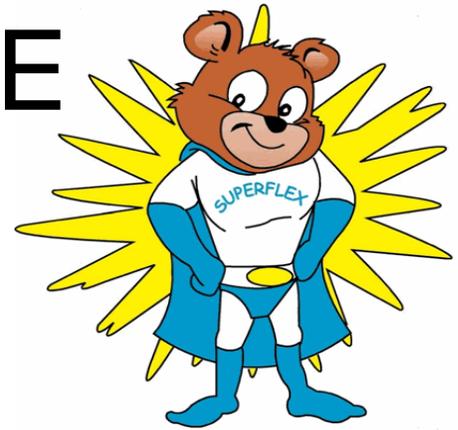


# COLEBROOKDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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March 2019

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## Mrs. DeRenzo's Kindness Corner

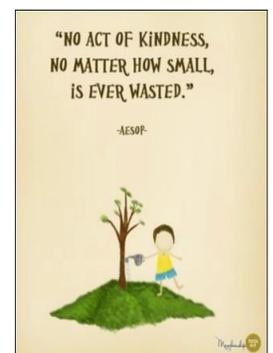
We don't make children happy when we simply enable them to be *receivers* of kindness. We escalate their feelings of happiness, improve their well-being, reduce bullying, enrich their friendships, and build peace by teaching them to be *givers* of kindness.

Children are born to be givers. By 4<sup>th</sup> grade, research shows they are socialized to think more about themselves than others. How do we reverse this trend and create long-lasting habits of kindness?

A study from the University of British Columbia and the University of California, Riverside, showed the benefits derived by tweens when they were taught strategies to increase their happiness through acts of kindness.

When children learn to be caring and kind, they also benefit developmentally. Well-liked children display more positive, less bullying behaviors when they become teenagers. Happier kids are more likely to show higher academic achievement. Being kind makes you feel good about yourself and improves your outlook on life!

Kindness: How You Can Teach Children to Care for Others. (2017, April 07). Retrieved February 26, 2019, from <https://www.rootsofaction.com/art-kindness-teaching-children-care/>



## **Snow Make-up Day**

Please be advised that as a result of the number of inclement weather days Boyertown Area School District has taken this year, we will be implementing snow makeup days as follows:

A snow make-up day for Wednesday, February 20, 2019 will be Thursday, June 6, 2019.

If we have any further snow days the make-up days will be as follows:

-Friday, June 7, 2019

-Monday, April 22, 2019

-Monday, June 10, Tuesday, June 11, Wednesday, June 12, Thursday, June 13, Friday, June 14

## **Spring Picture Day**

The spring pictures will be taken on Tuesday, March 5. It is not necessary to send in money on that day, but you will need to send the Pose Selection Form with your child. This form was sent home recently. Approximately three weeks after your child's picture is taken the portrait package will be sent home and at that time you have the option to buy the portraits or return them to school. There will not be a retake day for the spring pictures.

## **Boyertown Music Department Chicken Dinner**

Support the K-12 BASD Music Department by participating in our annual Chicken Dinner Fundraiser on **Saturday, March 2 from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Boyertown Middle School West.**

Our third graders will be performing selections from their program at 12:30 p.m.

## **Performance Week in the Music Room is Coming!**

Performance Week in the Music Room will be March 18 and 19. All students in grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 who take music instrument lessons or dance lessons may perform in music class during these weeks. Students are always welcome to perform during class if they take lessons, but this month is special. My goal is to have EVERY Colebrookdale student who plays a musical instrument (grades 2 – 5 only) perform in class! Guidelines are as follows:

- ♫ The student must take lessons. (strings, brass, woodwinds, percussion, piano, guitar, dance, etc.)
- ♫ The student must practice and be prepared to play one piece of their choice.
- ♫ The student must bring his/her music and instrument. I will provide a piano and music stand.
- ♫ If a student is dancing, he/she must take lessons and should provide a tape/CD for me to play that is appropriate for school.
- ♫ If a student plays more than one instrument, he/she may play both!

I hope to have as many students as possible play during the week of March 18. If there are several students in one class who want to play together, they can play a group selection and a solo piece. For example, if there is a drummer, saxophone player, and a flute player in one class, they could all play a band piece together and then each play separately.

