



## BES Week in Review – January 17, 2020



### New Information:



### PSSA Test Dates

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### Important Reminder:

\*\*\*If your child will be absent or late, please email the attendance secretary ([attendanceBES@boyertownasd.org](mailto:attendanceBES@boyertownasd.org)) or visit the BES website to electronically report the absence. **If you call the attendance line, you will need to follow up with a written note.** You must report the absence every day your child is out.\*\*\*

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### Upcoming Events:

#### January

20 – No School

29 – Early Dismissal

31 – Ice Cream Bingo – PTO Event 6 – 8 pm.

#### February

1 – Hoagie Delivery Date (PTO)

12 – Early Dismissal

17 – No School

21 – Spring Photos

5<sup>th</sup> Grade group photo

25 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Music Program

29 – Lucky Leap Year Basket Raffle (PTO)

## March

- 2 – 6 Read Across America Week
- 13 – Jukebox Pie Fundraiser – PTO event
- 18 – Early Dismissal
- 19 – Author Visit
- 21 – Unity Walk
- 27 – Glow Stick Dance Party – PTO event
- Grade 5 – MSW Asst. Principal visit

## April

- 2 – Grade 5 to 6 Transition Night Parent Meeting – MSW
- 3 – Grandparents Day
- 6 – Early Dismissal
- 7 – No School
- 8 – No School
- 9 – No School
- 10 – No School
- 13 - No School
- 14 – PTO Meeting
- 29 – Band/Orchestra Dress Rehearsal
- 30 – Band Concert @ BASH

## April 20<sup>th</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup> – PSSA Window for testing

## May

- 1 – Early Dismissal
- 5 – Grade 5 to MSW visit
- Orchestra Concert @ BASH
- 11 – District Field Day @ BASH
- PTO Meeting
- 12 – Grade 3 Field Trip
- District Field Day (Rain Date)
- Spring Chorus Concert
- 14 – Art Show
- 15 – Walkathon
- 20 – Grade 5 Field Trip
- 22 – BES Fun Days/Carnival
- 25 – No School

## June

- 2 – Early Dismissal
- 3 – Early Dismissal
- 4 – Early Dismissal
- 5 – Early Dismissal
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition Ceremony
- Last Day of School

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**Helpful links:**

[BES Webpage](#)

[Educational Trip forms](#)

[Attendance – Absence Excuses](#)

[Boyetown Area School District Website](#)

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## **From the Nurse**

Winter is an exciting time. It's also a challenging time to stay active. Many of us participate in winter sports, such as skiing, snowboarding, ice skating, ice hockey and snowmobiling. As with most sports, there are risks for injuries. Some of the more critical injuries involve the head. Because they can cause long-term and permanent health issues, concussions should be taken very seriously. Children should be supervised with these activities.

The American Academy of Pediatrics has provided some helpful winter health and safety tips:

### **Safety Tips:**

It is safer to sled feet first or sitting up, instead of lying down head-first.  
Sled on slopes that are not too steep and are free of obstructions like trees or fences.  
Skate only on approved surfaces.  
Skate in one direction with the crowd.  
Never skate alone.  
Do not chew gum or eat candy while participating in outdoor activities.  
Wear a helmet when skiing.  
Stay away from crowded areas on a ski slope.

### **Other Winter Concerns:**

#### **Nosebleeds**

If your child suffers from winter nosebleeds it may be from the dry air. Try using a cold air humidifier in the child's room at night. Saline nose drops or petroleum jelly may help too. If severe, consult your pediatrician.

#### **Hypothermia/Frostbite**

When it is cold outside, remember to set a reasonable time limit on outdoor play and have children come inside periodically to warm up. Dressing in layers is best. Also, please remind your children to dress appropriately for outdoor recess. All students are required to go outdoors for recess when the weather is suitable. Please note when the wind chill is 18° Fahrenheit or below, students will remain inside. The building principal will determine the location of recess based on all weather conditions.

#### **Health Room Items:**

Health Screenings have been completed. If your child has failed their vision or hearing screenings, a referral letter is being sent home. Please have your child seen by a doctor and have the referral completed and return it to school. Dental exams are required for third grade and physical exams are required for sixth grade. Exam forms will be sent home after the New Year for second and fifth graders to be completed for the next school year.

**Please notify the nurse if there are any changes in your child's health status.** We would like to keep your child's health record current and up to date to ensure proper care while your child is attending school. Also, please keep your emergency information current. Anytime you have phone number changes, either at home, work, cell, or for an alternate contact, please update the information in Infinite Campus.



