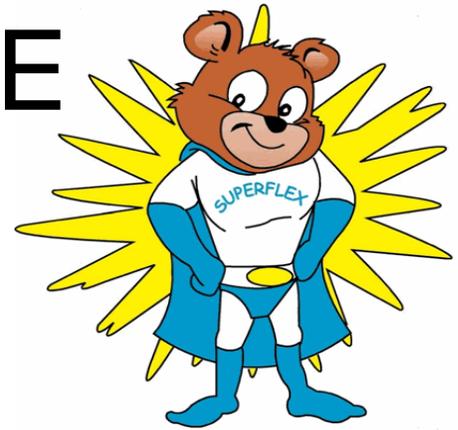


COLEBROOKDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



November 2019

Mrs. Lisa DeRenzo, Principal

"We are Expected"

A Message from Mrs. DeRenzo

This year, the teachers and staff of the BASD are immersed in some very important learning focused on Social and Emotional Wellness. Social and emotional learning (SEL) enhances students' capacity to integrate skills, attitudes, and behaviors to deal effectively and ethically with daily tasks and challenges (Casel, 2019.) There are 5 core competencies associated with the SEL Framework. As the Colebrookdale staff works collaboratively to develop a deep understanding of the importance of SEL and how to support our students social and emotional growth, I will share with you two of the most important competencies for young children.

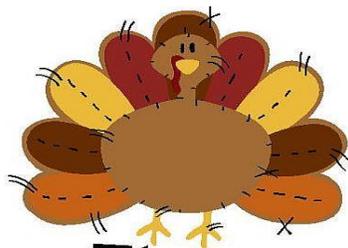
Self-Awareness: The ability to accurately recognize one's own emotions, thoughts, and values and how they influence behavior. The ability to accurately assess one's strengths and limitations, with a well-grounded sense of confidence, optimism, and a "growth mindset."

- ✓ Identifying emotions
- ✓ Accurate self-perception
- ✓ Recognizing strengths
- ✓ Self-confidence
- ✓ Self-efficacy

Self-Management: The ability to successfully regulate one's emotions, thoughts, and behaviors in different situations – effectively managing stress, controlling impulses, and motivating oneself. The ability to set and work toward personal and academic goals.

- ✓ Impulse control
- ✓ Stress management
- ✓ Self-discipline
- ✓ Self-motivation
- ✓ Goal setting
- ✓ Organizational skills

I shared these two areas of social and emotional learning with you first because these are the foundation of our work. As parents, we constantly ask what we can do to help our children become productive members of society. Self-awareness and self-management are critical skills that all children must possess to become productive members of society. As parents, we constantly seek advice, resources and tools to help our children, and both competencies above list areas that you can work with your children to build social and emotional awareness and wellness.



Happy Thanksgiving

Parent Teacher Conferences

All grade levels will be conducting parent-teacher conferences before the Thanksgiving break. This is an excellent opportunity to discuss your child's progress in school with the teacher. Since conferences are scheduled back-to-back, please be sure to arrive at your scheduled time.

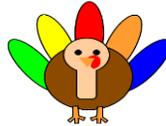
All professional staff will be available during these evening time. We look forward to conferencing with all of our parents. If you need to reschedule a conference, please remember to call the school office and let us know. Thank you.

Early Dismissals

On November 25, 26, 27 we will dismiss at 12:25 p.m. The schedule for kindergarten on early dismissal days is as follows:

AM Kindergarten – 8:45 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.

PM Kindergarten – 10:25 a.m. to 12:25 p.m.



PSSA Test Dates

The PSSA (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment) ELA, Math and Science (grade 4 only) will be given to students in grades 3, 4 and 5 from April 20 to May 8, 2020.

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

Parent Conferences and Teacher Communications

The staff at Colebrookdale Elementary recognizes and values parents and families as children's first teachers and decision-makers in education. We believe that student learning is more likely to occur when there is an effective partnership between the school and the student's parents and family. With parent/teacher conferences coming up this month, we would like to inform parents/guardians that information about a child's progress may only be shared with a biological parent or court-appointed guardian. If you would like a grandparent, fiancé, or other person to attend the conference without your presence, parents/guardians must send in written permission allowing the school to communicate with this person. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Johnson, the school counselor, at 610-473-5290 or lfrainjohnson@boyertownasd.org.

News From Mrs. Madsen



This month our school will be embarking on a special project, an all-school book club called **One School, One Book™**. Every family will receive a copy of the same book – Betty G. Birney's *The World According to Humphrey* – and will be asked to read it together at home over the next few weeks. We are personally asking you to make the time so that your family can participate in this special activity.

In school, your child will be invited to answer daily trivia questions to encourage and reward attentive listening. You will soon find that your child will take pride in knowing and anticipating the details of the story. In class, students will explore the book through activities and discussion.

