



# NHUF

"Expect Excellence"

Principal: Kelly Mason

## SCHOOL NEWS

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AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2011

**PSSA TEST DATES PLEASE DO NOT PLAN TRIPS DURING THESE STATE TESTING DAYS!**  
March 12 – 23 and April 16 – 27, 2012 will be the days that all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades will be administered the PSSA State Academic Assessment Tests. **NO TRIPS WILL BE APPROVED DURING THESE TIMES.**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday and Monday August 31 & September 2	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, September 6	Band Demonstration
Wednesday, September 7	Parent Night Grade 2 – 5:30 PM Grade 3 – 6:00 PM Grade 4 – 6:30 PM
Thursday, September 8	Orchestra Demonstration Parent Night Grade 5 – 5:30 PM Grade 6 – 5:30 PM
Monday, September 12	PTCA Membership Social
Tuesday, September 13	School Board Meeting, Senior High 7:00 PM
Thursday, September 15	Boy Scout Assembly – 9 AM
Tuesday, September 27	School Board Meeting, Earl Elementary 7:00 PM

### WELCOME BACK

I welcome all NHUF students and parents back to school. Children are always so excited about starting school, and it is my hope that we can keep that enthusiasm growing all year long. It is going to be an exciting year filled with new experiences and new opportunities.

The custodial and secretarial staffs have done a superb job in ensuring that we are ready for the start of school. We sincerely thank them for a job well done.



Parents are the most important influence in a child's life, and when parents and teachers work together for the success of a child in school, it is a powerful team. Please plan to attend parents' night and start your communication with your child's teacher right away. We strongly encourage parents to communicate regularly with teachers and other appropriate school personnel to foster openness, understanding and a team commitment to academic success.

Your children will be bringing home copies of the BASD Elementary School Handbook. Please review the handbook carefully and keep it for future reference. Please be sure to sign the included form indicating you have read this information and return the form to your child's teacher.

I look forward to meeting you at parent nights. I can be reached at 610-754-9580 during the school day. I attempt to return every phone call daily. My school email address is [kmason@boyertownasd.org](mailto:kmason@boyertownasd.org). By communicating and working together to solve problems before a crisis develops, we will ensure the best possible learning environment for your child and a happy and successful school year.

Again, welcome back! The staff and I are ready to make this a wonderful year for your child.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Kelly Mason, Principal

### **PARENT – TEACHER NIGHT**

All parents are cordially invited to attend the parent-teacher nights at NHUF. Information regarding the dates and times of these meetings are listed in the Calendar of Events.

We strongly encourage parents to attend these sessions to meet with your child's teacher and learn about the curriculum and school program. Your child's education will be most effective if you become an active partner with us in ensuring student success. Please begin that process by joining us for these important meetings. **Please remember there are no provisions for children at school on these evenings.** These meetings are for adults only.

### **REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES**

**THE ATTENDANCE NUMBER IS 610-754-9599.** Anyone needing a magnetic card with this number may request one through your child's teacher.

Effective on the first day of school, we will be utilizing our "call-in" procedure designed to account for all children absent from school on a given day. Please remember to report your child as being **absent or tardy** by calling the number **before 9:30 AM** . This is a 24-hour number.

### **EXPRESS PICK UP**

We have developed a safe and easy plan for parents who pick their children up every day after school or on some type of regular schedule. We have eliminated some of the parking congestion that happens at the end of each day in the small visitor's lot and the overcrowding in the central hallway. Teachers Krista Gallagher and Ronald Butt will be in charge of this plan.



We offer a gym door pick up so that you can stay in your car, circle around the west parking lot, be identified by a staff member, have your children brought to your car, and you can sign them out from the car.

Only students registered with an Express Pick-Up Form will be permitted to use express pick up. If you are interested, you must request an Express Pick-Up Form from your child's teacher and it **MUST** be returned no later than **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2011**. No forms will be accepted after this date. Only students registered with this form will be permitted to use Express Pick-Up. Upon our receipt of the form you will be sent a guideline sheet about procedures for Express Pick-Up. This service is only for end of day pick up and is only available for parents picking up their child(ren) on a regular basis for the days. **EXPRESS PICK UP WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2011.**

### **IT'S THE LAW**

With the opening of another school year, please remember the penalty for violating Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law includes: \$250.00 fine, 5 points on your driving record, and 60 day driver's license suspension.



