

EARL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dr. Craig K. Zerr, Principal

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

THANK YOU EARL PARENTS AND STUDENTS!

I would like to extend a very heartfelt thanks to all Earl parents and students who participated in the PTO Walkathon. More than \$9,500. was raised! This was made possible thanks to your enthusiasm and support! Your efforts will allow the PTO to support all of our academic programs at Earl School this school year. It is just this kind of teamwork that helps to make Earl the ‘best little school anywhere!’

THANKS AGAIN! WAY TO GO EARL!

EARL SPIRIT WEAR

Earl School Spirit Wear is available for sale in the school office. Items for sale are a t-shirt, crew sweatshirt, hooded sweatshirt and sweatpants. Spirit Wear is available in youth and adult sizes. Sizing samples and order forms are located in the office. We will be placing several orders in time for holiday giving.

END OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour. Daylight saving time ends on Sunday, November 6th.

EARLY DISMISSALS

On November 18, 21, 22, & 23 we have a 12:30 p.m. early dismissal.

The Kindergarten schedule is as follows on early dismissal days:

AM Kindergarten—8:45 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.

PM Kindergarten—10:25 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

HIGHLY QUALIFIED STAFF

The No Child Left Behind requirements require all teachers and Title I instructional aides to be “highly qualified” according to guidelines established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. We are proud to say that all of the teachers and Title I aides in the Boyertown Area School District meet these criteria. If you have any questions regarding the educational background and certifications of your child’s teacher, please contact the teacher or principal and we will gladly share this information with you.

ACCESS TO SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL HOURS

Occasionally we have a child who forgets his/her homework, textbooks, etc. and wishes to retrieve them after school hours. A parent must accompany the student into the building. Please note that due to our security system you will not be able to utilize the camera and buzz-in system after the office closes at 4:15 p.m. After office hours, please ring the night bell on the brick wall to the left of the doors. Please allow ample time for the custodian to answer the bell as he may be working at the other end of the building. There is a sign-in sheet for you to log your visit.

CAN TAB PROJECT UPDATE

We are almost at 4 million can tabs but we need your help. Please continue to save can tabs and send them to school with your child. The district has set a goal of collecting 6 million can tabs to demonstrate the number of Jewish people killed during the Holocaust. The can tabs will eventually be recycled and the proceeds donated to the Ronald McDonald House.

District Total

3,908,118 (65.1% of the goal) as of October 9, 2011.

How much is 6 Million?

The Sovereign Center in Reading has a seating capacity of 7,215 people. You would have to fill the center over 831 times to have the same number of people as the number of Jews killed during the Holocaust. You would have to fill the park 1524 times to have the same number of people as were killed in the Holocaust.

Facts about the Holocaust

- It is estimated that 11 million people were killed during the Holocaust. Six million of these were Jews.
- The Nazis killed approximately two-thirds of all Jews living in Europe.
- An estimated 1.1 million children were murdered in the Holocaust.

Source: [Jennifer Rosenberg](#), *About.com Guide*

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCE (610-369-7504)

Whenever your child is absent from school, please call the office before 9:00 a.m. Please give your child's name, teacher's name, and reason for absence. Our answering system will record your message at all hours of the day or night. If your child is not in attendance and you have not called the school to report the absence, we will attempt to contact you. This procedure ensures that your child has arrived safely at school. If you receive a doctor's excuse for an absence, please send the excuse to school. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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 weeks of March 12-23, 2012. **PSSA** Writing will be given to students in grade 5 during the week of April 12-20, 2012. **PSSA** Science will be given to students in grade 4 during the week of April 23-27, 2012. **Parents should make sure appointments are NOT scheduled during these time periods. Students will NOT be excused for "educational trips" during these testing periods.**

VOLUNTEER CLEARANCE CLARIFICATION

Each school keeps a list of active volunteers for their building each school year. An active volunteer is defined as a parent or community member that volunteers at least one time during the school year. Individuals that remain active do not need to obtain new clearances each year. You will need to reapply for clearances each year if you are not an active volunteer. Please be sure to sign in on the sheet in the office each time you come in to volunteer.

CAMP THANK YOU

The fourth grade staff would like to thank all the parents and staff members who assisted with the 27th annual Camp Innabah experience on September 28th, 29th and 30th. The children learned a great deal and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



EARL TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT THANK YOU

We are grateful to Fire Chief Michael Marburger and the volunteers from the Earl Township Fire Department for sharing an excellent educational fire safety message with us during Fire Prevention Week.

