

COLEBROOKDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



October 2018

Mr. Michael R. Stoudt, Principal
Mrs. Lisa DeRenzo, Substitute Principal

“We are Expected”

October Events

- 8 No School
- 9 School Board Meeting
Education Center, 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Health Screenings
- 10 12:25 Dismissal
- 12 H.S.A. Basket Raffle
Morning Star Fellowship, 6:00 p.m.
- 17 No Place For Hate assembly
- 18 Title I Parent Meetings
9:00-10:00 a.m and 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- 19 Parent Visitation Day
- 23 School Board Meeting
BASH, 6:30 p.m.
- 26 H.S.A. sponsored Fall Parties

Dear CES Families:

I hope that everyone is having an awesome start to the school year. It is hard to believe we are in September already!

Each school year brings new opportunities and excitement. I am writing to share with you an opportunity that has evolved for me. Pending board approval on Tuesday, September 11, I will be named the Acting Assistant to the Superintendent of Academics for the Boyertown Area School District, and the appointment is for one year. As excited as I am for the opportunity, it is extremely difficult to leave such a wonderful school.

Colebrookdale will always have a special place in my heart. I have been blessed to help guide and support all of your children for the past nine years. I have learned so much from all of my experiences and all of the individuals that I collaborated with over the years. It has been an honor to serve the students alongside such a passionate and caring staff. I am especially grateful for the constant support from the parents and community.

With my transition in mind, I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Lisa DeRenzo will be appointed

the Substitute Principal of Colebrookdale at the September 11 school board meeting, and this assignment is for one year as well. Mrs. DeRenzo has twenty plus years of educational experience. Mrs. DeRenzo has spent the last year serving as an intervention teacher as well as an instructional coach here at Colebrookdale. I will be here to support Mrs. DeRenzo in her transition to her new role. Mrs. DeRenzo and I will be working together with the goal of the transitioning during the week of October 1 with my last day being on Friday October 5, 2018.

Colebrookdale is a special place. Please continue to encourage and support the staff at Colebrookdale. They work tirelessly to ensure that every student that walks into the school is cared for and supported during their educational journey. As you may already know, relationships and collaboration are keys to an effective and successful educational journey in life, and the connection between home and school is essential. I will miss being at Colebrookdale for the remainder of this school year, but please be assured that I will be just a few steps away.

Kindest Regards,

Michael Stoudt



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THE WORLD



With KINDNESS

Kindness Initiative

Colebrookdale Elementary school staff and students will be focusing on spreading kindness throughout the year. Patty O'Grady, PhD, an expert in neuroscience specializing in education reports: Kindness changes the brain. Kindness is best learned by feeling it so that children can reproduce it. In addition, a great number of benefits have been reported to support teaching kindness in schools, best summed up by the following:

- Happy, Caring Children. The good feelings that we experience when being kind are produced by endorphins. These feelings help us form connections with others which are reported to be a strong factor in increasing happiness.
- Increased Peer Acceptance. Being kind increases social acceptance and our ability to form meaningful connections with other people. Better-than-average mental health is reported.
- Improved Health and Less Stress Increased Feelings of Gratitude. Being thankful for what we have increases our joy and produces a positive outlook.
- Better Concentration and Improved Results. Children with a positive outlook have greater attention spans, more willingness to learn, and better creative thinking to improve results at school.
- Less Bullying. When students are taught how to change their thoughts and actions by learning about kindness and compassion, it fosters the positive behavior that's expected and naturally rewarded.

Simple Acts of Kindness:

- * Do a chore without being asked.
- * Pick up trash in your neighborhood.
- * Write a thank you note to your parents/step parents.
- * Compliment 5 people.
- * Hold the door open for others.
- * Say, "Good Morning" to people you meet.
- * Make a new friend.
- * Give Grandpa/Grandma a hug.
- * Smile and say thank you to your bus driver.
- * Say "Please" as often as you can.

Reading News with Mrs. Madsen

Title I Parent and Family Meeting

We will have our Title I parent and family meeting on Thursday, October 18 at 9:00 a.m. and another session in the evening from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Information presented at the meeting will focus on the Title I Reading program, intervention framework, family engagement, and ideas to help support your child's reading at home.

This meeting is for families of students who qualify to receive Title I Reading support services. You will receive information on Wednesday, October 3 if your child does qualify for our Title I program. Please return the bottom of the invitation by Friday, October 12.

Thank you!

Testing Information

Please mark your calendars with the following: **PSSA** (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment) ELA (English and Language Arts) will be given to students in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 during the week of April 15 to 26, 2019.

PSSA Math and PSSA Science (Grade 4) will be given the week of April 29 to May 3, 2019.

Parents should make sure appointments are NOT scheduled during these time periods. Students will NOT be excused for "educational trips" during these testing periods.

Parent Visitation Day

This year Parent Visitation Day will be held on Friday, October 19. The purpose of this day is for you to be able to visit your child's classroom and get a feeling for the routine that your child experiences on a regular basis.

Information about sign up times was sent home. Please return your request to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Remember that this is a parent visitation day and we will be following our normal daily routine. Siblings are not permitted to accompany you to school on this day.



Highly Qualified Staff

The Title I requirements mandate that all teachers and instructional aides who work with students in our district's Title I program must be "highly qualified" according to guidelines established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. We are proud to say that all of the teachers and Title I aides in the Boyertown Area School District meet these criteria.

If you have any questions regarding the educational background and certifications of your child's teacher, please contact the teacher or principal and we will gladly share this information with you.