**YOU MUST STOP AT LEAST 10 FEET AWAY FROM A SCHOOL BUS WITH RED SIGNAL LIGHTS FLASHING AND STOP ARM EXTENDED.**

### **BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT WEBSITE**

Need to know a phone number, the lunch menu, location of a different school, the date and place of the next School Board meeting? Visit [www.boyertownasd.org](http://www.boyertownasd.org) for all this information and more.

Maybe the most important list on this website for parents of NHUF students is every teacher's email address and direct phone number. Click on Our Schools, NHUF, Staff and you will find the complete list, as well as other essential information.

**STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE:** The district is offering, from an outside vendor, Student Accident Insurance which would cover medical expenses from accidental bodily injuries. If you are interested in this insurance please ask for a form.

**DIRECT DIAL TEACHER PHONE NUMBERS**

**Please use these extension numbers to call individual teachers. Use the prefix 610-473 and the 4 digit extension number. This will take you directly to the classroom telephone.**

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Miss Foster-Kg-1726       | Miss Dufner-Gr 5-1709      | Mrs. Piazza-Remed-1745      |
| Ms Koch-Kg-1721           | Mr. Maurer-Gr 5-1732       | Mrs. Polk-Nurse-1770        |
| Miss Wagner-Kg-1716       | Mrs. Ramsey-Gr 5-1739      | Mrs. Ong-Guidance-1790      |
| Miss Brown-Gr 1-1714      | Mr. Wentling-Gr 5-1733     | Mrs. Trout-LS-1747          |
| Miss Caccese-Gr 1-1719    | Mrs. Bauman-Gr 6-1735      | Mrs. Turnbull-Guidance-1690 |
| Mrs. M. Gilbert-Gr 1-1713 | Miss Hogentogler-Gr 6-1736 | Mrs. Wagner-OT-1756         |
| Mrs. Olds-Gr 1-1708       | Mrs. Irvin-Gr 6-1731       | Mrs. Wenger-Remed-1745      |
| Mrs. Ramirez-Gr 1-1715    | Mrs. Reed-Gr 6-1737        | Mrs. Yarnall-Office-1701    |
| Mrs. Frain-Gr 2-1718      | Mr. Butt and               | Mrs. Ream-Office-1702       |
| Ms Pesce-Gr 2-1725        | Ms Nuding-Art-1740         | Mr. Gamler-custodian-1703   |
| Mrs. Roberts-Gr 2-1717    | Mr. Caccese-Speech-1757    | Mrs. Steffy-Cafeteria-1760  |
| Mrs. Sell-Gr 2-1720       | Mrs. Carney-LS- 1746       | Mrs. Webb-Staff Nurse-1770  |
| Mrs. Slaybaugh-Gr 2-1711  | Mrs. Corcoran-Library-1751 | Mrs. Antonik-Library-1752   |
| Miss Fitzpatrick-Gr 3-    | Mrs. DiCello-Speech-1728   | Mrs.Fox-LS-1722             |
| Mrs. W. Gilbert-Gr 3-1723 | Mrs. Gallagher-Music-1742  | Mr. Grim and                |
| Mrs. Kehs-Gr 3-1712       | Mrs. Hughes-LS-1748        | Mr. Schultz-Fitness-1749    |
| Mrs. Leary-Gr 3-1724      | Instrumental Music-1743    | Dr. Obarow-Reading-1744     |
| Mrs. Ruddy-Gr 3-1738      | Mrs. Malkasian/Mumie       |                             |
| Mrs. Goodrich-Gr 4-1727   |                            |                             |
| Mrs. Grzywacz-Gr 4-1741   |                            |                             |
| Miss Rumble-Gr 4-1729     |                            |                             |
| Mrs. Ventresca-Gr 4-1730  |                            |                             |

**TARDINESS OF STUDENTS**

Please remember that school begins each day at 8:45 AM. Students are expected to be in their homerooms and ready to begin. A student being transported by private vehicle who arrives at school after that time will be considered tardy. Both the parent and student must report to the school office before the student goes to his or her classroom. The adult will need to complete an excuse form indicating the reason for tardiness.

