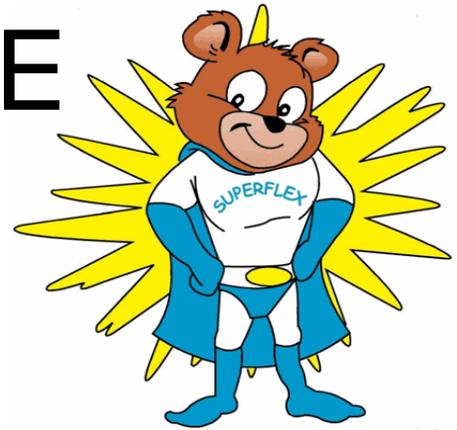


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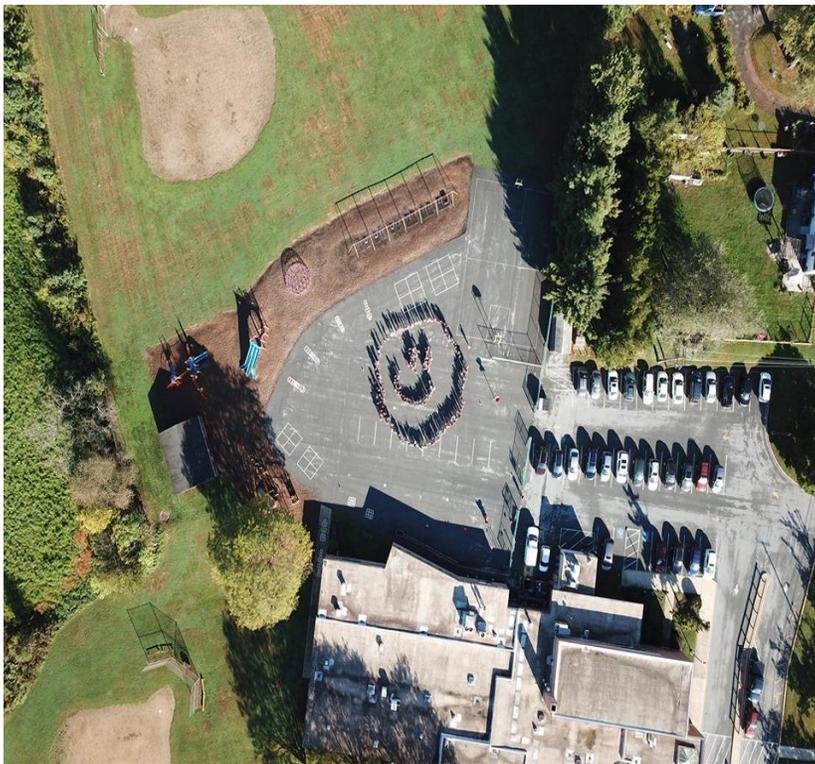
October 2019

Mrs. Lisa DeRenzo, Principal

“We are Expected”

Kindness, Smiles, and Fun at CES

On Friday, October 4 the students and staff at CES celebrated World Smile Day. As a surprise to our students, an announcement was made at 8:45 to gather on the playground. We formed a HUGE smiley face and Mr. Cherkasky from BASH used his drone to film and take pictures. I challenged each student to smile at one new person on this day to spread kindness throughout our school.



Simple Acts of Kindness:

- * Do a chore without being asked.
- * Pick up trash in your neighborhood.
- * Write a thank you note to your parents/step parents.
- * Compliment 5 people.
- * Hold the door open for others.
- * Say, “Good Morning” to people you meet.
- * Make a new friend.
- * Give Grandpa/Grandma a hug.
- * Smile and say thank you to your bus driver.
- * Say “Please” as often as you can.

Parent Visitation Day

This year Parent Visitation Day will be held on Friday, October 18. The purpose of this day is for you to be able to visit your child’s classroom and get a feeling for the routine that your child experiences on a regular basis.

Information about sign up times was sent home. Please return your request to your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

Remember that this is a parent visitation day and we will be following our normal daily routine. Siblings are not permitted to accompany you to school on this day.



Reading News with Mrs. Madsen **Author Visit – Bethany Barton**

On Wednesday, October 9, author and illustrator Bethany Barton will visit Colebrookdale Elementary to discuss her career and life as an author/illustrator with our students. We are proud to have a partnership with Towne Book Center, in Collegeville, and they have helped to make this visit possible. Thank you, Towne Book Center!