News from the Health Room

Physical & Dental Exams: All State-mandated kindergarten and third grade private dental exam forms and all kindergarten private physical exam forms are due now. If you have an upcoming appointment, please notify the health room of the appointment and we will make note of the date in your child's record.

Cold weather: Please remind your children to dress appropriately for outdoor recess. Also, October is the official start of the cold and flu season. Please remind your children to wash their

hands often to prevent the spread of colds/flu at home and in our classrooms.

Medication at school: Please see the BASD medication policy in the BASD handbook or on the BASD website to review the policy 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 policy is followed: Complete a Medication Authorization form to be signed by the parent/guardian and the prescribing physician; the medication is to be hand delivered by a parent/guardian or designated adult; the medication, whether over-the-counter or prescription, must be in its original container and labeled with the child's name, drug name, dosage, and time to be given in school. Medication forms are available on the BASD Web site at <http://www.boyertownasd.org/> via link Services - student services - health: medication or by request from the health room. Please contact the health room if you have any questions.**

Mandated health screenings: Students in kindergarten to grade 5 have their annual state mandated health screenings from now through December. A team will check each student's height, weight and vision; students in kindergarten to grade 3 will also have hearing screenings. Once all students have been screened, a "Screening Notification Letter" with the results of your child's screenings will be mailed to parents/guardians. It will be mailed after the New Year. If your child has failed a screening, a referral will be sent home for you to follow with a private physician.

Head Lice: During each school year, almost without fail, we can expect to find some cases of head lice among our students. To control outbreaks in our schools, the Boyertown Area School District follows the PA Guidelines for School Based Program for Control for Lice Infestation (2011). When an active head lice infestation is detected by the school nurse (findings of crawling insects or nits within one half inch of the scalp), the student's parent or guardian will be asked to come to school and take the student home for treatment. The parent or guardian will have two options for treatment: (1) Contact their family physician for diagnosis and treatment or (2) use a checklist provided by the school nurse for at home treatment using an over-the-counter pediculicide (chemical shampoo that kills lice). The school nurse will also check any siblings in kindergarten through grade 12 that may have been exposed or possibly be infested with head lice. Students with head lice will be excluded from school and from riding the school bus until the school nurse or child's physician

determines the student has received proper treatment and is non-infectious. Students may return to school once they have been treated with an approved pediculicide. Parents or guardians must present proof of the pediculicide used for treatment (empty bottle or dated receipt) to the school nurse. Students should receive a second treatment in 7-10 days. Retreatment is recommended because no approved pediculicide completely kills all eggs. The school nurse will do a follow up check in 7 – 10 days to ensure the at home treatments have been effective.

Prevention and control of head lice begins in the home: parents should routinely check their children for head lice and not allow them to share hats, clothing, brushes, combs or sleeping bags with other children. Individuals become infested with lice by coming into close contact (usually head-to-head contact) with an lice-infested person, by wearing infested garments, by using infested combs and brushes, or by lying on infested carpets, beds, or upholstered furniture that have recently been used by an infested person. We strongly urge all parents to read about head lice and inspect the hair and scalp of their children regularly.

Please contact the school if you discover that your child has lice. The Boyertown Area School District trust that with the school and home working cooperatively, head lice can be kept under control with minimal inconvenience to our students and their families. More information on head lice is available on the BASD website at <http://www.boyertownasd.org/> under Services, Student Services, Health or from the school nurse. Please help us prevent head lice by following the policy and checking your children often.

Reminder: Anytime you have phone number changes, either at home, work, or for an alternate, please notify the main office or health room in writing so we can keep your child's emergency contact information current.



H.S.A. Corner

Happy Fall Y'all! It's hard to believe we are in our second full month of school. We held our first Family Movie Night on Friday, September 21. We had approximately 90 people in attendance to watch "The Peanuts Movie". Charlie Brown and the

gang showed us that the good guy wins in the end. Please join us for our second movie night on Friday, January 18, 2019 (snow date January 25).

Parent Visitation Day will take place on Friday, October 19. This is a day when parents will have the opportunity to visit their child's classrooms. Your child will bring home a schedule of the day with options of when you want to visit and observe in the classroom (younger siblings are not permitted to attend – this is a regular school day for the students).

Fall parties will take place on Friday, October 26. You will be contacted by a homeroom parent regarding the festivities for your child's class. If you want to volunteer in the class, you will need current clearances. If you have any questions about the clearances, please refer to the district website.

The Basket Raffle, our biggest fundraiser of the school year, will be held at Morning Star Fellowship on Friday, October 12. This event is currently sold out! (There is a possibility that additional tickets will be available. Be on the lookout for information from the school. It will be a first come, first serve basis. Kim Haring is the contact for ticket sales. (gkharing@comcast.net or 484-955-0024).



Back by popular demand is the Pellman Cake and Pie sale. The sale will run from October 15 thru November 2. Money is due with the order. The delivery will be Friday, November 16 from 4:00-6:30 PM. The classroom that sells the most items will win a special classroom party. The pies will arrive frozen and just in time for you to enjoy for Thanksgiving.

Lastly, as the weather is cooling down and we are switching out our summer wardrobes, don't forget to gather all your gently used clothes that you no longer want or wear to donate to our easiest fundraiser of the year, The Clothing Drive. It will take place on Saturday, December 1. You will be able to drop off between 9:00 and 11:00 AM at the garage entrance, which is behind the fence of the playground. We need a minimum of 100 bags.

As always, we thank you for your continued support of CES!