

Pine Forge Elementary School



January 2010

Mrs. Melissa L. Woodard, Principal

EVENTS

- 1 No School – Winter Holiday
- 6 Keeping Touches Safe–Gr 2 JHW Café–6:30 pm
- 12 Grade 1 Planetarium – 10:00 am
School Board Meeting – Ed Center – 7:00 pm
- 13 Sr. Orchestra/Band Rehearsal – 7:15 am
Gr 4/5 Family Life Parent Night - JHW - 6:00 pm
PTA Meeting – 6:30 pm
- 18 No School – MLK Holiday
- 20 Jr. Orchestra/Band Rehearsal – 7:15 am
Dental Exams
- 22 PTA Basket Bingo
- 24 PTA Skating Party
- 26 School Board Meeting – JHW – 7:00 pm
End of 2nd Marking Period
- 27 Sr. Orchestra/Band Rehearsal – 7:15 am
Early Dismissal – 12:30 pm



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 6 at 6:30 p.m. The snow date will be Wednesday, January 13th.

FAMILY EDUCATION PARENT NIGHT

Parents of 4th and 5th grade students are invited and encouraged to attend a parent preview of Family Life Education, which will be presented at the Junior High West on Wednesday, January 13, 2010. Grade 4 parents will report to the auditorium at 6:00 p.m. and Grade 5 parents will report to the cafeteria at 6:30 pm.

EARLY DISMISSAL

On Wednesday, January 27th we will have an early dismissal at 12:30 pm. AM Kindergarten will be held from 8:45 am to 10:25 am and the PM Kindergarten session will attend from 10:25 am to 12:30 pm.



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.

FAMILY COUNT EMAIL

We are creating an email directory of parent contact information. If you wish to be included in the directory, please send your email address to tgomolka@boyertownasd.org.



We will also communicate information regarding emergency closings and delays using the email directory. At times, we will also send PTA information via email.

SPECIAL AREA CLASS ADJUSTMENTS

Due to the large amount of Monday holidays, on separate occasions this year we will be holding Monday special area classes on Tuesday. Monday specials will be held on Tuesday, January 19th.

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 system.



MUSICAL NOTES FROM MR. BRUNNER



The Earl and Pine Forge third and fourth graders will be presenting their winter production entitled "A Trip to Disney," on Wednesday, February 10, 2010. The concert will take place at Junior High West and the curtain is at 7 PM.

The premise of this program is that the students will sing and act out the rides and attractions. The audience will experience the Animatronics coming to life, and no one will have to travel to Florida

At this time, each third and fourth grade student should have brought home a letter explaining all the details of the show. Every student should return this paper no later than Friday, January 8 so I can have an accurate count of who will be participating. The students and I look forward to presenting this program to you in February.

Also, this January, February, and March, I will be working with a student teacher. Her name is Miss Angie Lebrun and she comes to us from Valley Forge Christian College.

If you would like more information of what is happening at Earl and Pine Forge music department, or if you would like to volunteer for show preparations, please feel to email me at jbrunner@boyertownasd.org or call me at 610-473-1819.

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

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| 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

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

Websites

- www.wfmz.com
- www.wzzo.com
- www.fox1470.com
- www.b104.com
- www.waeb.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

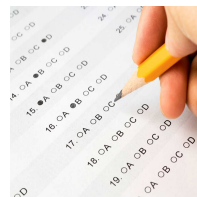
Parents are expected to anticipate early dismissal due to inclement weather and to make appropriate provisions for their children.

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 during the week of April 12-16. **PSSA** Writing will be given to students in grade 5 during the week of April 19-

23. **PSSA** Science will be given to students in grade 4 during the week of April 26-30. **Parents should make sure appointments are NOT scheduled during these time periods. Students will NOT be excused for "educational trips" during these testing periods.**

