



NHUF

"Expect Excellence"

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SCHOOL NEWS

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OCTOBER 2011

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, October 7
 Sunday, October 9
 Monday, October 10
 Tuesday, October 11
 Wednesday, October 12
 Friday, October 14
 Friday, October 21
 Tuesday, October 25
 Monday, October 31

Picture Day
 Unity Walk, Boyertown
 NO SCHOOL
 School Board Meeting 7 PM Ed Center
 Fire Prevention Activities
 PTCA Fall Festival
 Parent Visitation
 School Board Meeting 7 PM WES
 Harvest Parade



UNITY WALK

This year's Unity Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 9th, at Boyertown Junior High West. Live entertainment begins at 1:00 PM. There will be a children's center for younger children (grades 3 and younger), outdoor non-competitive field games for students in grades 4-9 and an art gallery featuring local prominent artists. Food will also be available. The walk will begin at 2:30 PM. Hope to see you there.

The Unity Walk is an annual event in Boyertown in celebration of our community being a No Place for Hate community. The purpose is to raise awareness of the need for tolerance and diversity in our schools and community. The community is invited to come together to show support for this idea in a fun-filled afternoon with music and activities for the whole family. Following the activity, participants join together for a walk through Boyertown. October is officially "No Place For Hate Week" in Pennsylvania. The No Place for Hate project is a project sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League. Each year, the ADL certifies at least three school-wide No Place for Hate activities for a school to earn a yearly banner that certifies the school as a No Place for Hate school

ANTI-BULLYING UPDATE

The Boyertown Area School District formed a task force last year who developed an action plan of steps we are implementing to work towards eliminating bullying from our schools. One of the identified steps is to help students, staff, parents/guardians and community members understand what bullying is and what we should do if we encounter bullying. With input from this task force and numerous sources, an anti-bullying "companion document" has been developed. All students and staff members will be working with this document in the next few weeks and it will be posted in all district classrooms and common areas. You can go to our district website to learn more about the work BASD is doing on this issue. (A copy of the document is attached, below, etc. depending on document format).

Bullying Policy
 Companion Document

DISCOUNT ON INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PICTURES

Please read the picture envelope carefully to find the space to fill out to receive the Special Family Plan Discount on your children's school pictures. Individual and class pictures will be taken on Friday October 7. Students MUST HAVE the payment envelope with them when they get their picture taken in order to receive a picture packet.

PARENT VISITATION DAY, FRIDAY, OCTOBER, 21 2011

On Friday, October 21st, parents are invited to visit New Hanover Upper Frederick Elementary School from 9 – 11 AM & 2 – 3:15 PM. Your children will bring home their individual class schedule. We look forward to your classroom visit. An invitation will be sent home later in the month.

We are asking your cooperation in following these suggestions for Visitation Day so that the day can run as smoothly as possible.

- Limit your visit in one room to a maximum of 30 to 45 minutes.
- Enter the classroom without knocking.
- Since the daily schedules vary, confer with your child or children as to their schedule of classes that day.
- Please do not bring any preschool children into the classrooms.
- Limit your visits to the classrooms of your own child/children.
- No individual parent/teacher conferences will be held during these visits.
- Parents are to enter through the front doors near the office (Door #2) OR the Gym Lobby (Door # 9)
- You will need to sign in and receive a visitor's name tag in the lobbies.

D.A.R.E.

The leadership of New Hanover Township informed us that they will no longer fund the D.A.R.E. Program, effective for the 2011 – 2012 school year.

Until a few years ago, Pennsylvania provided a grant which funded this program for students. When this grant was eliminated, most schools were forced to drop this program. This was true in the Boyertown Area School District and most of our schools stopped providing D.A.R.E.

As we have done with our other schools, BASD Police Officer Rafael Perez will provide additional classroom instruction at the elementary level on the topics of drugs, alcohol, and making good choices.

We are thankful to the Supervisors of New Hanover Township and Sergeant Tomaselli for the many years of service that were provided for the students of the Boyertown Area School District.

PARP IS BACK!

It's time to kick off another year of our Parents as Reading Partners (PARP)/Book It! Program at NHUF. We know that one of the best ways for children to grow as readers is to simply READ as often as possible with books that they enjoy. PARP is a great way to encourage and celebrate their growth as a reader.

The requirements are simple: children read for at least 20 minutes a day for 20 days each month from October to March. Your child may read to you, alone, or you may read to them. This should be an enjoyable time together! Mark each day you read on the calendar with a sticker or symbol of your choice. Parents must sign the calendar in order to receive the coupon. Return completed calendars to the classroom teacher within the first week of the next month. We will then send home a PIZZA HUT coupon for your child to receive a free personal pan pizza! [Look for the first calendar to come home by October 3.](#) [Thank you for your support in encouraging a lifelong love of reading.](#)

THE LATEST FROM THE LIBRARY

Attention, all fans of Mo Willems! Harleysville Books is hosting the author/illustrator of the Elephant and Piggie series, the Pigeon books, and the Knuffle Bunny series on Wednesday, Oct. 12th at 6:00pm. For more information, visit <http://www.harleysvillebooks.com/event/mo-willems-coming-harleysville>.

