



Boyertown Junior High West

Week in Review

November 6, 2009

Monday 11/9	Day 4
Tuesday 11/10	Day 5
Wednesday 11/11	Day 6
Thursday 11/12	Day 1
Friday 11/13	Day 2

Explore Testing

On November 9th and 10th our 9th grade students will take the Explore Test. The purpose of this test is to help students begin the process of looking at the way in which their interests, plans and skills relate to the world of work. The Explore Test will measure the student's strengths and weaknesses in 4 major subject areas: English, math, reading and science. Students will also answer questions regarding their plans after high school and their interests. The Explore Score Report will assist students by locating career areas on the World Of Work Map that are related to their interests; identifying specific areas of their education that require additional focus and planning their academic track in high school.

Leo Club

Members of the LEO Club were able to deliver hand made "Frankenstein" cards for the Halloween holiday to recipients of Meals on Wheels, residents of Chestnut Knoll, and the members of the Boyertown Lions Club as decorations for their monthly meeting. The cards were made of bright green paper and had various "creative" versions of Frankenstein's face on the cover. Some were quite comical, all were very colorful. Can you imagine Frankenstein with a pink and blue Mohawk? as a Cyclops? toothless?

Dance

We will have our second tonight, sponsored by student council. The dance runs from 7:00-9:30. The dress code for the dance is as follows: NO SNEAKERS, WORK BOOTS or DENIM. Student dress should be in good taste – neither too showy nor too provocative. **BOYS:** A shirt and tie OR a collared shirt (polo, dress; long or short-sleeved) must be worn, tucked in, with pants/slacks and shoes. **GIRLS:** Dress, nice dress pants or skirt and blouse, shoes. Strapless, single strap and open back dresses are not permitted. Shirt/blouse must have two straps with widths of at least two inches. Skirts and dresses must be at least fingertip length. Spaghetti straps are only permitted on dresses. Students must bring their West ID and a signed permission slip along with \$5 to gain entry to the dance.

Teens Who Care

The Teens Who Care Club was hard at work for the past two weeks making Veteran's Day cards. We sent out over one hundred cards to local veterans to honor the sacrifices they made for us and for our country. We worked with the American Legion to send out our cards to these important heroes in our community. Thank you to all veterans who fought for the rights and privileges we enjoy every day as American citizens!

Food Drive

West's annual food drive for the Salvation Army begins next Monday, November 9, and will last two weeks. This is an extremely important event because the canned and boxed goods that we collect are used in our community for holiday meals at the Salvation Army and to make food boxes that are distributed to Boyertown residents, our neighbors and friends. The Leo Club has been busy placing boxes in each homeroom and hanging signs throughout the school building that list food preferences like soup, canned fruits and vegetables, pastas, and peanut butter. All donations are greatly appreciated. **Please help us help other.**

FCS Trip

On Monday, the FCS 8th graders attended a field trip to Boyertown Elementary School to visit the Kindergarten classes. The 8th grade West students make this visit twice a year while working on the Child Development Unit in the curriculum. FCS students learn about the stages of child development (physical, emotional, moral, social, and intellectual) and apply these concepts to choosing an age appropriate book that they will read to a child in the Kindergarten class. Along with the reading each West student must create a game/activity related to the book and play the game with the young child. This year some of the selections chosen by West students

include, Arthur, Where The Wild Things Are, Dr. Suess, and Disney. As always this is a favorite trip amongst the 8th graders and the Kindergarten children love the book read and game shared by our junior high school students.

Homework Request Procedure

I just wanted to remind everyone that we have a procedure in place to gather homework for absent students. We will gather homework for students after two days of absence. To make it as easy as possible for you, we simply ask that you request homework when calling your child out sick. Mrs. Bullick notifies the teachers and office of the request so we can serve you efficiently when you arrive to pick up the work.

BCTC Application Information

Applications for admission to BCTC in 10th grade will be available the 1st week in November in the main office. Completed applications will be due by November 20, 2009. Please contact Mrs. Donovan at 610-473-3791 or at ddonovan@boyertownasd.org with any questions or concerns you may have.

BCTC Open House (November 11 – West Campus; November 12 – East Campus)

Berks Career and Technology Center will be holding an open house session at each campus. It is a great opportunity to tour the facilities, meet teachers and staff, and learn more about the 36 different programs. The dates are as follows: November 11 – BCTC West Campus in Leesport; November 12 – BCTC East Campus in Oley. The open house will be from 6:00 to 9:00 PM on each evening. For more information, visit the BCTC website at <http://www.berkscareer.com>

Home Access Center – Tips for Use

Thanks everyone for your patience as we converted to a new student information system and parent access center. See the attachment for some useful tips on where to locate information in the home access center.

7th Grade Dental Examinations

In Pennsylvania all students are required to have a dental exam in grades kindergarten or first, third, and seventh. The dental exam can be completed privately or by the school. A private examination completed after September 1, 2008 will be accepted. Please return your child's dental form to the nurse's office by November 25, 2009. The dental forms are available at <http://www.boyertownasd.org>; go to our schools-Junior High West and click on Nurse. If your child is unable to have a private exam; a school dental exam will be offered on 2/23/2010. Please contact the nurse's office with any questions at 610-473-3770 or email Mrs. Moser at cmoser@boyertownasd.org.

Veterans Day (November 11)

Wednesday is officially Veterans Day. Please use the day as an opportunity to talk to your children about the sacrifices that others have made and continue to make in service to our country. Thank you to all of our veterans and current service men and women!

