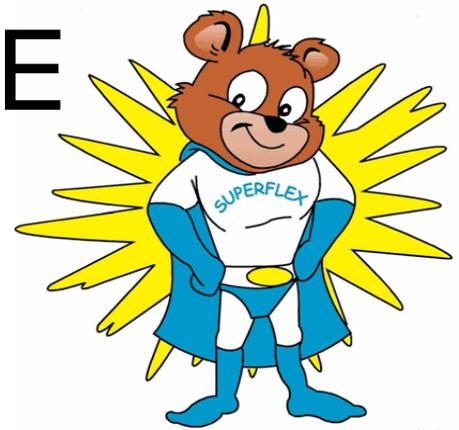


# COLEBROOKDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



December 2019

Mrs. Lisa DeRenzo, Principal

“We are Expected”

## December Events

- 2 ..... No School
- 3 ..... School Board meeting  
Education Center, 7:00 p.m.
- 5 ..... Elementary Band and Orchestra Concert  
BASH, 7:00 p.m.
- 9, 11 ..... H.S.A. Holiday Shoppe
- 11 ..... Holiday Chorus Concert  
**Boytown Middle School West**, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 ..... H.S.A. Hot Chocolate Social  
all-purpose room, 6:30 p.m.
- 14 ..... H.S.A. Clothing Drive  
9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- 18 ..... Holiday Sing-A-Long  
all-purpose room, 9:00 a.m.
- 19 ..... Grades 3, 4, 5 to Holiday Concert  
Middle School West
- 20 ..... Holiday parties
- 20 ..... 12:25 p.m. dismissal
- 23 – January 1 ..... No School

## News from Mrs. DeRenzo

As I walk through the classrooms and halls each day, I watch and listen. What I see and hear brings joy to my heart; children sharing ideas, complimenting a peer’s ideas or written work, lending a helpful hand to someone in need. Our culture of kindness is contagious, and is truly what makes Colebrookdale such a special place.

Each trimester, we recognize students for displaying kindness. This tradition has become one of my most favorite times I spend with our students. Not only do we take the time to recognize children, but we come together as a learning community. Today, we celebrated our culture of kindness with student awards and a video entitled “Why be Kind.” The pictures below are our first trimester Kindness winners. We congratulate these students, and celebrate ALL of our students for working each and every day to spread kindness to one another.



## **Holiday Music**

On Thursday, December 19, students in grades 3, 4, 5 will be bussed to Boyertown Middle School West to view the middle school students perform their Holiday Concert.

On Friday, December 20 the students will participate in a Holiday Sing-A-Long in the all-purpose room.

## **Music News from Mrs. Freed**

ALL FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADERS HAVE A CONCERT ON DECMEBER 11!!! **We encourage your child to attend this performance! Your child will perform on stage in front of an audience two times this year, once on December 11 and again on May 12.**

**Your child needs to meet AT the MS West band room at 6:45 p.m.** Teachers will not be available to supervise your child until 6:45. After you drop off your child, please join us for the concert.

**Dress for the concert is CES Red Shirt from the HSA, nice black pants, and nice shoes.**

**FOURTH GRADE:** Fourth grade students received NEW CES red shirts. These are to be worn for BOTH chorus concerts this year AND for both chorus concerts next year in fifth grade. Please keep track of this shirt.

**FIFTH GRADE:** students should wear their RED CES shirt from the HSA to the concert. If you don't have the CES shirt, have your child wear a plain red shirt.

**NEW CES STUDENTS:** were given the CES shirt on Friday. These are to be worn for BOTH chorus concerts this year AND for both chorus concerts next year in fifth grade. Please keep track of this shirt.

*Special thanks to Mrs. Kovach and the HSA for the shirts!!!*

## **Hazardous Weather Conditions**

The radio and television stations listed below broadcast school closings. Should an early dismissal or school closing be necessary, announcements to alert the parents will be posted on the district website, [www.boyertownasd.org](http://www.boyertownasd.org) under "Special Announcements." In addition, the Superintendent will send a message regarding school delayed openings or closings. You may also call the district information line for specific information relating to weather. That phone number is 610-369-SNOW (7669).

Children need to know ahead of time what to do if they arrive home and no one is there. Please discuss this situation with your children so

they will know to go to a neighbor's or friend's house when they arrive.

