

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS



The Home and School Working Together

MARCH 2010

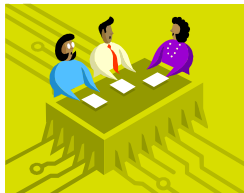
Mr. Christopher Iacobelli, Principal

Procedures for Calling Students In Absent or Tardy

When calling our health room **610-754-9594** for absences and tardiness, make sure you give a specific reason for your child's absence i.e., sore throat, flu, upset stomach, etc. If you feel that your child might be able to do the schoolwork missed, please let us know who should bring his/her work home or whether you will pick up the homework after 3:30 pm. If we do not receive a call, the teacher will give the child an excuse blank to sign. We must receive a call or signed excuse blank about your child's absence. Without either of these methods of communication, we will need to record the absence as unlawful. Also, if your child sees a physician, please bring a note from the physician. **Please call this number before 9:00 a.m. to report your child absent.**

**Please refer to pages 10 & 17 in the Elementary Handbook for more information.*

**To speak w/Nurse
610-473-1970**



Our Spring parent-teacher conferences at the elementary level will be conducted on an **as needed basis** after the third marking period in April.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MARCH

- 1 Market Day Pick Up – 5:00 – 6:00 PM
- 1 – 12 Kindergarten Registration @ Education Center
- 2 Read Across America Day
Pajama Day
- 3 Wear Red & White Day
- 5 Planetarium – Dennis & Matje – 1:00 – 2:00 pm
Wacky Hair Day
- 6 Can Recycling @ WES Parking Lot – 9:00 – 1:00 PM (aluminum cans only)
- 9 School Board Meeting, ED Center, 7:00 PM
- 10 Planetarium Trip – Seiz & Confer – 1:00 – 2:00 PM
- 11 Pre Kindergarten Story Time - 2:10 – 2:40 PM
Field Trip – Mrs. Kaczerski - Friendly's
- 12 Wearin of the Green
- 13 Daylight Savings – Turn Clocks Ahead
- 15 HSA Meeting (7:00 PM)
- 16 Planetarium – Ms. Leffel/Mrs. Whitehouse – 10:00 – 11:00 AM
- 17 Planetarium – Mrs. Lewis/Mrs. Schell – 1:00 – 11:00 AM
Family Life 5th Grade
- 20 HSA Family Glow Bowling – 3:00 – 5:00 PM, Limerick Bowl (Res. Req.)
- 23 School Board Meeting, JHEAST, 7:00 PM
- 24 School Physicals – K & 6
Gianni's Fund Raising Pick Up – 5:30 – 6:30 PM
- 25 Pre Kindergarten Story Time - 2:10 – 2:40 PM
Art Show, 4:30 – 7:30PM
- 26 HSA Father Daughter Dance – 7:00 – 9:00 PM – WES Cafeteria
- 29 Market Day Pick Up – 5:00 – 6:00 PM
- 30 D.A.R.E. Graduation – 9:00 AM
- 31 **SCHOOL CLOSED/Staff Development**



Family Trips

When planning a family trip, please refer to the Elementary Handbook . It is very important to remember that an educational trip form must be submitted to the building principal at least two (2) days prior to the trip. **Educational trip forms that are submitted after the trip will not be approved.** Please note that although permitted, we do not encourage absence from school. The activities of the classroom can never be fully made up. Please note that educational trips will not be approved during any standardized achievement tests, i.e., PSSA, etc. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Iacobelli.

Inclement weather:

Please listen to your **local radio** and **TV stations** for closings and early dismissals. You may call **610-369-SNOW (7669)**, or check our website at www.boyertownasd.org. You should receive a call from our automated ConnectEd service.

**Please refer to page 8 in our Elementary Handbook for all the listings.*

It is important to keep school telephone lines open to conduct normal school business.

**MAIN OFFICE HOURS
8:00AM – 4:30PM**



BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL NOTICE OF KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The Boyertown Area School District is announcing kindergarten registration for the 2010-2011 school year. Information packets were mailed in January 2009 to each resident with a child who will reach 5 years of age on or before September 10, 2010. These names are taken from the district's census file. If you or someone you know has a child that meets the age requirement and have not received a packet, please contact the district office to obtain one.

All kindergarten registration is done by appointment and will be done at the District Education Center located at 911 Montgomery Avenue, Boyertown during the month of March. The packet will include all the necessary forms and instructions for registration.

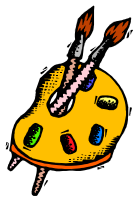
Note that although students entering kindergarten are required to have a physical and dental examination, these exams must be dated after September 1, 2009.

Please contact Cindi Bartholomew in the Student Registration Office at 610-369-7492 if you do not receive a packet or have questions or concerns regarding this process.



Daily bus passes will be limited to emergency purposes only, including unscheduled early dismissal days (i.e., weather related). An emergency is defined as an uncontrollable, non-recurring event. Bus drivers will not accept notes from parents.

**Please refer to page 29 of the Elementary Handbook*



ART SHOW

An outstanding display of our children's artistic talent will be showcased on **Thursday, March 25th from 4:30 to 7:30PM.**

Students' arts and crafts work will be on display throughout the building. We hope that many of you will be able to come and see the great work that has been produced throughout the year by our students under the direction of our art **teacher, Mrs. Cechak!**

UPDATING CONTACT INFO:

It is vital that student contact phone numbers and parent e-mail addresses are kept up to date. If your **home/work/cell** phone number and/or e-mail address has changed, please inform the office. If you would like to be signed up on our group e-mail notification, please e-mail Kelli Miller, School Technician at kmiller@boyertownasd.org with your name, e-mail address, your child's name and teacher/grade.