Can Tab Kick-Off

The Unity Walk was the official kick-off for the Can Tab collection. The district has set a goal of collecting 6 million can tabs which will eventually be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. Why six million? That is the number of Jewish people killed during the Holocaust. Eleven million people were killed in all. Can Tabs can be dropped off at any Boyertown school, McDonalds, the United Way office, and many other locations in the district.

Winter Sports Meetings (Wednesday, November 4)

On Wednesday, the winter sports coaches held an informational meeting for all prospective team members. At the meeting, coaches gave out the letter for the parents/guardians about when winter sports start, where to download the physical forms and what forms need to be returned to school. The first possible day of practice for winter sports Friday, November 20th. However, due to PIAA regulations, wrestling must start on Monday, November 16th. The sports offered in the winter season are listed below:

Wrestling - 7th, 8th, 9th Grades

Boys Basketball - 7th, 8th, 9th Grades

HS Boys Winter Track - 9th Grade

HS Boys Swimming - 9th Grade

Girls Basketball - 7th, 8th, 9th Grades

HS Girls Winter Track - 9th Grade

HS Girls Swimming - 9th Grade

Winter Sports Physicals/Information

If a student had a physical done at school during the summer or by his/her family doctor that is dated after June 1, 2009, he/she is cleared to participate in a winter sport. If he/she did not get a physical, it will be the parents/guardians responsibility to schedule a physical with their family doctor. Remember, if you got the comprehensive physical done at school or by your family doctor for a fall sport, you do not need to get another physical. You will only need a parent/guardian to fill out the Re-Certification form. All forms are the school district's website located under *Our Schools* and then *Athletics*. Athletes cannot participate until all forms are received.

Magazine Subscription Drive (October 21 to November 6)

The magazine sale has been extended until November 6th. The magazine sale is an annual fundraiser at West for students to sell new and renewal subscriptions to friends and family. Profits from the sale go to purchase technology for the school including cameras, flash drives, projectors, and more.

The sale began on Wednesday, October 21st where the students received a sale packet in homeroom. There are 3 ways they can sell magazines – no money is ever collected by the student:

1. Show the catalog to neighbors and friends and fill out the order forms.
2. Send post cards to distant relatives and friends.
3. Online orders (www.qsp.com) account number 425017595. Students receive double points for online orders and orders turned in by October 27th.

Simply follow these easy steps for online orders:

1. Go to www.qsp.com and click on **“Register Now”**.
2. Register using our group’s account number – **425017595**. Enter the Student Name (Participant), Teacher, & Grade so student gets credit for your purchases.
3. Click on “Enter Emails” and enter email addresses of friends and relatives who live anywhere in the US and are over the age of 18. Emails are treated with strict confidentiality and are never shared with third parties. No foreign or Canadian addresses please.
4. Click on “Send regular Emails or create your personal Meepul mail” to start your email campaign and QSP will send personalized emails to your relatives, friends and neighbors on your behalf, inviting them to support your school.

Don’t forget to purchase or renew your own subscriptions by clicking on “Shop Now”!

End of First Quarter (Friday, November 6)

Hard to believe but the end of the first quarter is rapidly approaching. Friday, November 6th is the last day of the marking period. Thank you in advance for working with your child as he/she finishes out the marking period. Report cards will be distributed on Friday, November 13th.

Early Dismissal (Friday, November 13)

Students will be dismissed from school at 11:35 a.m. due to staff development activities on Friday afternoon.

Parent-Teacher Conferences (November 18 and November 24)

On Wednesday, November 18 and Tuesday, November 24, we will be holding our Parent-Teacher Conferences. Feel free to join us either night (or both if necessary) from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. I will be sending more information home in a few weeks.

Support Our Troops

The West Cheerleaders are working with *Socks for Soldiers* organization to collect Chap-stick. The Chap-stick will be put into care packages sent to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. The goal is 500 Chap-sticks, we ask for no flavored Chap-stick. Collection boxes will be put in homerooms. The collection will begin October 12 through October 23. Please lend a hand in helping our real life heroes!

My Coke Rewards

Do you or your family members drink Coke products? If you do, you can help West earn points that can turn into school supplies for our students. Many Coke products have a code inside the bottle cap or inside the cardboard box carrier. By simply logging onto <http://www.mycokerewards.com/> and typing in the code, you can donate those points to West as a part of their My Coke Rewards program. (You’ll see a place on the website that directs you to donating to a school.) If you start now, Coke will double the points through the month of October! We’ve saved hundreds of dollars by converting those points into materials such as construction paper and other classroom supplies. It’s an easy way to help support our students and the work they do here at West.

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That is the number of books that we have added to our classroom libraries which have been donated. 80 of them have been donated this year. Thank you to everyone who has sent books in.

School Pictures

Pictures retakes are Wednesday, November 4 from 1:00-3:00.

Homework Help

We are pleased to announce that we now have our after school homework help program back in place. Students who are struggling to finish their homework may be assigned to homework help. The program starts immediately after school and runs until 4:00. Homework help will be available Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays each week.

Math Hotline Open for Business

The math hotline opened on Monday, September 28th. Students can call one of the numbers below or stop in to Junior High West in Room 19 Monday-Thursday anytime between 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. The hotline has two high school students and a math teacher available to help. Visitors should enter Junior High West through the side door. This is a great opportunity for all the students to get help.
(610) 473-3720, (610) 473-3721