Title I Parent and Family Meeting

We will have our Title I parent and family meeting on Monday, October 21 at 9:00 a.m. and another session in the evening from 6:00-6:45 p.m. Information presented at the meeting will focus on the CES Title I Reading Program, intervention framework, family engagement, and ideas to help support your child's reading at home.

This meeting is for families of students who qualify to receive Title I Reading support services. You will receive information on Monday, October 7 if your child does qualify for our Title I program. There will also be an invitation for this special event in the Title I information that will be sent home on Monday. Please return the bottom of the invitation by Friday, October 12. Thank you and I am looking forward to meeting you or working with you again!

One School, One Book



It's that time again – Our CES “One School, One Book” event will be starting shortly! We are so excited to have our kick-off assembly on Monday, October 28. Students and staff will be introduced to our new book at the assembly and each student will receive their very own copy of the book to bring home to read with you. Be on the look-out for a brand-new chapter book to be arriving on October 28 (Thanks to our HSA)! More information about the assigned readings and website will be coming home with your child after our kick-off assembly. We look forward to continuing to create a culture of reading at Colebrookdale and in your homes.

Testing Information

Please mark your calendars with the following: **PSSA** (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment) testing will be given to students in grades 3, 4, and 5 April 20 to May 8, 2020.

Parents should make sure appointments are NOT scheduled during these time periods. Students will NOT be excused for “educational trips” during these testing periods.

Highly Qualified Staff

The Title I requirements mandate that all teachers and instructional aides who work with students in our district's Title I program must be “highly qualified” according to guidelines established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. We are proud to say that all of the teachers and Title I aides in the Boyertown Area School District meet these criteria.

If you have any questions regarding the educational background and certifications of your child's teacher, please contact the teacher or principal and we will gladly share this information with you.

News from the Health Room

Physical & Dental Exams: All State-mandated Kindergarten and 3rd Grade private dental exam forms and all Kindergarten private physical exam forms are due now. If you have an upcoming appointment, please notify the health room of the appointment and we will make note of the date in your child's record.

Cold weather: Please remind your children to dress appropriately for outdoor recess. Also, October is the official start of the cold and flu season. Please remind your children to wash their hands often to prevent the spread of colds/flu at home and in our classrooms.

Medication at school: Please see the BASD medication policy in the BASD handbook or on the BASD website to review the policy if your child needs to take any medications during school hours. **Your child may receive medications in school daily or as needed during school if the medication policy is followed: Complete a Medication Authorization form to be signed by the parent/guardian and the prescribing physician; the medication is to be hand delivered by a parent/guardian or designated adult; the medication, whether over-the-counter or prescription, must be in its original container and labeled with the child's name, drug name, dosage, and time to be given in school. Medication forms are available on the BASD Web site at <http://www.boyertownasd.org/> via link Services - student services - health: medication or by request from the health room. Please contact the health room if you have any questions.**

Mandated health screenings: Students in grades K-5 have their annual state mandated health screenings from now through December. If your child has failed a screening, a referral letter will be sent home for you to follow up with a private physician.

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 lice 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.

Transportation Information



Occasionally a bus may be late picking your child up or dropping them off. If you have any concerns, please call the transportation office at 610-369-7431. The school buses have radios and the bus drivers can be contacted directly from the transportation office. **Attention: Please send a note to school when your child will be picked up from school. If we have not received a written note, your child will be sent home on their regular bus.**

Bus passes will only be issued in emergency situations. Bus passes will not be approved for your child to go to a friend's house to play.

Student Absence

The Boyertown Area School District recognizes that attendance is an important factor in educational success. Our district attendance policy has recently been updated in compliance with state and federal mandates. Details regarding attendance policies and procedures can be found on the BASD website under School Board policies and the Elementary Handbook.

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. Please read them carefully:

1. Parents/guardians may send an email to attendanceCES@boyertownasd.org from the email address of the parent/guardian on file with the district by 9:00 am 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/guardians may use the district website/app and fill out the absence note, <https://goo.gl/4DRhyF>, by 9:00 am 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/guardians may call the attendance line 610-473-5202 by 9:00 am on any day that their child will be absent or tardy. However, absences must now also be followed up with a handwritten parent

