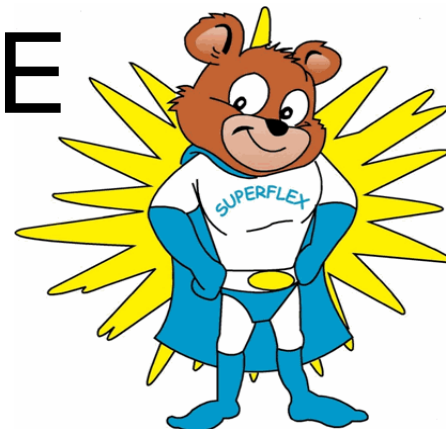


COLEBROOKDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



December 2018

Come hear a message from me on the web at:

<http://www.boyertownasd.org/our-schools/colebrookdale-elementary/index.aspx>

Mrs. Lisa DeRenzo, Principal

"We are Expected"

December Events

- 1 H.S.A. Clothing Drive pickup
9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- 3, 5 H.S.A. Holiday Shoppe
- 4 School Board meeting
Education Center, 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Holiday Chorus Concert
Boyertown Middle School West, 7:00 p.m.
- 18 School Board meeting
Pine Forge Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Grades 3, 4, 5 to Holiday Concert
Middle School West
- 21 Holiday Sing-A-Long
all-purpose room, 9:00 a.m.
- 21 Holiday parties
- 21 12:25 p.m. dismissal
- 24 – January 1 No School

PSSA Testing Information

Please mark your calendars with the following dates for the PSSA (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment) tests:

PSSA Assessments will be given to students in grades 3, 4 and 5 from April 15 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 dates.

Holiday Music

On Thursday, December 20, students in grades 3, 4, 5 and the life skills students will be bussed to Boyertown Middle School West to view the middle school students perform their Holiday Concert.

On Friday, December 21, the students will participate in a Holiday Sing-A-Long in the all-purpose room.



Music News

The Colebrookdale Chorus Concert is on December 11, 2018!!! They will travel to Middle School West from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. for rehearsal. Then the students will perform at CES at 2:00 for the students. Please avoid scheduling any appointments on this day for your child if possible.

The concert is that evening at the Middle School West. Students should arrive by 6:40 p.m. The concert is at 7:00 p.m.

Fourth and Fifth Grade Chorus students should wear the CES shirts they received from the H.S.A. to school on Tuesday, December 11. For school, they can wear whatever pants they'd like. For the evening concert, dress in the CES free H.S.A. shirt, nice dark (preferably black) pants, and nice shoes. Leggings are fine.

We hope you'll join us for 'Christmas at the Movies,' featuring songs from all your favorite holiday movies!

WORRIED ABOUT YOUR CHILD?

The Elementary Student Assistance Program (ESAP) can help children experiencing barriers to learning.

What is ESAP?

The Student Assistance Program (ESAP) is a process for identifying students who are

experiencing behavior and/or academic difficulties which pose a barrier to their learning and success in school. ESAP offers support to those students and their families.

The core of the Student Assistance Program is a team of faculty members who have received specialized training from Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Approved ESAP Training providers and other related continuing education.

One of the most important tasks of a student assistance team is to build a partnership with families, focusing on the student's success as their common goal. Participation in the Student Assistance process is voluntary.

Do you see your child showing any of these behaviors?

- Attendance concerns
- Academic decline
- Withdrawing from family, friends, and/or activities
- Changing friends
- Unexplained physical injuries
- Feeling sad
- Talking about suicide
- Defying authority, both at home and at school
- Acting aggressively
- Hitting
- Lying
- Needing money without a good explanation
- Sudden change in grades
- Experimenting with alcohol or drugs
- Unexplained fatigue

Are you concerned about your child's reaction to...?

- Recent death of a loved one
- Divorce of parents
- Family relocation
- A relationship problem
- Bullying
- Other traumatic event

HOW DOES MY CHILD BECOME INVOLVED IN THE ESAP PROGRAM?

↳Referral:

- Individuals who know of students experiencing barriers to education can refer them to ESAP. Parents, guardians, teachers, or classmates may refer students. The students may also refer themselves.

↳Family Involvement:

- Families are directly involved once the student has been identified. Lines of

communication are open at all times. The ESAP process does not replace the parents' decision-making responsibility.

↳Intervention:

- Our aim is to intervene between a student and anything that may hinder learning. This includes offering a wide-range of supports including school and community resources.

↳Support and Follow-up:

- ESAP strives to offer continued contact and support to aid students and parents in maintaining all successful interventions.

↳Postvention:

- Sometimes we are called upon to respond to the needs of our students in the event of a tragedy. Our actions are designed to prevent further trauma and begin the healing process.

Please contact Mrs. Johnson (school counselor), teacher, or principal, if you or someone you know needs help.



2019-2020 Kindergarten Registration

The Boyertown Area School District is announcing kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year for any district resident child that meets the age requirement of 5 years of age on or prior to **September 1, 2019**.

If you wish to ensure that your child receives an informational mailing in January, 2019 please email the student registration office at basdregistration@boyertownasd.org or provide to one of our elementary buildings your child's name, date of birth, address, and contact phone number and email, if available.

The availability of the **2019-2020** school year registration portal will not be available until after January 1, 2019.

Note that although students entering kindergarten are required to have a physical and dental examination, these exams must be completed after September 1, 2018 and no later than September 15, 2019.