## Previous news:



### *2019-2020 Early Dismissal Days*

- January 29
- February 12
- March 18
- April 6
- May 1
- June 2, 3, 4 & 5

### **MS East Musical: *Into the Woods, Jr.* (February 13-15)**

Boyertown Middle School East will proudly present *Into the Woods Jr.* on February 13th and 14th at 7:00 pm and February 15th at 2:00 pm. *Into the Woods Jr.* features all your favorite characters — Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack (and his beanstalk), and the Witch — in this lyrically rich retelling of classic Brothers Grimm fables.

All tickets are general admission and cost \$7.00 each. Tickets can be purchased by filling out the attached ticket order form. Contact Karen Monzo at (610) 473-3925 for additional ticket information.

We hope you can join us!

### [Into the Woods Flyer](#)

### [Into the Woods Ticket Form](#)



## Music News

### Vocal Ensemble Dates:

**-Reading Royals game – Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm at Santander Arena** (performers arrive at 6:30 pm and meet outside section 112) - Ticket sales are a fundraiser for BES Music! **Please use this link to purchase tickets:**  
<https://royals.isportstix.com/order/group/BoyertownElem20/>

**-Chicken Dinner – Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** in the afternoon at West – Time TBA

**-Spring Choral Concert - Tuesday, May 12th at 7:00 pm at BES**

### 5th and 4th Grade Chorus Dates:

**Spring Choral Concert – Tuesday, May 12th at 7:00 pm at BES**

### **All 3rd Grade Students:**

Our Third Grade Music Program has a soccer theme this year! **"GOAL"** will be **Tuesday, February 25th at 7:00 pm** at BES. Please reserve this date, as we are looking forward to having all students participate in this event! Thanks!

### **All 4rd Grade Students:**

Recorder Karate is a program in which students can work at an individual pace to become recorder masters. Your child may bring their recorder home to practice but must remember to bring it back to their music class each week. Thank you!

### **Support BASD Music!**

**-Bowling Fundraiser: Sunday, January 26 at Limerick Bowling Alley from 2-4 pm (\$15/person or \$75/lane).** Reserve your lane by visiting [boyertownmusic.com](http://boyertownmusic.com). [\(Click here for details\)](#)

**-Adult Comedy Night Music League Fundraiser: Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Boyertown Orioles Club at 7 pm (click here for flyer details) [\(click here for details\)](#)**

### **-ANNUAL BASD MUSIC DEPARTMENT Chicken Dinner:**

The Annual Chicken Dinner will take place at Middle School West on **Saturday, March 7th**. Come see **music groups of all ages** perform and eat **delicious Kaufmann's Chicken!**

**-The Boyertown Area Schools Music League** meets at 7:30 pm on the first Monday of each month in the BASH Choir Room! The Music League is made up of parents and community members. The Music League supports ALL students K-12 in the district. There is no membership fee. Please consider attending a meeting!

For more information, click here: <https://goo.gl/forms/Q2DB0HuQWciYwZY33>

### **BASH proudly presents *MAMMA MIA!* (April 2-5) – Tickets Available Online Now!**

Come to see the rollicking smash musical, *MAMMA MIA!*, at BASH on April 2, 3, 4 at 7:00 PM or on April 5 at 2:00 PM. All tickets are being sold online at [www.boyertownmusic.com](http://www.boyertownmusic.com). You will be able to choose your own seats and see what seats are available. Conveniently pay with your credit card safely through PayPal. Purchase your tickets today before they sell out! Please do not send order forms, cash, or checks to Jeff Brunner. Any questions about the website can be directed to Chris Cinquini at [ccinquini@boyertownasd.org](mailto:ccinquini@boyertownasd.org). The ticket lobby will be open every Wednesday night beginning December 18 from 6 – 8 PM. Cash and checks will be accepted when purchasing in the lobby.



### **Cold Weather Guidelines**

The cold weather is here! Please be aware that when the wind chill factor is 18 degrees or below, we keep the children inside and they have "indoor recess". **Above 18 degrees, children will have outdoor recess.** Please be sure to dress your child accordingly and to put their names in their hats, scarves, gloves, mittens and coats. Shorts are no longer considered appropriate attire during the winter months. Thank you for your cooperation

### **Breakfast Available!**

Did you know that students can buy breakfast daily? Check out the attachment from the Food Service Department for more information.

### [Breakfast Announcement](#)

### **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders Ski Free!**

Did you know that your 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grader can ski free at many mountain slopes in Pennsylvania? By going online and registering for the Snowpass, your child will be able to ski free at 21 participating mountains with the purchase of an adult lift ticket. Visit [www.skipa.com](http://www.skipa.com) for more information.

### [Snow Pass Program](#)

### **Calling all Poets!**

Below is an entry form for a poetry contest. Any student who wants to enter is welcome to follow the directions with their family to submit their poem!

Keep your creative writing flowing and write a poem!