I look forward to hearing all of our Colebrookdale musicians in March. Students who perform will receive two Superflex Awards. Performance dates are as follows:

### ☞ Monday, March 18

Grade 5 - Mrs. Crills' class

Grade 4 - Miss Renninger's class

Grade 3 - Mrs. Boyer's class

Grade 2 - Mrs. Mitchell's class

### ☞ Tuesday, March 19

Grade 5 - Mrs. Desko's class

Grade 4 - Mrs. Mest's class

Grade 3 - Mrs. Smith's class

Grade 2 - Mrs. Cronin's class



## **From the Art Room and the Library**

Hello Parents and Guardians!

As a friendly reminder, please mark your calendars! The Colebrookdale Art Show and Book Fair are on Thursday, May 9. The theme for the Art Show this year is Community of Kindness. Grandparents' Day will be Friday, May 10.

We will continue the tradition of having a bake sale and selling pizza and water to raise money for Boyertown Area Multi-Service. More information will be sent home in a few weeks about your opportunity to donate to the bake sale.

### **OVERFLOWING Lost and Found**

Our Lost and Found items no longer fit in the box outside the office! The next time you are at Colebrookdale, please check to see if there is anything there that your child may have lost or 'misplaced'. Or your child may check to see if there is something there that belongs to them. Anything that is not claimed by the end of the school year will be donated to the H.S.A. Clothing Drive on April 6..



### **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.



### **West Parent/Guardian Welcome to Grade 6 Night (Thursday, April 11) 7:00 PM West Auditorium**

Grade 5 parents and guardians are invited to an evening program to hear about the transition from elementary to middle school. Although the presentation is geared toward adults, fifth graders are welcome to attend. See you in the West Auditorium at 7:00 PM on April 11!

### **East Parent/Guardian Welcome to Grade 6 Night (Thursday, April 11) 7:00 PM East Auditorium**

Grade 5 parents and guardians are invited to an evening program to hear about the transition from elementary to middle school. Although the presentation is geared toward adults, fifth graders are welcome to attend. See you in the MS East Auditorium at 7:00 PM on April 11!



### **Boyertown Area Unity Walk- (Saturday, March 30)**

This year is the fifteenth annual Unity Walk. The walk will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2019. The event will run in conjunction with the Wellness Council of Boyertown's Annual Wellness Fair. The walk will begin at the Boyertown Area Senior High School Main Entrance. Participants are encouraged to stay for the Wellness Council's Running of the Bears event and the Wellness Fair. The Running of the Bears will begin following the walk and the Wellness Fair will be from 10AM-1PM at BASH. Students who participate in the Unity Walk will get bonus points for walking in addition to their laps in the Running of the Bears Event. Unity Walkers are encouraged to organize a walking team. Four teams will be selected to win a \$100 donation towards their favorite charity. Each walking team with 5 people or more will be entered in the drawing. If you would like to create a walking team in advance, please contact the United Way office at (610) 367-8716. On the day of the event, registration for walking teams will begin at 8:45 AM. This is a great opportunity to show the strength of community in Boyertown. Please join me and many others at the walk to demonstrate our appreciation for diversity and our desire for acceptance for all.

## **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.

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 at [www.pde.state.pa.us](http://www.pde.state.pa.us).

### **Right before the test:**

**Make sure your child gets a good night’s sleep. Provide a good breakfast.**

Have your child dress in layers. Kids do better on tests if they don’t have to think about how hot or cold they are.

Don’t be too anxious. Say, “This test is important. I know you will try hard and do your best.” Your confidence will be contagious.

On the day of the test, give your child these tips:

1. Pay close attention to test directions.
2. Answer the easy questions first.
3. Read every answer before you choose one.
4. If you are not sure of the answer, rule out the choices that you know are wrong. Then pick the best answer that is left.
5. If you have time, check your answers carefully. Make sure the numbers of your answers correspond to the numbers of the questions on the test.
6. If you start to feel stressed, take some deep breaths to relax.



## **News from the Health Room**

### ***2018-2019 School Health Services Report***

The health room’s annual School Health Services report is due to the PA Department of Health on June 1 therefore ***all mandated physical and dental forms for the 2018-2019 school year must be submitted to the health room no later than May 31, 2019.***

### ***PA Mandated Dental and Physical Exams for 2019-2020 School Year***

The PA School Health Act #535 requires dental exams for all students entering kindergarten, third and seventh grades, and physical exams for students entering kindergarten and sixth and eleventh grade. For students entering these grades in September 2019, physical or dental exams that are completed *on or after September 1, 2018* are acceptable. Physical and dental forms for the 2019-2020 school year were mailed to current second and fifth grade parents with your child’s screening notification letters. Please contact the health room if you need a form for an upcoming appointment or download a form from the BASD website @ <http://www.boyertownasd.org> under Departments - Student Services – Health link. Completed physical and dental forms can be submitted to the health room.

