

# COLEBROOKDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



February 2019

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CES Website: <http://www.boyertownasd.org/Domain/12>

**"We are Expected"**

## February Events

- 1 ..... Team Spirit Day
- 4 ..... Wizards Basketball assembly
- 6 ..... Colebrookdale T-shirt Spirit Day
- 6 ..... Kindness and One Book assembly
- 12 ..... School Board meeting  
6:30 p.m. at the Education Center
- 12 ..... Grade 3 Program  
7:00 p.m. in the all-purpose room
- 13 ..... 12:25 dismissal
- 14 ..... Keeping Touches Safe Grade 2  
Parent Preview at Washington Elementary
- 18 ..... No School

- 26-March 8 ..... Collection for  
Montgomery County SPCA
- 26 ..... End of second trimester
- 26 ..... School Board meeting  
6:30 p.m. at Colebrookdale Elementary

## March Spirit Days

- 1 ..... Hat Day
- 4 ..... Favorite Stuffed Animal Day
- 5 ..... Wacky Sock/Shoe Day
- 6 ..... Colebrookdale T-shirt Day



## From the Music Room – Mrs. Freed

**THIRD GRADE CONCERT:** Grade three is busy preparing for their upcoming Disney concert on February 12 here at Colebrookdale. Third grade students will perform Disney classics, celebrating 75 years of Disney magic. We hope you will join us at 7:00 p.m. for a wonderful concert!

## Standardized Testing

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.**

Standardized tests are designed to give a common measure of how well students are doing. Over the past few years these tests have become more important than ever. Many states, including Pennsylvania, have defined specifically what students should know and be able to do, grade by grade. These are commonly called the "state standards." State standards are designed to spell out what is expected of students. You can find details of the standards on the Pennsylvania Department of Education web site [www.pde.psu.edu](http://www.pde.psu.edu), click on PDE Quick Links.

## Reading News from Mrs. Madsen

February is going to be exciting 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 and beginning of March.

Our **One School, One Book** and **Trimester 2 Kindness Assembly** will be held on **Wednesday, February 6**. On this day, your child will bring home their own copy of the book that our *ENTIRE* school community will be reading. We will share the title of the book at this assembly and are excited that the book will teach students about the theme of friendship and kindness. **Please have your child place the book in their backpack after reading with/to you each evening.** Classroom teachers will be using the text for classroom discussions/trivia the following day. It will come home each day so your child can complete the reading assignment with you in the evening.

There will be a February and March calendar that contains a reading schedule for you to follow at home when reading with your child. I did not schedule any reading for Saturday and Sunday evenings, as we will use these dates for "catch-up" reading in the event of missed school day for weather. Even if your child is an independent fifth grader, studies show that reading "with" or "to" your child can sharpen the imagination, create healthy dialogue and promotes a love of reading while at the same time providing opportunities for a positive parent and child connection.

I will be sending resources home throughout this time-frame, including information about a website that has home activities/guest virtual readers and much more for you to use as a resource at home to add to the excitement.

To coordinate with "Read Across America" day, we will have school spirit days that enhance our **One School, One Book** initiative, as well as celebrate Dr. Seuss. More information will come home shortly, but the days are listed below in the newsletter (for those of you who prefer to plan ahead of time)! Students from the National Honor Society from BASH will be joining all grade level classrooms this year and planned activities based upon our book (they just received their copies). We will also have guest readers. Who knows, our Colebrookdale "Watch Dog Dads" and other community members, may make another appearance as guest readers.

**Community Service Outreach Project – February 25 – March 8:** Collection for Montgomery County SPCA. More information to follow!

### **Spirit Days:**

**Friday, March 1:** Hat Day – Wear a "Cat in the Hat" style hat (if you have one) or wear another hat to help celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday!

**Monday, March 4:** Favorite Stuffed Animal Day – Please bring a "dog" stuffed animal if you have one. If not, another stuffed animal will do!

**Tuesday, March 5:** Wacky sock/shoe day – Wear your crazy socks and brightly colored shoes or simply mix and match the pair you already own!

**Wednesday, March 6:** Wear your grade-level Colebrookdale Elementary shirt for our final One School, One Book assembly!



## News from the Nurse

**February is National Children's Dental Health Month.** According to the CDC, even though tooth decay has been on the decline for the past 30 years, it is still one of the most common chronic diseases for children from age 6 to 19. Developing good habits at an early age and scheduling regular dental visits helps children to get a good start on a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums. A dental health care provider will introduce and reinforce important treatments and habits for preventing decay, tooth loss, and gingivitis. A visit to the dentist will include an exam and thorough cleaning, instruction in proper brushing and flossing, systemic or topical fluoride treatments, and sealants on permanent molars. It is recommended to see a dentist every six months. Parents play an important role in their children's dental health. They need to reinforce good oral hygiene habits such as brushing and flossing at home with their children. Make sure your child brushes their teeth at least twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste.

**Attention Kindergarten and third grade parents:** Dental exam forms are now due. If you have not yet met this state mandated requirement, please make sure to return your child's dental exam form to the nurse as soon as possible. Please contact the school nurse with any questions

**Attention Kindergarten parents:** Physical exam forms are now due. If you have not yet met this state mandated requirement, please make sure to return your child's physical exam form to the nurse as soon as possible. Any questions about physical exams, please contact the school nurse.

