



December 2011

Mrs. Laura Heineck, Principal

EVENTS

- 12/1 Sr. Orch./Sr. Band Concert
7:00 PM BASH
6th Grade BEEP
- 12/2 PEP
4th Grade trip to Harrisburg
PTA Craft Night
- 12/5 PTA Holiday Store
4th Grade BEEP
- 12/6 PTA Holiday Store
- 12/6 School Board Meeting
Reorganization Meeting
7:00 PM Ed. Center
- 12/7 Jr. Orch./Jr. Band rehearsal
7:15 AM BES
5th Grade BEEP
5th & 6th Grade Chorus concert
BASH 7:00 PM
- 12/8 PEP
- 12/9 6th Grade BEEP
- 12/13 School Board Meeting
NH-UF 7:00 PM
4th Grade BEEP
- 12/14 PEP
- 12/16 5th Grade BEEP
- 12/19 6th Grade BEEP
- 12/20 PEP
- 12/21 4th Grade BEEP
- 12/23 Early Dismissal 12:30 PM
- 12/26 – 12/30 NO SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

The Pine Forge Leadership Group sponsored a food drive that raised over 2,500 canned goods and non-perishable items which were donated to Boyertown Area Multi-Service to benefit needy people in our community. I would like to extend a very heartfelt thanks to all Pine Forge parents and students who participated in the food drive. Your donations will make the holiday season a little better for many needy citizens of our community.
Have a very safe and blessed holiday season.



PTA NEWS

PTA will hold a Santa Store on Monday, December 5th and Tuesday December 6th. Students will have a scheduled time during the day to purchase gifts for their family. The PTA is sponsoring a Craft Night on Friday, December 2, 2011.

HUMAN GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION PARENT NIGHT

Parents of grades 4, 5, & 6 students are invited and encouraged to attend a parent preview of Human Growth & Development Education, which will be presented at the Junior High West Cafeteria on Thursday, January 11, 2012 beginning at 6:00 p.m. More information will be sent home with your child in December.

KEEPING TOUCHES SAFE & HEALTHY

Parents of **second grade students** are invited and encouraged to attend a parent preview of “Keeping Touches Safe & Healthy”, which will be presented at the Junior High West Cafeteria on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. More information will follow.

HIGHLY QUALIFIED STAFF

The No Child Left Behind requirements require all teachers and Title I instructional aides to be “highly qualified” according to guidelines established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. We are proud to say that all of the teachers and Title I aides in the Boyertown Area School District meet these criteria. If you have any questions regarding the educational background and certifications of your child’s teacher, please contact the teacher or principal and we will gladly share this information with you.

CONNECT-ED®

Our **Connect-ED®** telephone messaging service enables us to deliver important school information in the event of any emergency, including weather delays or closings. With the **Connect-ED®** service, we are able to send a personalized voice message to parent/guardians and families with one recorded phone message. It is

important that the school office is updated with any change in contact telephone numbers so that you will not miss any important communications. We are utilizing your phone numbers from our student information



HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS DEVELOPING DURING THE NIGHT

Heavy snowfall or other serious weather conditions may make it necessary to close schools, delay openings or dismiss early. In such cases, the following media locations will broadcast the information.

Radio

93.5 WSBG-FM Stroudsburg
96 WCTO-FM Allentown
99.9 WODE-FM Allentown
100.7 WLEV-FM Allentown
102.5 WRFY-FM Reading
104 WAEB-FM Allentown
105.1 WIOV-FM Reading
105.5 WMGH-FM Tamaqua
107.1 WWYY-FM Allentown
107.5 WFKB-FM Reading
790 WAEB-AM Allentown
830 WEEU-AM Reading
1060 KYW-AM (District #893)

Philadelphia

1160 WBYN-AM Boyertown
1240 WIOV-AM Reading
1340 WRAW-AM Reading
1370 WPAZ-AM Pottstown

Television

CBS3 – TV Philadelphia
WCAU-TV – NBC 10 Philadelphia
WFMZ-TV–Channel 69 Allentown
WPVI-TV6 Philadelphia

Websites

www.wfmz.com www.b104.com

www.wzzo.com www.waeb.com
www.fox1470.com www.NBC10.com



DURING THE DAY

When weather conditions warrant doing so, a decision to close schools will be made as soon as possible. Junior high school students will be dismissed, followed by the senior high school students. Elementary school students will be dismissed as soon as the buses arrive. In some instances, the school district may reverse this procedure by allowing the elementary students to be dismissed first. In either case, announcements will be made that will detail the plan. Afternoon kindergarten classes will not meet on days when schools are dismissed on the above schedule. When school is closed, all school and community activities in district buildings are canceled.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Parents are expected to anticipate early dismissal due to inclement weather and to make appropriate provisions for their children.