**REQUEST FROM MRS. STEFFY – CAFETERIA MANAGER**

Because of a change in computer programs, the cafeteria has lost all notes that were entered from last year regarding lunch and snack restrictions. Please email Mrs. Steffy at [msteffy@bovertownasd.org](mailto:msteffy@bovertownasd.org) or call at 610-473-1760 with any limitation you would like your child to follow, such as no double lunches and no snacks.

No snacks will be sold at lunch time until the week of September 12.

**NOTES FROM THE CAFETERIA**

<b>PRICES FOR 2011-2012 ARE</b>	
<b>A, B OR C LUNCH:</b>	<b>\$2.20</b> (includes milk)
<b>Reduced Price Lunch</b>	<b>.40</b>
<b>MILK</b>	<b>.50</b>
<b>SNACKS/DRINKS</b>	<b>.60</b>

The menu is posted on the district website. Knowing what is on the menu, especially "C" lunch, which will be a different salad each week, will become very important. Fresh fruit will also be available every day as an alternate to the posted dessert. The salad selection will vary between chicken Caesar, chef salad, garden salad & taco salad. Milk selections will be low fat chocolate, 2%, 1% and skim milk.



**Snacks** will be available for students wanting them. They will go through the lunch line and pick up a card for 50 cents or 60 cents and then turn that card in at the snack window after they eat their lunch. When visiting the snack bar, students will be limited to 1 snack and 1 extra drink a day. Money will not be accepted at the snack window.

All money sent into school for the purpose of buying snack or lunch must be put in an envelope and handed to the classroom teacher in the morning. It will be deposited the same day it is received. No money will be accepted during lunch. Your cooperation and participation is extremely important. When your child's account falls below \$5.00, a new envelope will be provided. This point of sale system eliminates the need for lunch tickets or charges.

Double lunches are available for Grades 3 – 6 only. They must be ordered in the morning when teachers take lunch count. Students will be given a coupon when a double lunch is ordered.

**NO DOUBLE LUNCH WILL BE GIVEN WITHOUT THE COUPON.**

Our goal is to offer all students more nutritious food choices and give them more time to eat. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me.

Thank you  
Mary Steffy, Cafeteria Manager  
610-473-1760  
[msteffy@bovertownasd.org](mailto:msteffy@bovertownasd.org)

### **UNITY WALK – SAVE THE DATE**

On **Sunday, Oct 9**, at 1:00 PM the Boyertown Community is planning a 1-mile downtown walk to bring attention to the respect and caring that we want for each member of our community. Families will be invited to participate. More information will be forthcoming. The Boyertown Area Coalition and the United Way of Boyertown sponsor this walk. Please plan to participate.

### **CALLING ALL BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS**

All Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are invited to wear their uniforms to school on Friday, September 9, 2011 as NHUF remembers Patriots' Day. All scouts in uniform will be gathering in the lobby during morning announcements.

Thank you for supporting scouting in our school.

### **PTCA SEED PROJECT**

Calling all prize-winning pumpkins, marigolds, and sunflowers! The Seed Committee invites all first, second, and third grade gardeners to bring in their entries to be judged on Monday, September 12, 2011 between 8-9 a.m. in the All-Purpose Room. We hope that all the parents will come to the PTCA Ice Cream/Membership Social that evening to view all the terrific entries. More information will be sent home shortly.



### **IMPORTANT DATES FROM THE PTCA**

**September 12 – Ice Cream/Membership Social**

**October 13 – Fall Festival**

**November 9 – General Membership Meeting**

### **PTCA ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

You scream; I scream; we all scream for ice cream!!! To welcome all the students to a new school year, the PTCA will be holding its annual Ice Cream Social on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8:30 p.m. All NHUF families are welcome to come. We will have door prizes for parents and bingo for the kids as well. There will also be displays of all the PTCA projects & committees. We look forward to seeing you there.



