this program is that the students will sing and act out the rides and attractions. The audience will experience the Animatronics coming to life, and no one will have to travel to Florida

At this time, each third and fourth grade student should have brought home a letter explaining all the details of the show. Every student should return this paper no later than Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> so I can have an accurate count of who will be participating. The students and I look forward to presenting this program to you in February.

Also, this January, February, and March, I will be working with a student teacher. Her name is Miss Angie Lebrun, and she comes to us from Valley Forge Christian College.

If you would like more information of what is happening at Earl and Pine Forge music departments, or if you would like to volunteer for show preparations, please feel free to email me at jbrunner@boyertownasd.org or call me at 610-473-1819.

**FROM THE HEALTH ROOM**

**Attention 4th, 5th and 6th grade parents:** As part of our school district's health curriculum, students in these grades are given the opportunity to receive Life Education (which 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 Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Junior High West (snow date of January 19<sup>th</sup>.) Information was sent home in December. The preview of material is open to all parents of 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. If you need a new form or have any questions, please contact the school nurse at 610-473-1670.

**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 met this requirement, please make sure to return your child's dental exam form to the nurse as soon as possible. School dentals will be given on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Forms were sent home to complete if you wish to have a school dental. Please contact the school nurse with any questions.

**Cough drops:** 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.

**Colds & Flu:** Is it a cold or is it the flu? See the chart following to learn the differences between the two.

Signs & Symptoms	Cold	Flu
Fever, chills	Low fever, if any	Usual; can be a high fever
Headache	Rare	Usual
General aches and pains	Mild, if any	Usual; often severe; affect the body all over
Fatigue, weakness	Mild, if any	Usual; often severe; makes you want to stay in bed
Runny, stuffy nose	Common	Sometimes
Sneezing	Usual	Sometimes
Sore throat	Common	Sometimes
Cough	Mild to moderate; hacking cough	Common; can become severe hacking cough

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.

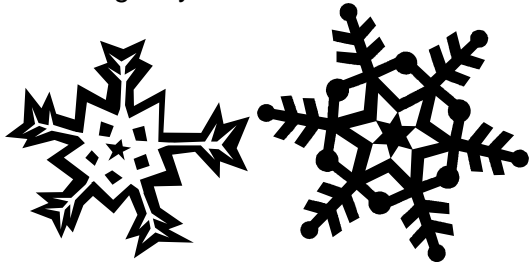
**Prevention of Colds/Flu**

- 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.

**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.



**P.T.O. NEWS**

**P.T.O. Skating Party:**

The skating party will be held for all students on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, at Pheasantland Skating Rink from 4:30–7:00 p.m. Admission is free, skate rental is 50¢. Hope to see you there!

**Market Day**

Thanks to everyone who ordered and helped for December's Cookie Bonus Days! I hope you enjoyed those Holiday Cookies! For January the special is a FREE 4pk of PB&J Grahamwiches with your order of \$40 or more. They are a tasty snack for anytime of day. Remember to ask your friends and family to participate. The January pick-up date is Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 p.m.

**Upcoming P.T.O. Meeting Dates**

- Thursday, January 14, 2010; 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 17, 2010; 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 16, 2010; 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 14, 2010; 6:30 p.m. (general membership)
- Tuesday, May 11, 2010; 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 9, 2010; 4:00 p.m.

