

# **NHUF News – 9-11-2020**

**Week in Review Attachments/Parent Newsletters** – All of the weekly NHUF News emails and monthly parent newsletters can be found on NHUF's website.

Select School, Click on New Hanover Elementary, Student/Parents, Week in Review Attachments OR Parents Newsletter.

## **Zoom/Google Meet Practices and Etiquette**

We thank our parents and guardians for working hard at home with their children and navigating the challenges of Google Classroom and Zoom. We do know it is difficult and we appreciate and need your engagement with your child across the day. We have experienced a few matters this past week that is prompting me to provide families some guidance as we move forward. Thank you for your cooperation.

1. Please be mindful of muting your child's microphone when the teacher asks or in moments when there is noise or commotion in your home. Again, we know this is tough, but the entire class will hear whatever is said in the home when the microphone is on.
2. Please be sure your child is present and the camera is on during live instruction. This is akin to a child being present in class; the teacher needs to see faces and be able to assess level of engagement. Of course, if your child needs a break, this is fine. The child may ask and perhaps turn off the camera until he/she returns. In most circumstances, the break should be brief and at the direction of the teacher or with teacher permission. This is exactly what we would do at school.
3. During times when students are working independently, teachers may give direction to turn off cameras and/or audio. Please heed this direction as it is provided.
4. Please remind your children that they are attending school and should do their best to engage as a student. We have had a few instances in which students are acting a little on the silly side or perhaps distracted by other things in the home. Again, please know we understand that children are children and need to be themselves. I know our teachers are doing their best to provide breaks and social-emotional moments across the day to break up the academic stretches. We ask that you do your best to provide a quiet learning environment for them.
5. Finally, be aware of the backdrop in your home that may be viewed or heard through the camera. We surely understand you are conducting your life at home and likely juggling lots of priorities but want to be sure not to compromise anyone's privacy.

## **Nursing Procedures**

Please see the link below from our Supervisor of School Nurses, Mrs. Beth Vamvakias, for some important updates regarding procedures in the Health Room during this Covid-19 pandemic.

<https://www.boyertownasd.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=11307&dataid=16392&FileName=NurseLetter.pdf>

**PTCA Scholastic Book Fair** – September 14th thru 27<sup>th</sup>

Click on link below:

<https://www.boyertownasd.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=11307&dataid=16356&FileName=Book%20Fair%20September%202020.pdf>

**Attention 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:**

Today your children had the chance to see the attached video demonstration of the 4 string instruments that we offer in the Boyertown Area School District (4<sup>th</sup> graders saw this demonstration last year, but have another chance to sign up this year). Please take the time to view this video so you can decide on what instrument suits them best. We hope they found an instrument they wanted to play! The study of music could be one of the most valuable steps in your child's education. Some of the benefits your child can receive from it are responsibility, mental discipline, teamwork, self-esteem, and above all, an enjoyment and lifelong appreciation of music. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch the video from today's presentation.

- Please view our [Information Packet](#) for important info regarding our program.
- To register your child for string lessons, please complete the [Beginner String Sign Up Form](#) no later than Tuesday, September 15th. Learn how to measure you child [HERE](#)
- There will be a mandatory zoom meeting on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss rental options and go over the details of our program this year. The zoom link will be sent via email the day of the meeting.
- Please visit our website [www.basdelemstrings.com](http://www.basdelemstrings.com) for additional information.

Thank you!

Mrs. Katelyn Cinquini  
Elementary Orchestra Director  
Boyertown Area School District

**PTCA Rita's Night** – September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

Please click on link below for more information:

<https://www.boyertownasd.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=11307&dataid=16359&FileName=PTCA%20Ritas.pdf>

**Constitution Day** – September 17<sup>th</sup>

**Kindergarten and New Student Parents** – If you have not signed up for one of the tours for next week, please do so as soon as possible by [Clicking Here](#). Please be sure to bring your driver's license to be scanned in our Raptor system. Thank you.