### ***March is National Nutrition Month***

There's no better way to celebrate the occasion than to begin each day with a good breakfast. Breakfast fuels the body for the challenges of the day. Studies have shown that children who start the day with breakfast are able to learn quicker, focus longer, and do better on tests. Although mornings are often hectic, finding time for breakfast can really make a difference in a student's day. No time to eat? Why not try the breakfast program offered at school each morning? With so many tasty and healthy choices, it's easier than ever to start the day off on the right foot! So take a few minutes each morning to give your child a simple gift that can last for hours. Remember to celebrate the nutrition month by eating breakfast.

Snacks can play an important role in meeting kids’ nutrient needs. Choosing foods from all of the food groups will give them the energy they need between meals. It helps to plan and portion out snacks in advance. Kids will usually only need 2 or 3 snacks daily, and these should be provided at least one hour before meals. It is recommended that snacks (and meals) be eaten in an area without distractions. So avoid snacking while watching TV or when using other electronic devices. For more information on National Nutrition Month please check out this website. <https://www.eatright.org/food/resources/national-nutrition-month>.

## Field/Game Day - Save The Date



Colebrookdale Elementary School will have our Field/Game Day on Friday, May 24, 2019. If you are interested in volunteering, please complete and return the sign-up form that was sent home recently. These forms are due to your child's homeroom teacher by Wednesday, March 13. All Field Day volunteers must have their clearances.

## Breakfast

All students in the Boyertown Area School District have the opportunity to purchase breakfast in the cafeteria each school day. The price for a student breakfast is \$1.50 and \$.30 for reduced paid student.

Breakfast will be available during the following time each morning: elementary schools 8:25 to 8:40 a.m. secondary schools 7:15 to 7:40 a.m. Our breakfasts include a variety of healthy and tasty choices including such items as cereal, mini pancakes, mini waffles, mini French toast, breakfast sandwiches, muffins, cereal bars, fresh fruits, 100% juices and a variety of milk. Students at the middle school and elementary levels are required to select an entrée and must take at least 1 serving of fruit or vegetable to make a breakfast. A total of 3 items must be taken to make a complete meal. Milk is included as part of the meal. Senior high students are encouraged to do this as well, but are not required to purchase a complete meal. Instead, senior high students have the option to purchase a la carte items, which are individually priced. To see a complete listing of our menu offerings, which duplicate weekly throughout the year, please visit the Boyertown Area School District website and go to Departments and choose Food Services.



## Middle School West is excited to present Willy Wonka, Jr.! (March 15 – 17)

Come join us to visit a "World of Pure Imagination!" Purchase your tickets now to receive the best available seats! Showtimes are as follows: Friday, March 15 at 7:00 PM; Saturday, March 16 at 7:00 PM; Sunday, March 17 at 2:00 PM. Adults: \$7.00. Students and Sr. Citizens (62 and older): \$5.00. Advanced ticket orders may be placed using the attached form or download from:

<https://sites.google.com/student.boyertownasd.org/boyertownelementarymusic/west-musical>. Tickets may also be purchased at the door! Contact Mrs. Erica Creed with questions at [ecreed@boyertownasd.org](mailto:ecreed@boyertownasd.org).

## H.S.A. Corner

May the *Luck of the Irish* be with you all.

Our Joe Corbi fundraiser begins March 4 with sales through March 15 and delivery on April 12. We hope to have much success with this new fundraiser. I'm sure the students would get a laugh seeing Mrs. DeRenzo covered in slime. It can happen if we sell 300 units, but why stop at 300? If we sell 600 units, a certified Storm Trooper is going to visit CES. If we achieve this goal, all students will get to meet the Storm Trooper, but the classroom that sells the most units will have a PERSONAL PIZZA PARTY with the Storm Trooper. Your son or daughter can ask the Trooper all sorts of questions – what kind of food does the Trooper eat? Is Darth Vader really mean? This is an experience your child will never forget.