## **RADIO:**

93.5 WSBG-FM Stroudsburg  
95.1 WZZO-FM Allentown  
96 WCTO-FM Allentown  
99.9 WODE-FM Allentown  
100.7 WLEV-FM Allentown  
102 WRFY-FM Reading  
104 WAEB-FM Allentown  
105.5 WMGH-FM Tamaqua  
107.1 WWYY-FM Allentown  
107.5 WFKB-FM Reading  
790 WAEB-AM Allentown  
830 WEEU-AM Reading  
1060 KYW-AM (Dist #893) Philadelphia  
1160 WBYN-AM Boyertown  
1230/1320 WEEZ-AM Easton  
1340 WRAW-AM Reading  
1370 WPAZ-AM Pottstown  
1410 WLSH-AM Lansford

## **TELEVISION:**

CBS 3-TV Philadelphia  
CW Philly 57-TV Philadelphia  
WCAU-TV-NBC 10 Philadelphia  
WFMZ-TV - Channel 69 Allentown  
6 ABC ACTION NEWS-TV Philadelphia  
FOX-TV 29 Philadelphia

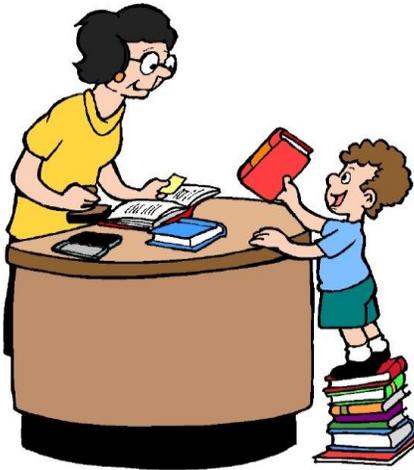
## **WEBSITES:**

[www.kywschools.com](http://www.kywschools.com)  
[www.readingeagle.com](http://www.readingeagle.com)  
[www.6abc.com](http://www.6abc.com)  
[www.myfoxphilly.com](http://www.myfoxphilly.com)  
[www.fox1470.com](http://www.fox1470.com)  
[www.NBC10.com](http://www.NBC10.com)  
[www.pottsmmerc.com](http://www.pottsmmerc.com)  
[www.wfmz.com](http://www.wfmz.com)  
[www.cbsphilly.com/schools](http://www.cbsphilly.com/schools)

## **Delayed Opening**

If there is a two-hour delay, AM kindergarten will be bussed to school with grades 1-5 and will remain at school until the afternoon kindergarten students arrive (approximately 12:50 PM). The morning kindergarten classes will be transported home approximately 1 hour and 25 minutes later than normal. PM kindergarten will have a regular schedule with dismissal at school's closing time.

On this *modified schedule* (2-hour delay), the AM kindergarten student will have a very late lunch at home. Parents may wish to send a light lunch with the child. **This information is found in the District Elementary School Handbook.**



### Library News from Ms. O'Leary

We are so thankful for the many great books we have been reading the library this Fall. We have enjoyed reading and sharing books by Bethany Barton after her recent

visit to our school. Many students are also excited to read the rest of the books in the Humphrey books in the series. Reading Olympics practices have begun for our participating fourth and fifth grade students. We have two teams of students that will participate in the program this year. They are enjoying reading and discussing the books from the list this year.

The students will learn about the PA Young Readers Choice Award in library classes in upcoming weeks. This award is given annually to a book that has the most vote from kids in our state. The students in grades K-2 will have the opportunity to read the nominated books in library classes and participate in voting for their favorite book. I'm looking forward to hearing about their favorites. We are also practicing research skills at each grade level in library classes. Please stay tuned to our growing library Website to see how we are busy exploring, creating, and loving books in the library through the upcoming winter months.



### Health Room News from Mrs. Atiyeh Reminders for Cold and Flu Season

- Please remind your children to dress appropriately for outdoor recess. All students are required to go outdoors for recess when the weather is suitable. Please note when the wind chill is 18° Fahrenheit or

below, students will remain inside. The building principal will determine the location of recess based on all weather conditions.