PARENT VISITATION

Thursday, October 20th, was another special day at Earl. 205 parents visited throughout the day in their child's class and also in the special area classes. Parental support has always been extraordinary at Earl, and this support was definitely displayed on the 20th.

SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES

Picture retake day will be Monday, November 7th, between 1 and 2 p.m. Children who were absent on picture day may have their pictures taken on this day. Picture envelopes are available in the school office. In addition, if you are not satisfied with your child's package of pictures, your child may have his/her picture taken again. Please return the original package to the photographer on re-take day. Parents of AM Kindergarten students, you will need to transport your child back to school to have their picture taken/re-taken.



FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

Parents of K/1 and 6 grade students: School physicals have now been completed, if you have not yet handed in your physical, please return to the health room as soon as possible. We are required by State Mandate to include these numbers in our yearly report. If you need a new form, please contact the nurse or visit the district website: www.boyertownasd.org and click on the health services link to obtain a form.

Parents of K/1 and 3rd grade students: Dental exams are now past due. If you have not yet submitted your child's dental report, please return to the health room as soon as possible. School dentals will be given in February and any student that has not returned their dental exam report will be notified to participate in the school dental program.

Reminder: With colder weather arriving, students must be dressed appropriately to go out to recess. Please make sure your child has something warm to wear for recess. Students can always take their outerwear off if the weather warms up at recess time. Thank you for your assistance!

Cold and Flu Season:

- Review the importance of hand washing and demonstrate the proper way to wash your hands with your child.
- Children should be free from fever, vomiting and/or diarrhea for a full 24 hours before returning to school.
- Review the medication policy in your BASD handbook. **WE MUST HAVE A DOCTOR'S ORDER AND PARENT PERMISSION TO GIVE ANY MEDICATION INCLUDING THOSE SOLD OVER THE COUNTER (Such as cough medicine or Tylenol). STUDENTS MAY NOT TRANSPORT THEIR MEDICATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL.** COUGH DROPS are **NOT** allowed in school per the BASD policy effective 2001. We have Chloraseptic spray if you have given your child permission to have it at school.

PTO NEWS

Congratulations Earl! The Student Walk-A-Thon was another success this year. We collected over \$9,500.00, with 132 students participating. The Grand Prize winners were Cy & Levi E. \$100 Gift Card runner-up is Katelyn S. For K through 3rd grades, the gift card winners are: Brianna E. (\$50), Kyra S. (\$30), Aidan S. (\$30), and Brady S. (\$30). For 4th through 6th grades, the gift card winners are: Reid S. (\$50), Nolan H. (\$30), Paden H. (\$30), and Kaitlyn M. (\$30). Great job everyone!!

CRAFT NIGHT

Craft Night is scheduled for Friday, December 2nd, 5-9 p.m. This completely free event for Earl students and their parents is a fun evening of crafting and spending time together. We hope to see you there!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Come out for a night of fun and trivia and play The Brain Show on Friday, November 4th. It will be held in the Senior High Auditorium starting at 7 p.m. This is an interactive game show set up where parents and kids can play together against other Earl families. Don't miss out on the fun and maybe even learn a little something too! Hope to see you there.

MARKET DAY

When you purchase \$90 worth of Market Day products in November using Promo Code NOV Bonus when ordering ON LINE, you will receive a FREE 4 pack of chicken steaks. When you make two purchases in October, November or December of \$40 or more and then one purchase of \$40 in January you will receive a FREE insulated tote. Cut-off date for November orders is Tuesday, November 8th, at 11 p.m. Be sure to get your orders in online or return the form to PTO/Market Day by November 8th. The November pick-up date will be Monday, November 14th, from 6-7 p.m. Mark your calendars. As always, if you have any questions regarding Market Day, please contact Amanda Kincade 484-941-4282 by phone or email- akincade@worldtravelinc.com. Thanks again for your support and let's make this the best Market Day year ever!

SANTA SHOP REQUEST

The Santa Shop is scheduled for Monday, December 5th and Wednesday, December 7th. This is always a fun event for the students. They enjoy picking out and wrapping gifts for family and friends. To make the event a success we are in need of the following donations: wrapping paper, scotch tape and name tags. All donations can be sent to school with your child and dropped off in the lobby. **Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**

