



2009

SPECIAL THANKS – On behalf of the staff at GES, I want to express sincere appreciation to all parents for your contribution of time and talents throughout the year. I hope you and your family have a refreshing and restful summer.

EARLY DISMISSALS – On June 11, we will have a 12:30 early dismissal.

The Kindergarten schedule is as follows:

AM Kindergarten—8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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

CLASH DAY –Our Student Representatives have designated Friday, June 5, as “Clash Day”. Students who participate by dressing in clothes that clash on that day are encouraged to bring canned goods for Multiservice.

CLASS ASSIGNMENTS 2009-2010 -- 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. Parents will be notified of their children’s ‘09-‘10 class assignments no later than mid-August. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact the principal.

MOVING? – If you are moving out of the Boyertown Area School District attendance area for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year, you need to come into the office and complete a withdrawal form.

BUS DEVIATIONS – Bus deviation forms for the 2009-2010 school year must be submitted by **mid-June**; however, **the sooner the better**. Deviation forms submitted after July 1 cannot be guaranteed they will be approved.

LIBRARY BOOKS – All library books are due Monday, June 1.

LUNCH MONEY –With the new lunch system, any money left over in a student’s account will be carried over to the next school year. In the case of 6th graders, any money in their account will be transferred to the Jr. High. We are also encouraging the payment of charges. If you owe money to the cafeteria, **payment is due before school closes on June 11.**

SCHOOL DISTRICT READING REQUIREMENT – All students are required to read a minimum of ten (10) books during the 2008-2009 academic year and each of the succeeding years, until graduation. All novels, which are used in the teaching of reading, may be counted toward the reading requirement. Students may read books that are not on the district reading list. The cumulative number of books recorded toward this requirement will appear on each report card. ***Note: Students must complete this requirement for promotion to the next grade.***

GES KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION – Orientation for next year’s kindergarten students will be held on Friday, August 14, 2009. More information will be mailed to parents of our 2009-2010 kindergarteners.

2009-2010 PARENT/TEACHER NIGHTS – To assist you in planning, we have set the dates for next school year’s grade level parents’ nights. All parent nights begin at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 2	6 th Grade	Tuesday, September 15	Kindergarten
Tuesday, September 8	2 nd Grade	Wednesday, September 16	3 rd Grade
Wednesday, September 9	5 th Grade	Thursday, September 17	1 st Grade
Thursday, September 10	4 th Grade		

STUDENT DROP-OFF – In the morning at the student drop-off area, it is important to have your children exit quickly but safely from your vehicle. This will help the line of traffic keep flowing.

FUN FAIR 2009 – Fun Fair is a great day for all of the students at Gilbertsville Elementary School. The day includes games, prizes, snacks, drinks and lots of other fun activities. This HSA sponsored event is a great way to wind down the school year and kick off the summer. Fun Fair will be held on **Friday, June 5, 2009**, rain or shine.

The Fun Fair sessions are as follows:

- Morning session (9:00—11:00 a.m.)
AM kindergarten and grades 1–3
- Afternoon session “A” (12:45–2:20 p.m.)
PM kindergarten
- Afternoon session “B” (12:30–2:00 p.m.)
Grades 4–6



****K-2 children require chaperones at a ratio of 5:1!**

Fun Fair needs volunteers! There are snack tables, prize tables, chaperones and several game booth positions to be filled. Over 75 volunteers are needed for this event! To help the event run smoothly, we encourage volunteers to remain available throughout the entire chosen session. Because of the limited availability of the prizes and refreshments and because of the responsibility for the safety of the students, **younger children are not to accompany volunteers during their session.** Only those volunteers scheduled to work Fun Fair may attend. Join in the fun and be a part of an annual Gilbertsville Elementary School activity...volunteer sign-up sheets have been sent home. **For questions, concerns, or to volunteer, contact Heather Avvento at savvento@comcast.net or 215-527-8072.**

FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

2009-2010 School Year

- The PA School Health Act requires dental examinations for all students entering Kindergarten and third grade, and physical examinations for students entering kindergarten and sixth grade in the 2009-2010 school year. We can accept completed physical and dental forms that are dated on or after September 1, 2008. Please contact the health room if you need a blank form for an upcoming appointment or you can download forms from the BASD website @ <http://www.boyertownasd.org/> under Services - Student Services - Health. Please try to return completed physical and dental forms by September 15, 2009.

