



NH-UF SCHOOL NEWS

"Expect Excellence"

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FEBRUARY 2010

Be My Valentine

CURRENT EVENTS

Wednesday, February 3
Monday, February 8

Tuesday, February 9
Friday, February 12
Tuesday, February 23
Wednesday, February 24

Yearbook Meeting, Library 6:30 PM

REPORT CARDS GO HOME

Grade 5 Camp parent night 6 PM Music Rm
School Board Meeting Ed Center 7 PM
February Frolics, Gr 2 AP Room
School Board Meeting Colebrookdale Elem
SPRING PICTURES

DIRECT DIAL TO TEACHER'S VOICE MAIL

Classroom phone numbers and teacher e-mail addresses are posted on the Boyertown Area School District website: www.boyertownasd.org

FREQUENTLY USED DIRECT DIAL SCHOOL PHONE NUMBERS

Healthroom: Mrs. Holauchock/Mrs. Webb – 610-473-1770
Cafeteria: Mrs. Steffy – 610-473-1760
Counselor: Mrs. Amato – 610-473-1790
Instrumental Music: Mrs. Mumie/Mrs. Malkasian – 610-473-1743
Attendance/Absence Line – 610-754-9599

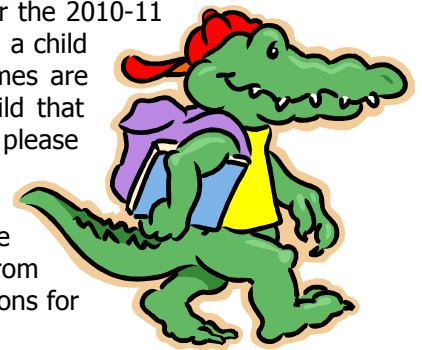
BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The Boyertown Area School District is announcing kindergarten registration for the 2010-11 school year. Information packets were mailed in January to each resident with a child who will reach 5 years of age on or before September 10, 2010. These names are taken from the district's census file. If you or someone you know has a child that meets the age requirement and has not received a packet by February 5, please contact the district office to obtain one.

All kindergarten registration is done by appointment and will be done at the District Education Center located at 911 Montgomery Avenue, Boyertown from March 1 to March 12. The packet includes all the necessary forms and instructions for registration.

Note that although students entering kindergarten are required to have a physical and dental examination, these exams must be completed after September 1, 2009 and no later than September 15, 2010.

Please contact the Student Registration Office at 610-369-7492 if you do not receive a packet or have questions or concerns regarding this process.



PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Each Thursday morning that school is in session, the PTCA sponsors Preschool Story Hour in the Library. There is a craft and storytelling for children who will be entering Kindergarten in the next school year. This is a nice way for the children to get acquainted with the school building and meet some of their possible classmates.

Hours for Preschool Story Hour are 9:50 – 10:50 AM.

SPRING PICTURES

All students will have a Lifetouch School Individual Spring Picture taken February 24. You **do not** pay for these pictures in advance. A pack of finished pictures will be sent home to you in late March. If you want to buy the package, you keep the pictures and send in the money. If you do not want to buy them, you return all pictures. No class pictures will be taken. Class pictures were taken in the fall.



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS –

Our school has had a great and busy start to the New Year. We collected over \$2,500.00 towards helping the people of Haiti recover from their terrible earthquake.

The Student Council has created a new special day that will take place on January 27th called Snowman Day. Kids can wear snowman clothing, such as hats, gloves, mittens, or anything else with a snowman on it.

The Student Council has another idea called the Thumb Print Heart Quilt. It will consist of the entire school making a bulletin board display of everyone's thumb print in the shape of a heart.

FAMILY NIGHT OUT

Don't miss the 2010 Family Night Out: "Healthy Eating for the Whole Family". This year, parents will enjoy a discussion on the importance of healthy eating habits for the whole family. School age students will be entertained with a variety of age appropriate activities. Look for more information coming home soon on this March 2 event being held at the Boyertown Area Senior High School Cafeteria.