BASD INFORMATION LINE

By dialing 610-369-7669 or logging onto the district website (www.boyertownasd.org), parents/guardians will be informed of current information regarding the status of the district's schedule depending on conditions.

TESTING INFORMATION

Please mark your calendars with the following: **PSSA** (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment) Reading and Math will be given to students in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 from March 12 – March 23, 2012.

PSSA Writing will be given to students in grade 5 from April 16 – 20, 2012

PSSA Science will be given to students in grade 4 from April 23 – 27, 2012.

Parents should make sure appointments are NOT scheduled during these time periods. Students will NOT be excused for “educational trips” during these testing periods.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH

Any parent or guardian who has undergone a recent financial change which may qualify them for the free or reduced lunch program should call the office for an application. Information is confidential.



News from the Nurse

New Immunization Regulations for the 2011/12 School Year

Effective August 1, 2011 children in all grade need to have 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, documented history of the varicella disease, or lab test to show immunity. Parents/guardians of students that do not have proof of 2 doses on file were notified by mail at the end of October. **If you received a notice, please contact your health care provider as failure to provide proof of required immunizations will result in exclusion of school effective May 1, 2012.**

4th, 5th, & 6th Grade Parent Preview Night

As part of the Boyertown Area School District Health curriculum, the children in grades 4, 5 and 6 are given the opportunity of receiving instruction in human growth & development and HIV/AIDS education. You may have your child excused from the program with a written request. Requests will be honored in accordance with state requirements.

Parents of children in grades 4, 5 and 6 are invited to the human growth & development education and HIV/AIDS program which will be held on **January 11, 2012 at Junior High West, 380 South Madison Street, Boyertown.** Parents will have the opportunity to preview the videos which are used for the student presentations. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions of the school nurse after the video presentations.

These presentations provide opportunities for children to gain an understanding of biological changes which occur while they are growing up. The presentations are as follows:

4th Grade Videos: *Just Around the Corner for Boys* and *Just Around the Corner for Girl*; *The Immune System: Doing Its Part*

5th Grade Videos *Always Changing for Boy** and *Always Changing for Girls**; *HIV and AIDS: Staying Safe*

(*May be previewed online @ <http://www.pgschoolprograms.com/puberty/>

, scroll to the bottom of the page under “Educator Materials.” Select the video you would like to preview. During the lesson at school, students will only view the program for their gender.)

6th Grade Program Presented by the Weller Health Education Center - please feel free to contact the Weller Center at 610-258-8500, ext. 22 with any questions regarding their program; Videos “AIDS: Facts for Kids” along with “The Immune System: Our Internal Defender”

It is the school district’s belief that this important activity should be a shared responsibility between home and school. You may wish to expand upon the knowledge you have given your son or daughter or possibly use the school’s presentation as a basis for follow-up discussion. We encourage your presence to view the components of our program.

Head Lice

To effectively manage head lice infestations in school, the Boyertown Area School District has a strict No-Nit policy. Lice are small brown insects about the size of sesame seed and nits are yellowish white eggs which attach to the hair shafts which are generally found at nape of neck, behind ears, and at the crown of head. Symptoms of lice itching of scalp or red marks or scratches found on scalp and neck. If your child gets head lice, our policy requires parents to notify the health room. 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. The 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. Please help us prevent head lice by following the policy and checking your children often.

Cold & Flu Season

With the cough & flu season approaching, students occasionally need to take 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 the Services dropdown menu, under Student Services - Medication. **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 available for all students to treat mild coughs and sore throats.



Art News

Please continue sending in clean yogurt and pudding cups, Styrofoam egg cartons and other small plastic containers to the art room. We use these for paint.

District Budget Meetings

You are invited to the following meetings (updated dates and times) as we develop a budget for the next school year. Your input is absolutely essential.

December 20, 2011 – Curriculum and Personnel, 6:30 p.m., Ed Center

January 3, 2012 – Technology and Special Education, 6:30 p.m. Ed Center

January 10, 2012 – Facilities and Transportation, 5:30 p.m., Ed Center

January 17, 2012 – Preliminary Budget Review, 6:30 p.m., Ed Center

January 24, 2012 – Adoption of Preliminary Budget, 7:00 p.m., JHW