### **PTCA Officers for 2011-2012**

Elise Watts, president – 610-223-0353  
Lynnette Moccia, Vice-president – 610-754-1189  
Linda Walker, Vice-president Ways & Means – 610-527-0259  
Gayle McNeil, Treasurer – 215-550-6705  
Shannon Burghardt, Secretary – 610-718-0075  
Ali Neeld, Member at Large – 610-754-8004  
Michelle Murray, Member at Large – 610-754-0886



Please feel free to reach out to us with questions or concerns. Also, you can find more information at [www.nhufptca.yolasite.com](http://www.nhufptca.yolasite.com) or like us on Facebook at NHUF PTCA to get the most current updates and last minute news.

**Other PTCA News:** On August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 the Hospitality Committee provided a staff luncheon to welcome back all the staff at NHUF. It was really nice and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. Additionally, the Classroom Fund Committee provided gift cards to the teachers during the luncheon to help provide classroom supplies for all of the kids. Special thanks to Karen Vitabile, Becky Puleo, and Traci O'Connor. Your hard work and dedication to the school is greatly appreciated.

For the 2011-2012 school year, we have decided to end the Book Swap program. The school is extremely strapped for space with the number of students that we now have enrolled, and it has become extremely difficult to continue the program.

Spirit Wear is going to be offered throughout the school year this year as well as by order form. We will attempt to have a table of inventory available at all of the activity nights, school events, and PTCA meetings.

We were able to donate approximately \$78 toward the Boyertown Rita's Alex's Lemonade Stand from the proceeds made during the lemonade stands at the Art Festival. Although it seems like a small donation, the cups of lemonade were only 50 cents and any help to benefit children's cancer research is greatly appreciated. So, thank you all. We are planning on continuing this project throughout the year and are also planning a September coin drive to partner with it. Look out for lemonade stands at all of the Family Activity Nights throughout the year (with all proceeds donated to Rita's Alex's Lemonade Stand fund).



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i can make.

### **Box Tops for Education**

Keep an eye out for the box top collection campaign and also for the announcement of summer box top collection winners.

**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, deskjet, or laserjet 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](mailto:ekswatts@comcast.net).



**Volunteers Needed:** The PTCA is looking for volunteers to take over a few committee chair positions: publishing center, Basket Raffle. If anyone is interested or has any questions, please contact Elise Watts at [ekwatts@comcast.net](mailto:ekwatts@comcast.net) or 610-223-0353

**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 or Enroll at an in-store kiosk

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

- Call 1-800-316-6142

Eligible Target Business Card® holders Call 1-800-316-6142

**MARKET DAY NEWS** Dates for delivery for the 2011-2012 school year.

September	Thursday	9/15/2011
October	Thursday	10/13/2011
November	Thursday	11/10/2011
December	Thursday	12/8/2011
January	Thursday	1/19/2012
February	Thursday	2/16/2012
March	Thursday	3/15/2012
April	Thursday	4/19/2012
May	Thursday	5/17/2012
June	Thursday	6/14/2012

Welcome to New Hanover Upper Frederick Elementary School. Market Day has been a very successful fundraiser for both New Hanover Upper Frederick Elementary School and the Upper Frederick Fire Company. Last year alone, we raised over \$1,500 for the library and the playground funds. This year we would like to increase that amount, but we can't do it without your help!

By ordering Market Day each month you get delicious and easy to prepare restaurant-quality foods for your family. In addition, by ordering Market Day you will help raise funds to benefit the children at New Hanover Upper Frederick as well as our local fire department.

Market Day is a unique fundraiser because our children do not sell door-to-door. It's easy because you fill out the order sheet each month, send it to school with you child (or order online at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com)), and pick up your food at New Hanover Upper Frederick Elementary School on the day of the sale. The Market Day website is a great resource for product descriptions, ingredients, nutritional information, recipes and more!

September will feature a free Jumbo Tote with the purchase of 3 or more qualifying items. If you spend \$90.00 or more and enter the promo code SEPbonus you will receive a free Apple Pie! In addition look for details on how to become a Frequent Buyer. Let's make this year a great Market Day year. Your support is important to us, so please keep a look out for your September order sheet or visit [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) to see the great selection of Market Day foods. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Michelle or David Hanson at 215-234-0506 or [jnhanson@comcast.net](mailto:jnhanson@comcast.net).