BINGO!!! On Friday, March 15 beginning at 6:30 PM, the H.S.A. is sponsoring a Family Bingo event. (please, no drop-offs). We will play 20 games of regular bingo and 4 rounds for grand prizes. You can win a \$5.00 gift card or be a lucky winner of a \$25.00 gift card during a Grand Prize Round. Better yet, the fourth grand prize is a birthday party at Sentry Jiu-Jitsu and Martial Arts in Boyertown.

## Looking ahead:

Spring Clothing Drive - Saturday, April 6  
Roller Skating Party at Pheasantland, - Sunday, April 14  
Art Show and Book Fair - Thursday, May 9  
Grandparents' Day - Friday, May 10  
Alex's Lemonade Stand

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

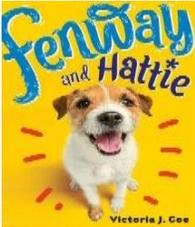
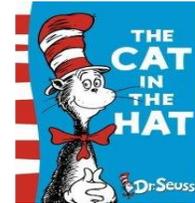


## Read Across America 2019

We are gearing up for our “**Read across America**” activities, in honor of Dr. Seuss’ birthday. On Friday, March 1, National Honor Society students will join classrooms. They planned activities to go with our reading of *Fenway and Hattie!* We will also have school spirit days to help in our celebration of reading. Some of these days changed from the original dates on the February CES calendar.

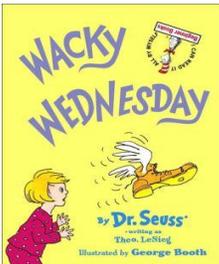
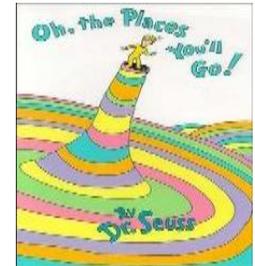
### Spirit Days

**Friday, March 1 – *The Cat in the Hat*** - Wear a Seuss hat, or another hat of your choice!



**Monday, March 4 – *Fenway and Hattie*** - **Favorite Stuffed Animal Day** - Bring your favorite stuffed animal to school to join you!

**Tuesday, March 5 – *Oh, the Places You’ll Go*** – Dress in your finest for Spring Picture Day!



**Wednesday, March 6 – *Wacky Sock/Shoe Day*** – wear crazy socks, mismatched shoes or BOTH!

**Thursday, March 7** – Wear your **Colebrookdale Grade Level** shirt for our One School, One Book Assembly!

### Montgomery County SPCA Pet Supply Drive

We will have a pet supply drive from **February 25 – March 8** in honor of our One School, One Book reading of *Fenway and Hattie*. Information was sent home with students on Friday. Items needed are dog/cat toys, treats, newspaper, leashes/collars, unopened food, gently used blankets and towels. A representative from the SPCA will be joining us at Colebrookdale on March 8 to accept the donations and talk to students about dog safety. Thank you for your donations!



### March Events

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| <p>1 ..... Hat Day</p> <p>1 ..... BASH National Honor Society students reading in classrooms</p> <p>2 ..... Music League Chicken Dinner<br/>Boyertown Middle School West<br/>12:30 to 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>4 ..... Favorite Stuffed Animal Day</p> <p>4 ..... Guest Readers in the classrooms</p> <p>4 ..... second trimester ends</p> <p>4 ..... H.S.A. Joe Corbi Fundraiser begins</p> <p>5 ..... Dress Up Day</p> <p>5 ..... Spring Picture Day</p> <p>5 ..... Grade 3 Program<br/>all-purpose room, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>6 ..... Wacky Shoe/Sock Day</p> | <p>7 ..... Colebrookdale T-shirt Day</p> <p>7 ..... One School/One Book assembly, 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>10 ..... Daylight Savings Time begins</p> <p>12 ..... School Board Meeting<br/>Education Center, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>13 ..... Report cards distributed</p> <p>15 ..... H.S.A. Joe Corbi Fundraiser ends</p> <p>15 ..... H.S.A. Family Bingo Night<br/>all-purpose room, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>20 ..... 12:25 early dismissal</p> <p>22 ..... Grade 5 trip to Philadelphia</p> <p>26 ..... School Board Meeting<br/>New Hanover Upper Frederick<br/>Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>30 ..... Unity Walk</p> |
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