Hazardous Weather Conditions

The radio and television stations listed below broadcast school closings. Should an early dismissal or school closing be necessary, announcements to alert the parents will be posted on the district website, www.boyertownasd.org under "Special Announcements." In addition, the Superintendent will send a message through the ConnectEd System regarding school delayed openings or closings. You may also call the district information line for specific information relating to weather. That phone number is 610-369-SNOW (7669).

Children need to know ahead of time what to do if they arrive home and no one is there. Please discuss this situation with your children so they will know to go to a neighbor's or friend's house when they arrive.

RADIO:

93.5 WSBG-FM Stroudsburg
95.1 WZZO-FM Allentown
96 WCTO-FM Allentown
99.9 WODE-FM Allentown
100.7 WLEV-FM Allentown
102 WRFY-FM Reading
104 WAEB-FM Allentown
105.5 WMGH-FM Tamaqua
107.1 WWYY-FM Allentown
107.5 WFKB-FM Reading
790 WAEB-AM Allentown
830 WEEU-AM Reading
1060 KYW-AM (Dist #893) Philadelphia
1160 WBYN-AM Boyertown
1230/1320 WEEZ-AM Easton
1340 WRAW-AM Reading
1370 WPAZ-AM Pottstown
1410 WLSH-AM Lansford

TELEVISION:

CBS 3-TV Philadelphia
CW Philly 57-TV Philadelphia
WCAU-TV-NBC 10 Philadelphia
WFMZ-TV - Channel 69 Allentown
6 ABC ACTION NEWS-TV Philadelphia
FOX-TV 29 Philadelphia

WEBSITES:

www.kywschools.com

www.readingeagle.com
www.6abc.com
www.myfoxphilly.com
www.fox1470.com
www.NBC10.com
www.pottsmmerc.com
www.wfmz.com
www.cbsphilly.com/schools

Delayed Opening

If there is a two-hour delay, AM kindergarten will be bussed to school with grades 1-5 and will remain at school until the afternoon kindergarten students arrive (approximately 12:50 PM). The morning kindergarten classes will be transported home approximately 1 hour and 25 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. **This information is found in the District Elementary School Handbook.**



News From the Health Room

Reminders for Cold and Flu Season

- 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.
- Influenza is a contagious disease of the respiratory tract (nose, throat, and lungs) that can lead to serious complications, including pneumonia and the worsening of other chronic health conditions. Flu symptoms may include fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and muscle aches. The best way to protect your family from

new influenza strains is to get vaccinated each year. Please remind your children to wash their hands often to prevent the spread of colds/flu at home and in their classrooms.

- Follow good health guidelines: eat right, exercise, and get plenty of rest to help boost your immunity to fight the effects of colds and flu.
- The BASD medication policy does not allow elementary students to use cough drops at school because they present a choking hazard. Students may gargle with salt water or drink fluids during school hours to treat mild sore throats symptoms. Please consult your health care provider if your child has a severe sore throat or symptoms lasting more than 3 days.
- The upcoming cold weather will bring about new allergens and other aggravators of asthma. If your child has asthma please bring their medication, asthma action plan and orders from their physician so that we have them readily available in the health room. Asthma flare ups are preventable and can be the cause of missed days at school.
- Reminder: if your child needs medication during school hours, please review the BASD medication policy in the elementary school handbook or on the BASD website at <http://www.boyertownasd.org/> under Departments/Student Services/Health. **Students may not bring any medications to school.**

When your child should stay at home from school for illness

Occasionally, it may be necessary for a student to remain home from school due to illness. The following guidelines should be followed when determining if he/she should stay at home. Please consider the rest of the school population when making these decisions. Health service is an important part of our school system. How well your child learns may depend on his/her physical well-being. Parents have the first responsibility for their children's health.

If your child experiences a bout of nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or fever or rash 24 hours prior to school, the student should stay at home and be watched for further symptoms. Fever is defined as a temperature 100° or above without the use of fever-reducing medication. The student's

temperature should remain normal without the use of fever-reducing medication for 24 hours prior to returning to school.

It is advisable for the student to stay home from school if any of the following symptoms are exhibited: unusual skin eruptions, chills, discharge or redness of eye(s), or persistent cough.

- **Students should not be sent to school to be evaluated by the school nurse with an illness or injury that occurred at home. Any serious illness or injury occurring at home must be evaluated by the student's healthcare provider.**
- If your child was sent home from school the previous day for a fever or illness, they should remain home the following day.

H.S.A. Corner

Happy Holidays! The H.S.A. would like to thank everyone that supported our Fall Fundraisers. For those of you that did not bring in your clothing/household donations during Parent-Teacher conferences, you have one last chance. You can drop off your donation between 9:00-11:00 AM on Saturday, December 1 at the side entrance, near the playground. Please put all donations in tightly secured 13-gallon trash bags.

The H.S.A. is having their annual **Holiday Shoppe on December 3 and 5**. In the Holiday Shoppe, the kids can purchase gifts for family and friends. The items vary in price from 25¢ to \$10, while most gifts are under \$5. An envelope with labels was sent home prior to Thanksgiving break. Please help your child decide who they would like to shop for and how much to spend on each person.

The **classroom winter parties** will be **Friday, December 21**. The class homeroom parent will be reaching out to families for food and/or paper product donations. Volunteers will also be needed to help the day of the party (clearances should be on file in the main office). Volunteer request forms for spring activities will be coming home after the winter break. If interested, please fill one out and return by Friday, January 18.

We wish all our Colebrookdale students, staff and their families a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Happy Holidays!