



## BES Week in Review – January 24, 2020



### New Information:

#### **2019-2020 Unity Walk**

The 2019-2020 Unity Walk Date has been selected. The annual walk will be on **Saturday, March 21, 2020**. The walk will run in conjunction with the Wellness Council of Boyertown's Annual Wellness Fair.

#### **BASD Wellness Committee Sponsors the "Nutrition Habit Challenge" - February 2020**

Do you need help to keep those New Year's "Eat Better" resolutions? Then the Nutrition Habit Challenge is for you!

The BASD Wellness Committee would like to invite all BASD students and their families to participate in a FREE challenge. The Nutrition Habit Challenge is designed to help you improve your nutrition habits. The goal is to commit to one nutritional behavior you would like to change and stick with it for the month of February. Winners will receive prizes! Directions and the registration link are posted on our website at <https://www.boyertownasd.org/Page/5628> (Registration Deadline – February 2)



# Nutrition Habit Challenge

## February 3 – March 1, 2020

**Join the BASD Wellness Committee for the Nutrition Habit Challenge ...  
and become eligible to win “healthy” prizes!**

The objective of the Nutrition Habit Challenge is to educate, motivate and inspire our staff, students, and community to take personal responsibility for improving health habits. Our hope is that you become an advocate for the Challenge by participating and encouraging your family and friends to do the same.

By participating in the Challenge, you win by making a positive change to your diet/lifestyle and be entered into drawing for “healthy” prizes.

Here is how it works:

- Register for the Challenge ([here – NHC Registration](#)) by 2/2/20. Registration is free and simple.
- Commit to one nutritional behavior you would like to change. You can choose from a list of nutritional behaviors ([Nutritional Commitments](#)) or come up with your own.
- Keep track of all days you successfully practice your nutritional behavior between the dates of February 3rd and March 1st. If you are successful for 25 out of 28 days, you become eligible for the prizes.
- Email your score card ([NHC Scorecard](#)) to [wellness@boyertownasd.org](mailto:wellness@boyertownasd.org) or send to the Ed. Center (Attn to Lucie Bergeyova)
- Find more information at <https://www.boyertownasd.org/Page/5628>
- Winners will be announced on 3/11/20.

Get your family together and discuss what each of you can do to make healthier nutrition choices. From there, make simple commitments, get registered, and hold each other accountable. Not only will it be fun, but also you will be modeling personal responsibility and leadership for those you love. It is also an opportunity to model and practice integrity...the Challenge is done on the honor system.

We hope we can count on your active support.

Thank you.

The BASD Wellness Committee





## **Procedures for Hazardous Weather Conditions**

### **Hazardous Conditions Developing During the Night**

Please click link below to see "Emergency Closing and Delays" information on the district website.

<https://www.boyertownasd.org/Page/666>

### **Parental Responsibility**

When weather conditions appear to warrant closing schools early, parents are urged to anticipate such action in order that they may be at home to receive the children when they arrive. **Kindergarten students will only be released at their bus stops to the adults listed on their green kindergarten transportation form. If no one is available to meet the kindergarten students, they will be returned to school.**

### **BASD Information Line**

By dialing 610-369-7669 or logging onto the district website (<http://www.boyertownasd.org>), parents/guardians will be informed of current information regarding the status of the district's schedule depending on conditions.

### **Infinite Campus®**

**The Infinite Campus Messenger Service (email, telephone, and text messaging system) will be used to complement our emergency preparedness procedures to communicate emergency delays or closings to parents and guardians.** It is important your school has all your current telephone numbers, so you will not miss any important communications. We are utilizing your phone numbers from our student information system. If you change your telephone numbers anytime throughout the school year, please remember to update them with your child's building secretary.

### **Delayed Opening**

If there is a two-hour delay, AM kindergarten will be bused to school with grades 1-5 and will remain at school until the afternoon kindergarten students arrive (approximately 12:40 PM). The morning kindergarten classes will be transported home approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes later than normal. PM kindergarten will have a regular schedule with dismissal at school's closing time.

*On this modified schedule (2-hour delay), the AM Kindergarten student will have a very late lunch at home. Parents may wish to send a light lunch with the child. Milk can be purchased by the student. Prices are available on the district website.*

### **Hazardous Conditions Developing During the Day**

When weather conditions warrant doing so, a decision to close schools will be made as soon as possible. Middle school students will be dismissed first, 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.

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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**

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](#)

[Boyertown 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



### PSSA Test Dates

#### **PLEASE DO NOT PLAN TRIPS DURING THE STATE TESTING DAYS!**

The Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) tests will be administered to all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from **April 20<sup>th</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

NO TRIPS WILL BE APPROVED FOR 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE STUDENTS BETWEEN THESE DATES.

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

Boyetown 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



Hello BES!

Our Vocal Ensemble is singing the National Anthem at a **Reading Royals hockey game** on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm. **If you would like to come support our students, please use the link below to purchase tickets**—BES Music will get money back from each ticket purchased through this link! Thank you! Hope to see you there! **Please use this link to purchase tickets: <https://royals.isportstix.com/order/group/BoyertownElem20/>**

### 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 at 1:15 pm (performers arrive at 12:45 pm and report to the AUXILARY Gym—turn left, it’s at the end of the hall).

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

-**Choralrama for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocal Ensemble members only – Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> afternoon practice and evening concert at Boyertown Park** (West is the rain back-up location).

### 5th and 4th Grade Chorus:

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

Assembly for students will be at 2:20 pm – wear your Chorus T-Shirt for assembly, too

### All 3rd Grade Students:

The 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!

### Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Students:

If your child sings one of our songs from music class for you at home, please write me a note saying which song they sang and make sure it has a parent/guardian signature, and your child will receive a small prize! 😊

### Support BASD Music:

-**Bowling Fundraiser:** CANCELLED due to not enough sign-ups. Sorry!

-**Adult Comedy Night Music League Fundraiser:** Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Boyertown Orioles Club at 7 pm (flyer attached) [www.boyertownmusic.com/](http://www.boyertownmusic.com/)

## **-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!** **Meals should be pre-ordered on the [www.BoyertownMusic.com](http://www.BoyertownMusic.com).** We also need food donations and volunteers! **BES Vocal Ensemble will be performing at 1:15 pm.**

- Food items needed: Applesauce cups, paper plates, 12oz soda cans, bottled water or dessert can be brought to MS West music suite grey doors on March 6th (3-5 p.m.) or Saturday March 7th (10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) or they can be given to your director at any time.
- Volunteers: If you are able to donate 2 hours of your time, please follow the SignUpGenius link to select a time slot that works well for you:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0849A9AE28A1FF2-chicken3>

**-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>

Mrs. Kelly Leibensperger

K-5 General and Choral Music

Boyertown Elementary, M-W, F: Ext. 5165 and New Hanover Elementary, Th.: Ext. 1742

Website: <https://sites.google.com/student.boyertownasd.org/boyertownelementarymusic/home>

## **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.



## **PSSA Test Dates**

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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.