- Influenza is a contagious disease of the respiratory tract (nose, throat, and lungs) that can lead to serious complications, including pneumonia and the worsening of other chronic health conditions. Flu symptoms may include fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and muscle aches. The best way to protect your family from new influenza strains is to get vaccinated each year. Please remind your children to wash their hands often to prevent the spread of colds/flu at home and in their classrooms.
- Follow good health guidelines: eat right, exercise, and get plenty of rest to help boost your immunity to fight the effects of colds and flu.
- 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 salt water or drink fluids during school hours to treat mild sore throats symptoms. Please consult your health care provider if your child has a severe sore throat or symptoms lasting more than 3 days.
- The upcoming cold weather will bring about new allergens and other aggravators of asthma. If your child has asthma please bring their medication, asthma action plan and orders from their physician so that we have them readily available in the health room. Asthma flare ups are preventable and can be the cause of missed days at school.
- 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 school, resources, nurse, BASD health services. **Students may not bring any medications to school.**

### When your child should stay at home from school for illness

Occasionally, it may be necessary for a student to remain home from school due to illness. The

following guidelines should be followed when determining if he/she should stay at home. Please consider the rest of the school population when making these decisions. Health service is an important part of our school system. How well your child learns may depend on his/her physical well-being. Parents have the first responsibility for their children's health.

- If your child experiences a bout of nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or fever or rash 24 hours prior to school, the student should stay at home and be watched for further symptoms. Fever is defined as a temperature 100° or above without the use of fever-reducing medication. The student's temperature should remain normal without the use of fever-reducing medication for 24 hours prior to returning to school.
- It is advisable for the student to stay home from school if any of the following symptoms are exhibited: unusual skin eruptions, chills, discharge or redness of eye(s), or persistent cough.
- **Students should not be sent to school to be evaluated by the school nurse with an illness or injury that occurred at home. Any serious illness or injury occurring at home must be evaluated by the student's healthcare provider.**
- If your child was sent home from school the previous day for a fever or illness, they should remain home the following day.

**PSSA Testing Information**

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.**

**BASD online Community Bulletin Board**

The Community Bulletin Board is a way for parents and guardians to find opportunities for their children throughout our community. For more information on activities for your children or to find out how to post an event on the Community Bulletin Board, click on the following link

<https://www.boyertownasd.org/Domain/1321>



**H.S.A. Corner** 'Tis the Season.

Thank you for your support of our fundraisers this year. The Basket Raffle was a huge success and a lot of fun. Krispy Kreme donut sales and Pellman desserts were very profitable. We want to show our appreciation and invite you to join us for our second annual Hot Chocolate Social Friday, December 13th from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Cozy up with some sweet treats and holiday activities. The photo booth will be back to capture your memories.

Clean out those closets and bag up your donations. The Clothing Drive Fundraiser will be Saturday, December 14th from 9-11:00 AM. Donations need to be in a 13-gallon bag. More information will be coming home.

The ever-popular Holiday Shoppe is being held Monday, December 9th and Wednesday, December 11th. The schedule and gift labels will be coming home with your child. If you want to pay by check, it should be made payable to Colebrookdale H.S.A.

Winter class parties will be held Friday, December 20th. If you are unsure how to get in touch with your classroom parent, please contact your child's teacher.

On behalf of the H.S.A., we wish everyone Happy Holidays!

**Holiday Shoppe Schedule**

Monday, December 9	
9:00 - 9:50	Mrs. Groff – Grade 1
9:50 - 10:35	Mrs. Crills – Grade 5
10:35 - 11:20	Mrs. Ralph's class
11:40 - 12:05	Mrs. Adam's class
12:05 – 12:50	Mrs. Cronin – Grade 2
12:50 – 1:35	Mrs. Desko – Grade 5
1:35 – 2:20	Mrs. Wisler PM Kindergarten
2:20 – 3:05	Mrs. Mest – Grade 4
Wednesday, December 11	
9:00 – 9:50	Mrs. Wisler – AM Kindergarten
9:50 - 10:35	Mrs. Mitchell - Grade 2
10:35 - 11:20	Miss Johnson – Grade 1
12:05 – 12:50	Mrs. Smith – Grade 3
12:50 – 1:35	Miss Renninger – Grade 4
1:35 – 2:20	Mrs. Boyer – Grade 3 Students who were absent on Monday.
2:20 – 3:05	Inventory/Pack-up

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Any questions about the website can be directed to Chris Cinquini at [ccinquini@boyertownasd.org](mailto:ccinquini@boyertownasd.org)  
*The ticket lobby will be open every Wednesday night beginning December 18 from 6 – 8 pm where cash and checks will be accepted*

**BOYERTOWN AREA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS**



# MAMMA MIA!

**Thursday, April 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2020 AT 7 PM**

**Friday, April 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2020 AT 7 PM**

**Saturday, April 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 AT 7 PM**

**Sunday, April 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 AT 2 PM**

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