A NOTE FROM THE CAFETERIA – MRS. STEFFY

Students in grades 3 – 6 are permitted to buy double lunches at school if the main meal is not enough to satisfy their hunger. Please speak with your children about whether this is acceptable to you since their cafeteria accounts will be depleted more quickly if they buy two lunches per day. There must be sufficient funds in the student's account to cover the second lunch as they will not be able to charge the second lunch that day. Also be aware that students who qualify for free or reduced lunches must pay the full price for the second lunch.

YEARBOOK COMMITTEE MEETING – DIANNA SCHELL & MICHELLE WELLER CO-CHAIRS

The yearbook committee will be meeting on Wednesday, February 3 in the school library @ 6pm. We need your help at this meeting putting together the classroom photo pages. Please come out and help us put together this great memento for the children. The final yearbook committee meeting will be on Thursday, March 4, in the school library @ 6pm. At that meeting we need photos taken throughout the year of the students during school activities. Please bring them with you to that meeting or send in to the school to the attention of Michelle Weller.

REMINDER: YEARBOOK ORDERS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 5TH COST IS \$10.
To guarantee that you will have a yearbook in June you must order by February 5th.



PSSA TEST DATES
PLEASE DO NOT PLAN TRIPS DURING THE STATE TESTING DAYS!
April 7 - 30 will be the days that all 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th grades
will be administered the PSSA State Academic Assessment Tests.
NO TRIPS WILL BE APPROVED BETWEEN April 7 - 30, 2010.

MERKLEY BENEFIT CONCERT

Mrs. Peg Merkley and her family lost their home to fire in November. The Boyertown Area Senior High School Orchestra, which Mr. Merkley conducted before he retired, is hosting a Valentines Day Benefit Concert in their honor.



The Daegu Genius Youth Orchestra from South Korea will perform a free concert on Valentine's Day at 4 PM in the Boyertown Area Senior High School New Auditorium. Students will be collecting donations for the Merkley family during the event.

The concert is FREE but a ticket is required and can be obtained by calling 610-473-3464 or email to aflannery@boyertownasd.org.

MARKET DAY

We'd like to thank everyone who supported our January Market Day sale! Cookie Dough Bonus Days are here! Purchase Market Day cookie dough and we'll earn extra profit on every box! There are nine cookie dough varieties to choose from – one is sure to please your family. You can also start qualifying for the Frequent Buyer® Program to earn a FREE Mite 'N' Mighty Step Stool. Please contact David or Michelle Hanson at 215-234-0506 with any questions! See you at the sale.

Turn Your Trash into Cash . . .

. . . to benefit our school. The PTCA still continues to recycle print cartridges and cell phones to help provide playground equipment. Children can drop print cartridges and cell phones that have the batteries removed from them into the recycle box as they get off the bus in the morning. Additionally, if your small business or office would like to participate in this recycling program to benefit our playground or if you have questions regarding this program, please contact Elise Watts at ekswatts@comcast.net to get boxes and flyers.



HEALTHROOM NEWS – MRS. HOLAUCHOCK & MRS. WEBB

Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade Parents: As part of our school district's health curriculum, students in these grades are given the opportunity to receive Life Education (explains the biological changes that occur during puberty) and AIDS education. Dates for upcoming presentations:

February 2nd Grade 5 AIDS presentation

February 23rd Grade 4 AIDS presentation

March 3rd Grade 5 Family Life presentation

***If you do not want your child to attend these presentations, please submit a written request to the principal's attention, and your child will be excused from one or both of the presentation as per your request.**

Medications at School: If your child needs medication at school, please review the BASD medication policy which requires a written doctor's order for all over-the-counter and prescribed medicines. The medication policy and medication authorization forms are available from the BASD website at <http://www.boyertownasd.org/> under Service, student services, health. **Please do not send medications to school with your child: parents or a parent-designee must bring the medications and a complete medication authorization form to school.**

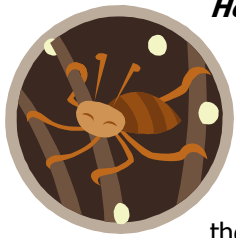
Reminder: per BASD policy, elementary students are not permitted to bring cough drops to school; we have Chloraseptic spray, salt water gargle, or water bottles available for all students to treat mild coughs and sore throats.