Washington Township Well Construction

Construction on the new Washington Township well began on January 25th. The project will be completed by May 2010. Lane closures on Route 100 may occur. Please be patient as you may experience backups or delays during the construction.



Preschool Story Time

Our Pre-school Story Times are scheduled to begin in February. They will be held in the Washington Elementary School Library at 2:00 – 2:30 PM on the following Thursdays:

- March 11 & 25
- April 8
- May 13 & 27

If you know of anyone with preschool children, who does not currently have a student enrolled at our school, please pass this information on to them. This program is intended for preschoolers who will be enrolling in our kindergarten program for next school year.

National Child Identification Program



Child Identification Program (CHIP)

The annual CHIP Program will be offered once again this year in conjunction with the Art Show, March 25, 2010. This program gives parents and law enforcement essential material to help search for a missing child. The program is FREE. Additional information will be coming home with your child.

HSA News



Family Glow Bowling - Sat. March 20th - 3 - 5 pm - Limerick Bowling Alley
Cost is \$5 for Washington Students who are HSA members and \$10 for adults and all non-HSA members. Cost does include shoe rentals.
First come first served with payment. Please contact Brenda Krupp if you have questions:
kruppbrenda@yahoo.com

Father / Daughter Dance - Fri. March 26th-7 - 9pm - Washington Cafeteria
Please contact Stacia Wenhold to help out or with questions stacialw@netzero.net

HSA Meeting - Monday, March 15th from 7 - 8 pm in the Cafeteria

Gianni's Pizza Pick-up - Wed. March 24th

Market Day Pick-up - Monday, March 29 5-6pm

Internet Safety Discussion



Students in Grades 5 & 6 will attend an Internet Safety Discussion at Washington Elementary School on March 15 and 16. Mr. Rafael Perez, BASD School Police Officer, will present such topics as cyber bullying, texting, MySpace, Twitter, risks and concerns of the internet, privacy and personal information, etc. The purpose of this program is to educate students on internet safety.



Medication at school

Please see the BASD medication policy in the BASD handbook on page 17 to review the policy to determine if your child needs to take any medications during school hours. Your child may receive medications in school daily, or as needed during school, if the medication guidelines are followed. Please contact the health room if you have any questions. Medication forms are available on the BASD web site at www.boyertownasd.org or by request from the health room. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



Class Assignments for 2010-2011

At this time of year, we start the process of student placements for next fall. The faculty will devote a considerable amount of time placing students in class groupings for the upcoming school year. 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 submit your request in writing to Mr. Iacobelli stating those areas that should be taken into consideration when making next year's placement decision. **Any written requests of this nature must be submitted by April 15, 2010. No requests will be considered after this date.** We ask that you respect our professional judgment and be assured that we will strive to make the best possible match for your child.

STANDARDIZED TESTING



For this school year 2009-2010, standardized tests will be administered to our students as follows:

PSSA Grade 5, Writing
April 19 - 23, 2010

PSSA Grades 3 – 6 , Math & Reading
April 7 – 16, 2010

PSSA Grade 4, Science
April 26 – April 30, 2010

PSSA Make Ups
May 3 – 7, 2010

The PSSA is used to determine how well students are learning academic standards in reading, mathematics, science and writing and their scores are compared to students across the state of Pennsylvania.

BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE TESTS REQUESTS FOR EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS WILL NOT BE APPROVED.



Health Room News

School Physicals will be March 24th. If you have a private physical scheduled for your Kindergarten or 6th grade child, please inform the health room and we will make a note of the date. Please make sure all completed private physical forms get turned in to the health room. Please contact the health room if you need a form for an upcoming appointment or download the forms from the BASD website, www.boyertownasd.org under Student Services, Health link.

Colds & Flu

Is it a cold or is it the flu? Flu symptoms come on suddenly and affect the body all over. Cold symptoms develop gradually and mostly affect you above the neck. However, when you get the flu, you are more prone to developing secondary infections such as bronchitis, sinus, and ear infections.

!!! DINNER AND A SHOW !!!

The Boyertown Music League will be holding a Chicken Dinner fundraiser on **Saturday, March 6th**. Along with this event, there will be opportunities for different musical groups from around the district to perform. **Mrs. Gallagher has chosen the Tone Chime Choir to represent New Hanover at this exciting event.**

The Chicken Dinner will be held from **1-6 pm at Junior High West**. Dinner will be held in the Cafeteria while the Auditorium will be used as an Open House style performance hall. You can come and go as you please. Performance will be scheduled between 2:00- 5:00pm. Dinner will include **Kauffman's Bar-b-que Chicken**, baked potato, applesauce, roll, butter, beverage, and dessert. The cost for the dinner will be **\$8 for adults, \$6 for students.**

Chicken dinners can be dine in or eat out. If you are interested in purchasing a chicken dinner, please contact your school's music director or Amy Flannery, Lead Teacher for the Fine Arts, aflannery@boyertownasd.org, 610-473-3464.

The Music League supports all of the musical activities in the Boyertown Area School District. This very supportive group of parents, faculty and community members have helped purchase musical instruments for our school as well as helped fund the 5th Grade trip to see the Reading Symphony each year.

Presenting groups and time are:

2:00 Mystery Faculty Guests 2:10 Junior High East Show Choir
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2:30 Colebrookdale Vocal Ensemble 2:50 Boyertown Senior High Orchestra
2:50 Boyertown Senior High Orchestra
3:10 Elementary Jazz Band 3:30 Boyertown Senior High Band
3:30 Boyertown Senior High Band
3:50 NHUF Tone Chimes 4:00 Junior High Select Ensemble
4:00 Junior High Select Ensemble
4:20 Junior High Jazz Band 4:40 Junior High West Show Choir
4:40 Junior High West Show Choir

