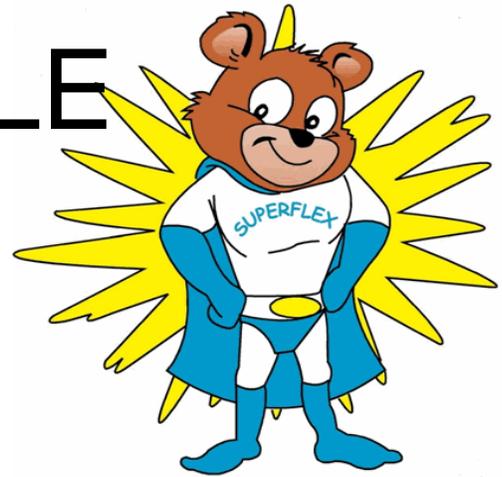


COLEBROOKDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Mrs. Lisa DeRenzo, Principal

April 2019

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April Events

6	H.S.A. Clothing Drive 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
9	No Place For Hate t-shirt order deadline
9	School Board meeting 6:30 p.m., Education Center
11	Grade 5 to 6 Transition Night Middle School West, 7:00 p.m.
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12	H.S.A. Joe Corbi Fundraiser delivery
14	H.S.A. Roller Skating Event Pheasantland, 1:00-3:30 p.m.
15	Spring Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m., Middle School West
16	12:25 Early Dismissal
17, 18, 19, 22	No School
23	School Board meeting Gilbertsville Elementary, 6:30 p.m.
24, 25, 26	PSSA English Language Arts testing Grades 3, 4, 5
29, 30	PSSA Math testing Grades 3, 4, 5
29	H.S.A. Basket Raffle meeting 6:30 p.m., Library
May 1, 2	PSSA Science testing Grade 4

Mrs. DeRenzo's Kindness Corner

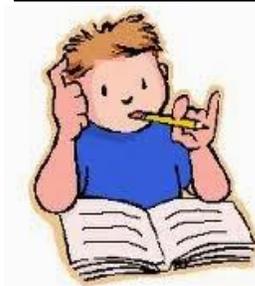


Here are a few great ways to show and encourage kindness at home. The "Ways to be Helpful" book is such a nice family activity that your child will revisit and read often!

1. **You will get more of what you focus on.** Pay attention to whether you are noticing the faults of others or their acts of kindness. Adjust your focus to align with the values you want to teach.

2. **Model acts of kindness.** Help all those you can. When you notice others who seem to be behaving in a hurtful way, take a breath and wish them well instead of judging them.
3. **Create a "Ways to be Helpful" book.** Take photos of the kind acts you see in your family and school (holding a door open, cleaning your space, making grandma a get-well card, doing chores). Bind them in a book for meaningful reading.
4. **Record acts of kindness.** Take turns being the "kindness recorder." For every act of kindness you see or experience, put a heart in a basket or an artificial flower in a pot. Share some of the kind acts at dinner or bedtime.
5. **Play kindness charades.** Family members or classmates can act out the kindness they have received from others. The observers can try to guess who the helpful person was.
6. **Write notes of kindness.** As you express your appreciation to others, be specific about what they did and how it helped you. Leave letters around the house, on pillows, in lunchboxes, and in the car.

Testing Information



Please take a few minutes to review the information below about our PSSA testing. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Please note that in order to meet the participation rates mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, all educational trip requests will **not**

be approved on these dates.

PSSA English Language Arts

April 24, 25, 26 Grades 3, 4, 5

PSSA Mathematics

April 29, 30 Grades 3, 4, 5

PSSA Science

May 1, 2 Grade 4

Early Dismissal on April 16

On April 16 we will dismiss at 12:25 p.m. The schedule for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten is as follows:
AM Pre-K/Kindergarten – 8:45 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.
PM Pre-K/Kindergarten – 10:25 a.m. to 12:25 p.m.



News from the Music Room

Tired of winter? Tired of RAIN? Join us for our chorus concert at Junior High West on Monday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. Fourth and fifth grade students should report to the Middle School West band room at 6:45 p.m. We promise to have you "Walkin' On Sunshine" by the end! (No guarantees on what Mother Nature will bring though!)

Educational Trip Reminder

"Take Your Child to Work Day" is on Thursday, April 25. For parents/guardians of our Kindergarten through second grade students, if you plan to have your child attend "Take Your Child to Work Day", please fill out the attached educational trip form. An educational trip form must be filled out and handed in by April 23rd. Please keep in mind that "Take Your Child to Work Day" is during PSSA testing and therefore any educational trip forms for our 3rd, 4th & 5th grade students will not be approved. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding.

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.

District Field Day Information News from Mrs. Lieb

Boyetown's District Field Day has been scheduled for Monday, May 6 (rain date May 7). This is only for fifth grade students. District Field Day is a track and field competition that



takes place at the Junior High West track and includes students from every elementary school in the district. There are six track and field events, which consist of the high jump, standing broad jump, softball throw, and the 50, 100, and 200 meter dash. Unfortunately, I am only able to take 2 boys and 2 girls for each event from Colebrookdale Elementary; therefore, we will be having try-outs during our Fitness classes in order to determine the top 2 positions in each event. If your child qualifies for District Field Day you will receive more information through a letter that will come home toward the end of April or beginning of May.

