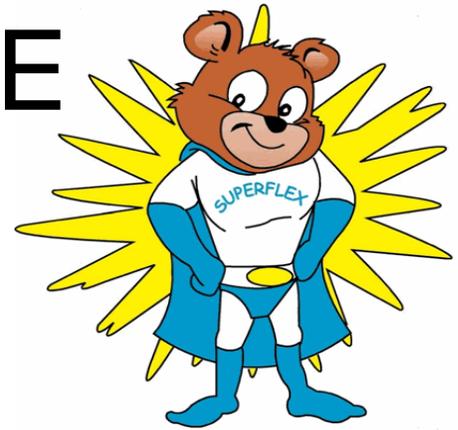


COLEBROOKDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



January 2019
Mrs. Lisa DeRenzo, Principal

"We are Expected"



Kindness is Cool at Colebrookdale!

Our students have been working hard all year showing kindness through their words and actions. During the first trimester, we have witnessed so many thoughtful acts of kindness, and we, as a staff, thought it would be nice each trimester to recognize some of our standout students.

We held our first Kindness assembly right before the Thanksgiving break. The staff and students gathered in the All-Purpose Room to celebrate. Dressed in our new and colorful Colebrookdale T-Shirts (Thank you, HSA!), we listened to a powerful book called Each Kindness by Jacqueline Woodson. Beaming with pride, the winners were announced and received their special awards. It was truly an amazing celebration and one we will continue each trimester.

Congratulations to our first trimester kindness winners!

<i>Simon Allen</i>	<i>Olivia Kellon</i>
<i>Angelina Belair</i>	<i>Kaylene Krepps</i>
<i>Connor Bickford</i>	<i>Logan Krump</i>
<i>Bella Bohner</i>	<i>Eve Lutz</i>
<i>Alexis Buchert</i>	<i>Jayden Richard</i>
<i>Jackson Butera</i>	<i>Jerald Rose</i>
<i>Connor Cannon</i>	<i>Brooke Seyler</i>
<i>Jacob Collet</i>	<i>George Smits</i>
<i>Kaylee Heimbach</i>	<i>Ciara Tomchak</i>
<i>Savannah Heist</i>	<i>Bristol Zeigler</i>

Delayed Openings

In the event of a 2 hour delayed school opening, the following modified schedule is in effect for kindergarten:

AM Session 10:25 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Bus pick-up is two hours later than normal.

AM kindergarten students depart from school at approximately 12:50 p.m.

PM Session 12:50 p.m. to 3:25 p.m. This is the regular schedule.

It's Almost Time for the Soup-er Bowl

Beginning January 28 and ending February 1 we will be giving our students and families the opportunity to donate to the food pantry at Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Our two "soup" cans in the lobby will be designated for the two teams who will compete in the Super Bowl on February 3. Place your items in your favorite team's container and watch the points add up!

The Boyertown Area Multi-Service Community Food Pantry provides food to those who do not currently have the financial means to meet their nutritional needs. Anyone in need of food assistance is eligible for help from this program. Need, not income, is the primary consideration for eligibility.

The following items are current **priority** food pantry needs.

Pancake Mix	Paper Towels
Syrup	Toilet Paper
64 oz. Apple Juice	Laundry Detergent
Jello and Pudding Mix (No sugar free)	

Ongoing Pantry Needs:

Cereal · Oatmeal · Canned vegetables · Canned tuna · Canned pork and beans · Canned fruit · Soup · Apple sauce · Boxed baking mixes · Boxed breakfast mixes · Pancake syrup · Boxed side dishes · Pasta and rice · Macaroni and cheese · Instant mashed potatoes · Crackers · Cookies · Jell-O and pudding mixes · Peanut butter · Jelly · Ketchup · Condiments · Granola bars · Microwave popcorn · Snacks – pretzels, chips, etc. · Juice

Personal / Household Items *:

Deodorant · Hand soap · Body soap · Dish soap · Detergent · Toilet paper · Paper towels · Kleenex
*Denotes items that cannot be purchased with food stamps.

Team Spirit Day

To bring our Soup-er Bowl Week to a conclusion, we will have Team Spirit Day on Friday, February 1. The students are encouraged to wear a shirt honoring their favorite sports team.

Third Grade Concert

Are you a Disney Fan? If so, you're in luck!! Our Third Grade students will be performing *Disney: The Movies The Music, Celebrating 75 Years of Disney Magic!* On Tuesday, February 12 here at CES at 7:00 p.m.