Any poems that are sent to the school have the chance to be displayed on a bulletin board, but they will not be sent to the publishing company. Thank you!

Mrs. Graff

### [Entry Form](#)

### **Community Bulletin Board:**

The district web page is now displaying community events. Check out the [Community Bulletin Board](#) on the district's website for flyers highlighting sports and club registrations within the Boyertown community. This can also be found by going to the district website, clicking on "Parents/Community" and then selecting "Community Bulletin Board".



## **For continued reminders:**

### **Student Car Rider Line**

If you drive your child to or from school, you will have noticed many more cars this year. Due to the increase in cars, I wanted to take a moment to review our procedures.

- During morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up, please be sure to pull all the way forward before loading or unloading.
- Our morning drop-off area is from the light post to the crosswalk. Please be sure to pull forward and unload once you are in that area.
- If your child needs help loading or unloading, please park and help them across the crosswalk.
- Please teach your child to load and unload on the sidewalk side to help ensure safety.
- When pulling away, be sure to use caution because of pedestrians.
- The Car Rider Line is intended for cars to pick-up. Not for walk up service. Please **DO NOT** park and walk the car line.

All these helpful points are to keep our students safe.



### **Arrival and Dismissal**

**Students should not arrive at school prior to 8:25 AM** unless they are working with a teacher on a special project or in a special program.

#### **Just a reminder...**

Cars should **NOT** enter the front driveway between 8:15 and 8:45 AM and 3:00 and 3:45 PM.

\*\*\*\*\*If you are parked in the front driveway during bus arrival or dismissal, **DO NOT** move your car until the buses are gone. We have had many nuisance accidents due to people trying to squeeze out during dismissal.



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### **Educational Trips during the school year**

If you are planning a family trip that will infringe on school attendance, (even for 1 school day) please request an **Application to be Absent from School for an Educational Trip or Tour Form** in **advance**. Forms can be found on the district website under Parents/Community – Forms or you can use this link: [Elementary Trip Form](#)

Complete the form and return to the office for approval from the principal. Permission for non-school trip requests must be **submitted at least 2 days prior** to any trip taken for it to be counted as an excused absence. Parents are strongly encouraged to defer trips with their child/children to non-school days. **Please the District Elementary Handbook for Absence for Education Trips.**



## **Attendance Policy**

Please read carefully, as a phone call alone will not suffice as an excused absence.

The Boyertown Area School District recognizes that attendance is an important factor in educational success. Our district attendance policy has recently been updated in compliance with state and federal mandates. Details regarding attendance policies and procedures can be found on the BASD website under school policies and the elementary handbook.

**Procedures for reporting and documenting absences have become more stringent as a result of the federal government's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Parents are now required to do one of the three procedures written below. Please read them carefully:**

1. Parents/guardians may send an email to [attendanceBES@boyertownasd.org](mailto:attendanceBES@boyertownasd.org) from the email address of the parent/guardian on file with the district by 9:00am on any day that their child will be absent or tardy. This form of communication will not need a phone call or follow-up hand written note.
2. Parents/guardians may use the district website/app and fill out the absence note by 9:00am on any day that their child will be absent or tardy. This form of communication will not need a phone call or follow-up hand written note.
3. Parents/guardians may call the attendance line 610-369-7462, option 2, by 9:00am on any day that their child will be absent or tardy. However, **absences must now also be followed up with a handwritten parent note or doctor's note within three days of the student's return to school.** Failure to submit the appropriate note within three days will result in the absence being coded as unlawful, and this coding cannot be reversed even if a note is handed in after the three-day window. Once a student has received three unlawful absences, a truancy elimination plan may be enacted. This plan could lead to a citation from the District Magistrate.

A handwritten parent note or email communication for verification of absence is acceptable for the first 10 days of absence per school year. Any further absences require a doctor's note. Handwritten notes may be sent in to school with your child. However, it is your child's responsibility to present the note to their teacher or school secretary to be handed in to the office. Other acceptable ways to turn in a note are for a parent to drop it off personally to the school office between the hours of 7:45am-4:30pm or to scan the handwritten note and email it as an attachment to the school attendance secretary [attendanceBES@boyertownasd.org](mailto:attendanceBES@boyertownasd.org).

In the past, there have been occasional situations in which families have forgotten to submit an educational trip form for approval prior to their trip. Failure to submit a trip form prior to departure will result in trip days being counted as an unlawful absence. Trip forms continue to be available in the school office as well as on the BASD website.

We recognize that this represents a change from prior procedures. Therefore, reminders of these new procedures are also available via individual buildings' monthly e-newsletters, list serv messages, and school Twitter and Facebook accounts. Thank you for your cooperation as we enact these new requirements. We look forward to working with you to help our students succeed in a changing world.