Due to the fact that I am unable to take all students to the District Field Day, we are going to have our own miniature track and field competition in Fitness class. I will be recognizing the top 3 athletes for each event during their Fitness classes.

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!



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!

Health Room Medications

With the arrival of the spring allergy season and classroom field-trips, the health room would like to remind parents to refer to the BASD medication policy if your child needs to take medications at school or on a field trip. **All prescribed, over-the-counter medications, and/or substances used for medicinal purposes require parents to submit a completed medication authorization form which includes written authorization from a doctor and written parent permission.** Medication authorization forms can be downloaded from the BASD website at <http://www.boyertownasd.org> under Departments, Student Services, Health.

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, 2019, therefore all mandated physical and dental forms for the **2018-19 school year** *must* be submitted to the health room no later than May 31, 2019.

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 louse 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 grades K through 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 infected 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/](http://www.boyertownasd.org) under Departments, Student Services, Health or from the school nurse. Please help us prevent head lice by following the policy and checking your children often.



Dress Code Reminder

With the arrival of warmer weather, following is an excerpt from the Elementary Student Handbook:

General

1. Torn or ripped clothing is not permitted.
2. Spandex or skin-tight outfits of any type or material are not permitted unless an accompanying top covers the hips, buttocks, and cleavage in an appropriate manner.
3. Clothing that poses a safety hazard is not permitted.
4. Undergarments should not be exposed in any way.

Tops

1. Tops may not be "low cut" or exposing. Bare shoulders, midribs, and backs are not permitted.
2. The following may be unacceptable school attire:
 - a. Tank tops/muscle shirts
 - b. Spaghetti strap/halter/mesh tops
 - c. See-through blouses or shirts
 - d. Tube tops/crop tops
 - e. Any straps less than 2 inches
3. Any top that is skintight or allows the midriff, cleavage or undergarments to be exposed is not permitted.
4. Coats, jackets or garments designed for protection from the outside weather are not to be worn in school.

Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Skorts

1. Pants, shorts, and skorts must be secured and worn no lower than the hip. Low riding/sag style is not permitted.
2. Length of pants should not extend beyond the bottom of the shoe and should not drag on the floor.
3. Tear-away pants (snap pants) and boxer shorts worn as outerwear is not permitted.
4. All shorts, skirts, skorts and slits in skirts must touch the bottom of the fingertips with arms fully extended.

Footwear

1. Some sort of shoe must be worn at all times.
2. Any shoe that poses a safety hazard is not permitted (footwear with wheels are not permitted).
3. Shoes with laces must be tied.

Please refer to pages 10 and 11 of the Elementary Student Handbook for the full elementary dress code.

BASD Summer Camps are BACK!

We are happy to once again offer several enrichment and academic camp opportunities this summer.

Camps will be held Mondays through Thursdays at various locations throughout the district as listed in the catalog.

You can access the Summer Camp Catalog on the main BASD webpage or by following [this link](#). Please note that camps will only be offered if sufficient enrollment occurs. (roughly 10 students) If a camp is cancelled your fees will be returned.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Cheri Cronrath in the Office of Teaching and Learning at 610-369-7403.

Join Us for Breakfast



All students in the Boyertown Area School District have the opportunity to purchase breakfast in the cafeteria each school day. Breakfast will be available from 8:25

am to 8:45 am. The price for a student breakfast is \$1.50 and \$.30 for reduced students. Our breakfasts include a variety of healthy and tasty choices including such items as cereal, mini pancakes, mini waffles, breakfast sandwiches, muffins, cereal bars, fresh fruits, 100% juices and a variety of milk. Students at the 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.



The breakfast menu duplicates weekly throughout the year and can be located on the Boyertown Area School District website under Departments and Food Services.



*Late Starts – Breakfast will not be offered on mornings that there is a late start due to inclement weather.

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(800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at, http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form.

To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 6329992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 (2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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H.S.A. Corner

Happy Spring!! Our Spring Clothing Drive will take place on Saturday, April 6 from 9:00-11:00 AM. Please clean out those closets and donate to our easiest fundraiser (clothing, household items, stuffed animals, etc). The collected items must be in a 13-gallon bag. You can bring your donations to the school during school hours (the week leading up to the collection) or the morning of the collection. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Quinn (LAQ98@comcast.net)

Our family skating event at Pheasantland Roller Rink will be on Sunday April 14 from 1:00-3:30 p.m. The H.S.A. will provide skate rentals for the entire family; however food will be for purchase only. **This is not a drop-off event! An adult must accompany the child or children the entire time.**

As we look ahead, there are many volunteer opportunities. If you signed up for an event, the chair person will be getting in contact with you. If you have any questions, please contact any of the officers.

Upcoming Events:

Art Show and Book Fair – Thursday, May 9
Grandparents' Day – Friday, May 10
Staff/Bus Driver Appreciation Week – May 6-10
Alex's Lemonade Stand Coin Collection – May 6-10
Ag Lab – May 13-17
Rita's Fundraiser Night – Tuesday, May 14
Walk-a-Thon – Friday, May 17

Our last H.S.A. General Meeting of the school year will be held Monday, May 20 at 3:45 p.m. in the CES library. Childcare will be provided. If you are interested in running for an executive officer position, please bring your completed form to this meeting. Voting will take place at this meeting.

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

