

Pine Forge Elementary School



March 2010

Mrs. Melissa L. Woodard, Principal

EVENTS

- 2 Family Night Out – BASH – 5:30 pm
- 3 Jr. Orch/Band/Jazz Band Rehearsal – 7:15 am
- 9 6th Grade BEEP Field Trip – King Lear
Market Day Pickup – BES – 7:00 pm
School Board Meeting – Ed Center – 7:00 pm
- 10 Sr. Orchestra/Band Rehearsal – 7:15 am
PTA Meeting – 6:30 pm (Dr Betts visiting)
- 17 Jr. Orchestra/Band Rehearsal – 7:15 am
- 23 School Board Meeting – JHW – 7:00 pm
- 24 Sr. Orchestra/Band Rehearsal – 7:15 am
Art Show/Book Fair & PTA Ice Cream
Social – 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- 31 No School – Staff Development Day



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2010-2011

The district is announcing kindergarten registration for the 2010-2011 school year. If you have a child that is eligible for kindergarten and have not received a packet by February 6, 2010, please contact the district office at the number listed below. Your packet will include all necessary forms and instructions for registration. Students must be age five (5) on or before September 10, 2010 to be eligible for kindergarten.

Registration will be held by appointment only from March 1 – 12, 2010 at the District Education Center, 911 Montgomery Avenue, Boyertown. Please contact Cindi Bartholomew at 610-369-7492 to obtain a packet and/or schedule an appointment for registration.

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.

MUSICAL NOTES - MR. BRUNNER

There has been quite a bit of work happening at Pine Forge and Earl this winter. First, I would like to take the time to congratulate everyone who participated in the 3rd and 4th grade concert, "A Trip to Disney." You put on an excellent performance that was well received by the entire Boyertown community. Thank you also to all the parent volunteers. The hard work paid off!

Our choir has been chosen to perform the National Anthem at the 76ers game on Friday, March 5. The students have worked very hard and we will have an awesome experience singing for a crowd of 30,000 fans!



I would like to invite you to events happening in the Boyertown Area. On Saturday, March 6 is the Boyertown Area Music League Chicken Dinner and Concert. Although Earl and Pine Forge will not be performing this year (because of the concert the night before), I would still appreciate any donations you may send in to help out with the dinner. A list was in last month's newsletter, as well as sent home with each child in the school. By purchasing a Kauffman's chicken dinner, you will be helping fund music activities in the district. The chicken dinners will be available from 1-5 PM at Jr. High West on March 6. Thank you for your support.

The high school is performing *West Side Story* on March 18-20 at 7 PM and March 21 at 2 PM. All tickets are \$10 and are reserved. Seats are selling fast, so please purchase your tickets as soon as possible. You may also visit the district website for more details. The show may not be appropriate for all elementary aged children; however, I believe the older kids would really appreciate the opportunity to see it.

Lastly, Junior High West will be performing their *Broadway Musical Revue*. This show will be on Wednesday, March 31 and you may purchase tickets at the door. This will be appropriate for kids of all ages and will have musical scenes from the musicals *Wicked*, *The Secret Garden*, *Young Frankenstein*, *South Pacific*, as well as many others. All proceeds for this show will help to fund the new grand piano at Junior High West. I hope to see you there as well.

As you can see, there is quite a lot of activity going on in the Boyertown Area Music Department this March that you will not want to miss. I hope to see you at all these events! Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 6 at 7 PM for the Earl and Pine Forge Spring Choral Concert. It will be performed at 7 PM at the Boyertown Area Senior High New Auditorium.

If you would like any more information about any these events, or have any questions concerning your child's music class, please feel free to contact me at jbrunner@boyertownasd.org or call me at 610-473-1819.

LIBRARY NEWS - MRS. HART

You are invited to our Scholastic Book Fair, an exciting, fun-filled event for students and families, scheduled on March 24, 2010. Please stop by anytime between 5:00 & 8:00 pm to see what we've cooked up!

Our newest theme, *Book Fair Diner: All You Can Read*, serves up exciting activities (ice cream social), creative decorations (art show), and great books in an atmosphere of fun and literacy.

The Book Fair connects students with books at affordable prices and makes reading a positive experience. Children are more likely to read the books they personally get to choose. It's one of the best ways to get more kids reading, and kids reading more.

Please join us to make the Book Fair the BEST our school has ever seen. I look forward to seeing you at the Fair!

ART NEWS – MRS. LORENZ

This year's art show will be held on Wednesday, March 24th from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. Please come and see the wonderful art projects your child has been working on.



2010-2011 CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

At this time of year, we begin the process of class placements for the 2010-2011 school year. We devote a considerable amount of time placing students in class groupings for the upcoming year. Since we consider the placement process to be one of our most important tasks, we would like to share the process we use with you.



Student placement is determined and reviewed by a team of professionals consisting of your child's present teacher(s), reading specialist, guidance counselor, and principal.

Each child's academic, social and emotional growth and needs are discussed as well as peer relations. We strive to create classes that are heterogeneous, function as cohesive groups and provide each child with an

educational environment that will best meet his/her needs.

In view of the time and consideration taken in the placement of your child, we request that you **do not** ask for a specific teacher placement. Should your child need special consideration, such as a specific type of learning environment, please write the principal a letter stating those areas that should be taken into consideration when making next year's placement. **Any written requests of this nature must be submitted by April 15, 2010. No requests will be considered after this date.** Please note that information is not kept on file from year to year so if concerns remain, new letters must be submitted annually. We ask that you respect our professional judgment and be assured that we will strive to make the best possible match.

WELLNESS FAIR

The Boyertown Area Community Wellness Council has scheduled the Wellness Fair for Saturday, April 10. The Running of the Bears event will also occur on Saturday, April 10. This will affect the touring of Healthy Bear. We have also implemented a new activity this year revolving around Healthy Bear. We will have a box with entry forms and students can count the healthy items on Healthy Bear and submit their name and classroom into the box. At the Wellness Fair, a name will be drawn from the entries with the correct answer and their classroom will receive a healthy snack (to be arranged with their teacher) compliments of the Boyertown Area Community Wellness Council. The healthy bear was at our school from February 23 to March 2.

SPRING AHEAD!!

Please remember to turn your clocks ahead by one hour on March 14th.