Emergency Contact Information: Please remember to keep your Emergency Contact information current. Anytime you have phone number changes either at home, work, cell or for an alternate contact, please notify the main office or the health room so that we can keep your child's emergency contact information current.

Head Lice: During each school year, almost without fail, we can expect to find some cases of head lice among our students. To effectively manage head lice infestations in our schools, the Boyertown Area School District has a Nit-Free Policy that requires students with head lice or nits to be excluded from school and be readmitted when the school nurse determines the students are lice and nit-free.

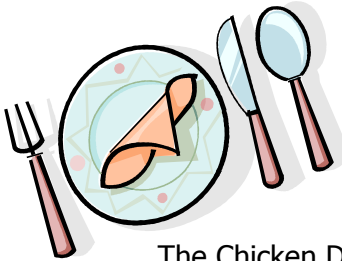
According to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control, 2008), head lice are spread most commonly by direct head-to-head (hair-to-hair) contact. Symptoms of lice include itching of the scalp and red marks or scratches on the scalp and neck. The current recommendation is for parents to check for nits and live head lice at least once a week. Lice are small brown insects about the size of sesame seeds and nits are yellowish white eggs which attach to the hair shafts. You may find nits or head lice anywhere on the scalp but they are often found at the back of your child's head, near their neck, behind their ears and at the crown of their head. Unlike dandruff, a nit cannot be brushed off. To check for lice and nits, wash your child's hair with a regular shampoo and hair conditioner and then check your child's hair after you rinse and dry it, but while it is still damp. Hair conditioner will make it easier to comb through your child's hair. If you find lice or nits, your child must be treated for head lice with an anti-lice shampoo and nit removal. If your child is treated for head lice, our policy requests parents contact the health room and work with the school nurse to ensure proper treatment.

Prevention and control of head lice begins in the home: parents should routinely check their children for head lice and not allow them to share hats, clothing, brushes, combs or sleeping bags with other children. More information on head lice is available on the BASD website at <http://www.boyertownasd.org/> under Services, Student Services, Health or from the school nurse. Please help us prevent head lice by following the policy and checking your children often.



!!! DINNER AND A SHOW !!!

The Boyertown Music League will be holding a Chicken Dinner fundraiser on **Saturday, March 6th**. Along with this event, there will be opportunities for different musical groups from around the district to perform. ***Mrs. Gallagher has chosen the Tone Chime Choir to represent New Hanover at this exciting event.***



The Chicken Dinner will be held from **1-6 pm at Junior High West**. Dinner will be held in the Cafeteria while the Auditorium will be used as an Open House style performance hall. You can come and go as you please. Performance will be scheduled between 2:00- 5:00pm.

Dinner will include **Kauffman's Bar-b-que Chicken**, baked potato, applesauce, roll, butter, beverage, and dessert. The cost for the dinner will be **\$8 for adults, \$6 for students**.

Chicken dinners can be dine in or eat out. If you are interested in purchasing a chicken dinner, please contact your school's music director or Amy Flannery, Lead Teacher for the Fine Arts, aflannery@boyertownasd.org, 610-473-3464.

The Music League supports all of the musical activities in the Boyertown Area School District. This very supportive group of parents, faculty and community members have helped purchase musical instruments for our school as well as helped fund the 5th Grade trip to see the Reading Symphony each year.



Presenting groups and time are:

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| 2:00 Mystery Faculty Guests | 2:10 Junior High East Show Choir |
| 2:30 Colebrookdale Vocal Ensemble | 2:50 Boyertown Senior High Orchestra |
| 3:10 Elementary Jazz Band | 3:30 Boyertown Senior High Band |
| 3:50 NHUF Tone Chimes | 4:00 Junior High Select Ensemble |
| 4:20 Junior High Jazz Band | 4:40 Junior High West Show Choir |