The health room closes for the summer on June 11, 2009

- All medications stored in the health room should be picked up by a parent or adult-designee before or on June 11, 2009. Per the BASD medication policy, any unclaimed medication remaining in the health room will be destroyed by the nurse.
- If you are moving or are in need of forms or copies of your child’s immunizations, please contact the health room by June 11, 2009.

- BASD health room policies, forms, and information can be accessed at anytime via the BASD Web site <http://www.boyertownasd.org/> under Services - Student Services – Health.
- **PLEASE Remember:** Medication authorization forms are active for the current school year only. A new medication authorization form must be completed yearly for ALL medication administered in school or on field trips. Blank medication authorization forms will be sent to all students who have an active meds orders on file this year.

The nurses will return to work on August 31, 2009. If you need assistance after June 11, 2009, Mrs. HOLAUCHOCK can be reached during the summer at dholauchock@boyertownasd.org.

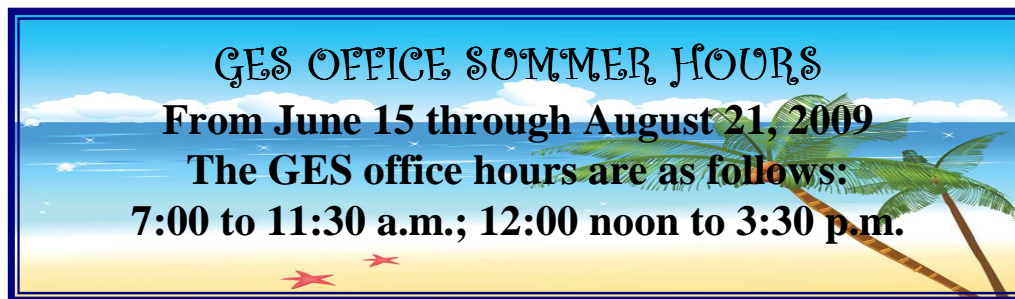
Have a healthy, safe summer!
Mrs. HOLAUCHOCK & Mrs. DiPippa

Parents As Reading Partners (PARP) for the Spring/Summer Months!

Thank you to all the families who have participated in the BOOK-IT! Program sponsored by Pizza Hut. As you know, this program runs from October through March. So, in an effort to keep the kids reading, many local sponsors have come forward to offer reading incentives. For the months of April through September, students who read at least 15 minutes a day for at least 20 days per month will be able to take a completed calendar directly to **one** of the sponsors below to claim a reward:

- **SUBWAY (Cornerstone Plaza or Bechtelsville Super Wal*Mart)**
– one free Fresh Fit Kids Meal.
 - **Rita’s Water Ice (Boyertown)** – one free kid’s water ice
- **Domino’s Pizza (Route 73 Gilbertsville)** – one medium one-topping pizza
 - **Dairy Queen (Rt. 73 Gilbertsville or High St Pottstown)**
– one free small Blizzard –or- one free kids meal

The child must be present to claim the reward; the offer expires 30 days from the end of each completed month. No photocopies of the calendar will be accepted. *Students will bring the calendars home in June!*



Elementary Summer Library Hours - 2009

School: **Boyertown Elementary**
Dates: June 23rd – August 6th
Days/Hours: Tuesday, Thursday ~ 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

School: **Pine Forge**
Dates: June 23rd – August 6th
Days/Hours: Tuesday, Thursday ~ 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

School: **Washington Elementary**
Dates: June 23rd – August 6th
Days/Hours: Monday, Wednesday ~ 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR – The BASD School Calendar for next school year is available on line at www.boyertownasd.org under “Our District”/Calendar.