Parents, you may want to join their email list because this local store frequently hosts children's authors and illustrators.

FALL HARVEST PARADE AND SOCIAL ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 31st

Grades K, 1, 2, 3 and 4 will participate in a costume parade at 2:15 PM. Grades 5 & 6 will view the parade followed by all classrooms having social activities. Costumes should be restricted to "happy" type characters, i.e. storybook or cartoon characters. **NO** toy weapons, blood, gore, or excessively grotesque costumes will be permitted.

The parade starting time will be 2:15 PM followed by brief social activities in all rooms. No visiting adults will be permitted to parade in costume or enter classrooms. Parade viewing areas for visitors will be limited to the A P Room. The door to the AP room will be open at 2:00 for visitors. [Pre-approved parent helpers must secure visitor badges to enter classrooms.](#)

ATTENTION CHORUS PARTICIPANT PARENTS



The students have already started preparing for their holiday concerts. You should have received a letter with chorus information for the entire school year. Attached was a contract. Please read over the contract and sign it with your child. It needs to be returned to Mrs. Gallagher as soon as possible.

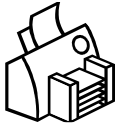
Here is our concert schedule for this year:
Details will be sent home closer to the performance nights.

Thursday, December 8th – Vocal Ensemble and 5th Grade Chorus 7:00 PM
Monday, December 12th – Vocal Ensemble and 6th Grade Chorus 7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 13th – Vocal Ensemble performs at beginning of the School Board Meeting held at NHUF at 7:00 PM
Thursday, April 26th – Arts Festival 4:30-8:30 P.M.

OCTOBER MARKET DAY NEWS

Hopefully everyone is enjoying the items they purchased at our September sale. This month we are offering two great offers and one big thank you! Purchase \$40 or more in October and receive a FREE Trial pack of delicious French Breadsticks and Garlic Parmesan Seasoning. You will also qualify to receive a FREE 60 count Cheese Ravioli when you order \$90 at marketday.com and enter the promo code OCTBONUS during online checkout. What a perfect combination for a quick and tasty meal with the best part being it's free with your qualifying order. Market Day is once again offering some great snack choices for the trick-or-treaters that will be stopping by your house. Please contact Michelle or David Hanson (215-234-0506 or jnhanson@comcast.net) with any question. Don't forget to place your order of at least \$40.00 this month to be eligible for the Frequent Buyer Program! Thanks and see you at the sale.

IT PAYS TO RECYCLE! Each year the PTCA collects and recycles used cell phones and print cartridges to make improvements to our school grounds and play equipment. We are asking that anyone who has used phones or print cartridges to send them to school with your child to be dropped off in the lobby for the bus drop off. The boxes are clearly marked so that children can easily deposit them as they head to their classrooms each day. Additionally, please note that any inkjet, desk-jet, or laser-jet cartridge is acceptable. Toner drums, unfortunately, cannot be used for this program. We appreciate your help. Questions, please contact Elise Watts at ekswatts@comcast.net.



Target Debit/Credit Cards Shop. Target will donate up to 1% of your REDcard purchases to your chosen school.

NHUF School # 88992.

Here's how to sign up for the Take Charge of Education program:

Target Credit Card[®] and Target Visa[®] Credit Card holders

- Enroll online <http://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-005158>
- Call 1-800-316-6142
- Enroll at an in-store kiosk

Target Debit Card[®] holders

- Enroll online <http://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-005158>
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Eligible Target Business Card[®] holders

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Thank you to all the great volunteers that helped organize the **Ice Cream Social** and the **Membership Social**. Special thanks to Jenn Cavalari & Lynnette Moccia for the ice cream. We had over 500 visitors and were so happy that so many came out to join us. Also, thank you to all of our celebrity scoopers from NHUF.

The Fall Festival is coming soon. Mark your calendars for a fun evening on October 14th (rain date of October 21st). There will be a lot of games, crafts, activities & snacks. Check out our website for an order form www.nhufptca.yolasite.com or contact Elise Watts (ekswatts@comcast.net) or Linda Walker (lwalker@maplehill.org) for more information.



Please mark your November calendars for **Family Pizza Night** on Thursday, November 17th in combination with the Book Fair. (This date is a change from the original listing.)

Collections Programs: Please continue to send in your Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Soup Labels, Redner's Tapes & soda tabs all which help the PTCA create fun ideas & solutions for the school and help us to partner with the community.



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New Hanover Township

ADULT VOLLEYBALL AND BASKETBALL

Location: Boyertown Jr. High East - Rt. 73

Age: Grade 10 through Adult

2011 Dates - Monday evenings -

October 17, 24, & 31 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

November 7 & 14 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

(No program anytime school is closed)

2012 Dates - Monday evenings -

January 2, 9, 23 & 30 8:00 PM - 10:30 PM

February 6, 13, & 27 8:00 PM - 10:30 PM

March 5, 12, 19 & 26 8:00 PM - 10:30 PM

April 2, & 16 8:00 PM - 10:30 PM

(No program anytime school is closed)

Open to: All residents of Boyertown Area School District

A fee of \$2.00/evening will be charged for non-residents of New Hanover and Upper Merion Township