**Screening Notification Letters:** These letters have been sent home from the district office. If there are any questions, please contact the school nurse. Notifications for PA school mandated dental and physical exams for next school year have also been included with these letters.

### A Few Reminders:

**Cough drops:** Elementary students are not permitted to bring cough drops to school under any circumstances. Please refer to the BASD policy in your Parent Handbook to review the policy.

**Medication during school hours:** If your child requires medication during school hours (this includes any prescription medication and/or over the counter preparation, for example, Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Cough Syrup) we need a parent note as well as a doctor's order. The order from the doctor must include the child's name, the name of the medication, the dosage and the time the medication is to be administered. Once all paperwork is completed, the medication, along with the paperwork, must be brought to school in the original container and by an adult. If these steps are not followed, we will not be able to administer the medication at school. No medication will be accepted at school without the proper paperwork on file. Please refer to the student handbook or the district website at [www.boyertownasd.org](http://www.boyertownasd.org) for all requirements and the district Medication Authorization Form.

**Recess:** Please remember coats, hats, and mittens for recess time. Students will be going outside for regular recess.

**Health Updates:** 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.

**Please keep your Emergency information current:** Anytime you have phone number changes, either at home, work, or for an alternate, please notify the health room so we can keep your child's emergency information current. If parents are away and students are being cared for by another adult other than a parent or guardian, please contact the health room with the information.

## BASH Babysitting Night - February 15

Are you looking for a night out to celebrate Valentine's Day? Look no further because BASH Student Council will be holding a Babysitting Night on February 15 from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. for any elementary students in the Boyertown Area School District. All proceeds raised from this event will contribute to help the fight against Pediatric Cancer by being donated to BASH's annual Mini-THON. If you are interested, please use the following link to register your child/children, <https://goo.gl/forms/JYghklvyAX2O8kwf1>. If you have any further questions or concerns, please see the attached flyers or email the Student Council President at [Kelseythayerr@gmail.com](mailto:Kelseythayerr@gmail.com) or the Student Council Advisor at [jkusneiz@boyertownasd.org](mailto:jkusneiz@boyertownasd.org)



## **Class Assignment**

Each year we work diligently to determine student placements for the following school year. Since we consider the placement process to be one of our most important tasks, we would like to share the process with you. Student placement is determined and reviewed by a team of professionals consisting of your child's present teacher, reading specialist, guidance counselor, and the principal. Additional personnel, such as the remediation teacher and special education teachers, are consulted when appropriate. Each child's academic, social and emotional growth and needs are discussed as well as peer relations. We strive to create classes that are heterogeneous, function as cohesive groups, and provide each child with an educational environment that will meet his or her needs. We feel our time is well spent because we also have a personal investment in each child.

In view of the time and consideration taken in the placement of your child, we request that you do not ask for a specific teacher placement. Should your child need special consideration, such as a specific type of learning environment or you wish to share information about your child's specific needs, please write the principal a letter stating those areas that should be taken into consideration when making next year's placement. Any written request of this nature must be submitted by April 15. Letters that include specific teacher names and/or are received after April 15 will be returned. No requests will be considered after this date. We ask that you respect our professional judgment and be assured that we strive to make the best possible match for your child.

## **H.S.A. Corner**

The H.S.A. would like to wish all of you a *lovely* February.

Movie night was a success! We had about 120 people in attendance, as we viewed *The Incredibles 2*. We hope you had a chance to sample Joe Corbi pizza. This is going to be our March fundraiser. More information will be coming home with your child. Every child in attendance received a raffle ticket to have a chance at winning one of six Incredibles-themed prizes. We appreciated everyone's help with keeping the All-Purpose room so clean.

Colebrookdale will be hosting the School Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 26 at 6:30 pm. Lisa Quinn will be contacting the members of the Hospitality Committee regarding refreshment donations.

## **Looking ahead:**

Spring Pictures are scheduled for Tuesday, March 5.

Family Bingo will be Friday, March 15

Joe Corbi Pizza Fundraiser will be March 4 thru 15; delivery Friday, April 12.

As always, we thank you for your continued support of CES students and staff.

## **Mrs. DeRenzo's Kindness Corner**

Fun Ways to Teach Kindness to Kids (Excerpt from an article by Kaia Roman)

As parents and teachers, one of our greatest hopes is that our kids will be kind and good people. When they have a choice to help others, we hope they will. We never want them to be cruel, intolerant, or prejudiced.

The good news is that kindness can be learned; just like any other behavior, it can be trained through repetition. The most dominant way children learn new behaviors is by copying those around them. Which means we adults have a powerful opportunity, and responsibility, to teach by example. Here are a few fun things you can do at home to model kindness to your children.

1. Send kind thoughts
2. Share stories of kindness
3. Smile often
4. Play the compliment game
5. Practice random acts of kindness
6. Volunteer



Roman, Kaia. "7 Fun Ways To Teach Kindness To Kids." Mindbodygreen, Mindbodygreen, 23 Dec. 2016, [www.mindbodygreen.com/0-27967/7-fun-ways-to-teach-kindness-to-kids.html](http://www.mindbodygreen.com/0-27967/7-fun-ways-to-teach-kindness-to-kids.html).