News from the Nurse

Physical and Dental Exams

- **Parents of K/1 grade students: Physical exams are now due.** Please return your child's physical form as soon as possible. If you need a new form, please contact the nurse's office or you may print a form from the district website at: www.boyertownasd.org and clicking on departments, then student services, then health.
- **Parents of K/1 and grade 3 students: Dental exams are now due.** If you have not yet submitted your child's dental report, please return it to the health room as soon as possible. If you are in need of a form, please contact the nurse's office or you may print a form from the district website at: www.boyertownasd.org and clicking on departments, then student services, then health.
- If you do not have insurance and have requested a school physical or dental, they will be completed in January and February.

Cold and Flu Season

As the cold and flu season begins, here are a few reminders:

- Please remind your children to dress appropriately for outdoor recess.
- Please remind your children to wash their hands often to prevent the spread of colds/flu at home and in their classrooms.
- The BASD medication policy **does not allow elementary students** to use cough drops at school because they present a choking hazard. Students may gargle with saltwater or drink fluid during school hours to treat mild sore throat symptoms. Please consult your health care provider if your child has a severe sore throat or symptoms lasting more than 3 days.

• **Reminder:** if your child needs medication during school hours, please review the BASD medication policy in the elementary school handbook or on the BASD website at <http://www.boyertownasd.org/> under departments, student services, then health. **Students may not bring any medications to school.**

• **Reminder:** Anytime you have phone number or email changes, either at home, work, or for an alternate, please update information in Infinite Campus so we can keep your child's emergency contact information current.



Giant A+ School Rewards Program

With the start of a new school year comes another year of A+ School Rewards. Until March 14, 2020 our school has the opportunity to earn cash through the Giant A+ School Rewards Program. If you haven't done so already, all you have to do is log on to www.giantfoodstores.com and select Savings & Rewards. If you registered your card last year, you DO NOT need to re-register this year. You can visit the website to verify the correct school assignment. Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. Please be sure to register your card to benefit Colebrookdale Elementary School using **ID 24181**. Last year we received a check for \$1,452.51 Thank you!



Pennsylvania Philharmonic Orchestra Concert

On Friday, November 22 grades 4 and 5 will be traveling to Middle School West to see a musical performance by the Pennsylvania Philharmonic Orchestra. The theme for this year's concert is "Stories and Legends". The students have been studying orchestra music as well as the rolls of conductor and composer in the music world during general music class. Please ask your children when they come home that day how they enjoyed the concert. Thank you to the Boyertown School District and the Boyertown Music League for making this concert a possibility for our students

Salvation Army Food Drive

Our Holiday Food Drive for the Salvation Army will be held until Friday, November 22. Bring non-perishable items to school to donate to the Salvation Army. Items needed include: non-perishable items, canned vegetables, canned fruits, breakfast items, instant potatoes, mac and cheese, stuffing, gravy, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce. The items collected will provide over 200 families with a Christmas Food Box for Christmas Day. Donations are also used for our Annual Thanksgiving Day Community Meal.

Thanks!

H.S.A. Corner

Donut worry! Our Krispy Kreme doughnut fundraiser was a great success. Thank you to all of those that purchased doughnuts.

This year's annual basket raffle was a SWEET sensation. We appreciate everyone that came out to support our highest fundraiser event. Congrats to all the winners!

Pellman orders due November 11th. Pick up and distribution will be November 22nd in the All- Purpose room from 5-7pm.

Spirit Wear will be on sale from November 11th to November 22nd. Show off your Colebrookdale and Boyertown Bear Pride with these great items!

Keep an eye out for upcoming holiday events: Hot Chocolate Social on December 13, Fall clothing drive December 14th, and Holiday Shoppe on December 9 and 11.

Stay up to date by following the Colebrookdale Elementary School HSA on Facebook!

November Events

11	Red, White and Blue Day	22.....	Grades 4 and 5 to Middle School West Pennsylvania Philharmonic Orchestra Concert
11	H.S.A. Pellman Dessert orders due	22.....	H.S.A. Pellman Cakes delivery 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the All-Purpose Room
11	H.S.A. Spirit Wear Sale begins	25, 26, 27	12:25 dismissal
13	World Kindness Day	25.....	Evening Parent Conferences 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
15	End of first trimester	26.....	Kindness assembly
18	One School, One Book assembly	26.....	School Board Meeting
21	Evening Parent Conferences 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.	28, 29; December 2.....	No School

Join Us For 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 **\$1.55** and **\$.30** for reduced paid student. Breakfast will be available during the following time each morning:

Elementary Schools 8:25am to 8:45am

Secondary Schools 7:15am to 7:40am

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.

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(1)Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

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