Dress for this concert is any kind of Disney shirt, outfit, or dress. If your child doesn't have a Disney shirt, any kind of dressy outfit is fine. No costumes please, it is specifically written in the directions to the show that we cannot use costumes. We can't wait to see you there!

Chorus News

Our Fourth and Fifth Grade Choruses and Ensemble performed a wonderful concert in December. It was so much fun singing songs from Holiday Movies. I hope you got to see the new Grinch movie!

Our Spring chorus concert will be on MONDAY, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Middle School West. Please be aware that this is the Monday right before Easter Break and mark your calendar now. Our concert title is... "It Ain't Gonna Rain No More!" Hopefully it will bring us a nice, sunny spring break!

The Reading Corner – Mrs. Madsen

The end of January is going to be one of excitement, as we begin a new initiative leading up to "Read Across America" Day, in the beginning of March, to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Thank you to our Home and School Association for supporting this new endeavor, one that will build a love of reading throughout our Colebrookdale Elementary community, both in school and at home. Every student (family) and faculty member will receive the same book to read together during the month of February.

We will have a **One School, One Book** assembly on January 30 to introduce staff and students to our new book and adventure! Be on the lookout for your family copy of the book we will begin reading. More information will be sent home on the day of our assembly to outline the reading assignments for the month! Here is a book clue for you ... "Sniff, sniff, sniff ... Whew! You all smell friendly. Clearly, none of you are squirrels!"



From the Health Room – Mrs. Atiyeh

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:

- 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.

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.

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.

Health Screenings have been completed. Screening notification letters will be mailed home shortly. If your child has failed their vision or hearing screenings, a referral letter has been 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 grades. Exam forms will be sent home in the screening notification letter 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 notify the health room and office so we can keep your child's emergency information up to date.

Reporting Your Child's Absence

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.

1. Parents may send an email to attendanceCES@boyertownasd.org from the email address of the parent on file with the district by 9:00 a.m. 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 may use the district website/app and fill out the absence note by 9:00 a.m. 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 may call the attendance line 610-473-5202 by 9:00 a.m. 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. Other acceptable ways to turn in a note are for a parent to drop it off to the school office to scan the handwritten note and email it as an attachment to the school attendance secretary, Mrs. Bauer.

Testing Information

The PSSA (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment) tests will be given to students in grades 3, 4, and 5 during the weeks of 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 testing periods.

H.S.A. Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is ready for the excitement of 2019.

Just a quick wrap-up of our 2018 Fundraisers:

- KidStuff Coupon books revenue was \$1,425.00
- Our Basket Raffle profit was \$13,151.00
- Pellman desserts brought in \$2,166.30 (AM Kindergarten sold the most desserts and won a pizza party)
- The Clothing Drive profit was \$535.80

We had a very successful 2018 and hope to have continued success in 2019. **Thank you to EVERYONE for your time, talent, donations, and active participation.** We may be considered a “small school,” however, we have a mighty powerhouse of support.

We will have an **H.S.A. meeting, Monday, January 28 at 3:45 PM.** Childcare will be provided.

We are going to have a couple more Family Night events and hope you will join us. The Hot Chocolate Social was a lot of fun! We had over 200 people in attendance. Photos that were taken that evening will be coming home with your child.

Movie Night is Friday, January 18 (snow date is January 25). We will be showing **Incredibles 2.** Doors will open at 6:30 PM, movie to begin at 7:00 PM. Popcorn and water will be **FREE** for all in attendance. Candy and pizza will be available for purchase. Each child will receive a raffle ticket to win a prize.

Colebrookdale yearbook order forms that were sent home should be returned by February 8, 2019. The full color 2018-2019 yearbook is \$18.00. The H.S.A. will be purchasing a yearbook for each fifth grade student.

January Events

8	School Board Meeting, Education Center, 6:30 p.m.
18	H.S.A. Movie Night, all-purpose room, 7:00 p.m.
21	No School
22	School Board Meeting, Washington Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.
25	Snow Date for H.S.A. Movie Night
28 to February 1	Souper Bowl Week
29	Wizards Basketball assembly
30	Read Across America Kick-off assembly
30	12:25 p.m. dismissal

February Events

1	Team Spirit Day
12	Grade 3 Program
12	School Board Meeting, Education Center, 6:30 p.m.
13	12:25 p.m. dismissal
18	No School
26	End of second trimester
26	School Board Meeting, Colebrookdale Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.