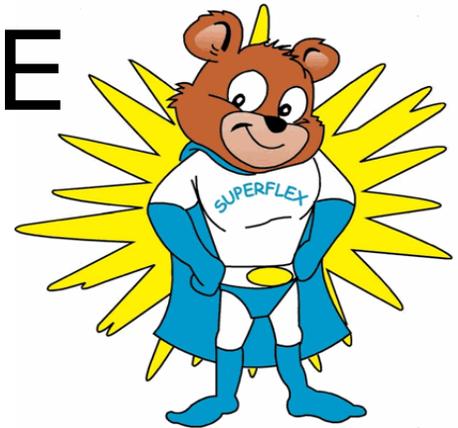


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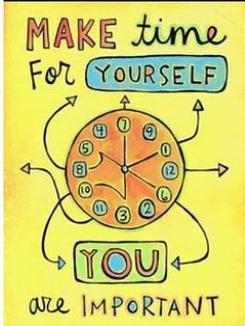


January 2020

Mrs. Lisa DeRenzo, Principal

"We are Expected"

## Self-Care is NOT Selfish – A Message from Mrs. DeRenzo



As parents, we need to be present and at our best for our children. So often, we put the physical and emotional needs of our children before our own. In this new year, please remember that to be at your best for your children, you must take care of yourself, too! Take a "Parent Time-Out" when you are feeling stressed. A few minutes of deep breathing can help to re-energize. This is a strategy we are teaching your children here at Colebrookdale, and it's a good one to practice. Show your kids that you, too, need a few minutes when life gets stressful.

## Delayed Openings

In the event of a 2 hour delayed school opening, the following modified schedule is in effect for kindergarten:

AM Session 10:25 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Bus pick-up is two hours later than normal.

AM kindergarten students depart from school at approximately 12:50 p.m.

PM Session 12:50 p.m. to 3:25 p.m. This is the regular schedule.



## It's Almost Time for the Soup-er Bowl

Beginning January 27 and ending January 31 we will be giving our students and families the opportunity to donate to the food pantry at Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Our two "soup" cans in the lobby will be designated for the two teams who will compete in the Super Bowl on February 2. Place your items in your favorite team's container and watch the points add up!

The Boyertown Area Multi-Service Community Food Pantry provides food to those who do not currently have the financial means to meet their nutritional needs. Anyone in need of food assistance is eligible for help from this program. Need, not income, is the primary consideration for eligibility.

The following items are current **priority** food pantry needs.

Pull-Up diapers (sizes 4, 5,6)

Kids' Toothpaste

Cereal

Coffee

Baked Beans



Hamburger Helper

Syrup

Tuna

Crackers

Instant Mashed Potatoes



64 oz. Shelf Stable Juice

Snacks- chips and pretzels

Paper Towels

Shampoo



## Team Spirit Day



To bring our Soup-er Bowl Week to a conclusion, we will have Team Spirit Day on Thursday, January 30. The students are encouraged to wear a shirt honoring their favorite sports team.

### **Third Grade Concert**

Are you a rock and roll music fan? If so, you're in luck!! Our Third Grade students will be performing *Rock and Roll Forever: How It All Began!* on Wednesday, February 26 here at CES at 7:00 p.m. Please reserve this date, as we are looking forward to having all students participate in this event! Thanks!

We can't wait to see you there!



### **All Fourth Grade Parents:**



Recorder Karate is a program in which students can work at an individual pace to become masters of recorder! Your child has one recorder at home to use for practicing and another recorder at school so they don't have to bring it back and forth. Please encourage them to practice! Five minutes of practice a few times during the week will help them achieve success on this musical instrument.

### **Support BASD Music!**

Bowling Fundraiser: Sunday, January 26 at Limerick Bowling Alley from 2:00-4:00 p.m. (\$15/person or \$75/lane). Reserve your lane by visiting [boyertownmusic.com](http://boyertownmusic.com).

ANNUAL BASD MUSIC DEPARTMENT Chicken Dinner: The Annual Chicken Dinner will take place at Middle School West on Saturday, March 7. Come see music groups of all ages perform and eat delicious Kaufmann's Chicken!

The Boyertown Music League meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month in the BASH Choir Room! The Music League is made up of parents and community members. The Music League supports ALL students K-12 in the district. There is no membership fee. Please consider attending a meeting! For more information, click here: <https://goo.gl/forms/Q2DB0HuQWciYwZY33>

### **MS East Musical: *Into the Woods, Jr.* (February 13-15)**

Boyertown Middle School East will proudly present *Into the Woods Jr.* on February 13 and 14 at 7:00 p.m. and February 15 at 2:00 p.m. *Into the Woods Jr.* features all of your favorite characters — Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack (and his beanstalk), and the Witch — in this lyrically rich retelling of classic Brothers Grimm fables.

All tickets are general admission and cost \$7.00 each. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Karen Monzo at (610) 473-3925. We hope you can join us!

### **From the Health Room – Mrs. Atiyeh**

Winter is an exciting time. It's also a challenging time to stay active. Many of us participate in winter sports, such as skiing, snowboarding, ice skating, ice hockey and snowmobiling. As with most sports, there are risks for injuries. Some of the more critical injuries involve the head. Because they can cause long-term and permanent health issues, concussions should be taken very seriously. Children should be supervised with these activities.

The American Academy of Pediatrics has provided some helpful winter health and safety tips:

#### **Safety Tips:**

It is safer to sled feet first or sitting up, instead of lying down head-first.

Sled on slopes that are not too steep and are free of obstructions like trees or fences.

Skate only on approved surfaces.

Skate in one direction with the crowd.

Never skate alone.

Do not chew gum or eat candy while participating in outdoor activities.

Wear a helmet when skiing.

Stay away from crowded areas on a ski slope.



## Other Winter Concerns: Nosebleeds

If your child suffers from winter nosebleeds it may be from the dry air. Try using a cold air humidifier in the child's room at night. Saline nose drops or petroleum jelly may help too. If severe, consult your pediatrician.

## Hypothermia/Frostbite



When it is cold outside, remember to set a reasonable time limit on outdoor play and have children come inside periodically to warm up. Dressing in layers is best. Also, 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.

## Health Room Items:

Health Screenings have been completed. If your child has failed their vision or hearing screenings, a referral letter has been sent home. Please have your child seen by a doctor and have the referral completed and return it to school. Dental exams are required for third grade and physical exams are required for sixth grade. Exam forms will be sent home after the New Year for second and fifth graders to be completed for the next school year.

**Please notify the nurse if there are any changes in your child's health status.** We would like to keep your child's health record current and up to date to ensure proper care while your child is attending school. Also, please keep your emergency information current. Anytime you have phone number changes, either at home, work, cell, or for an alternate contact, please update the information in Infinite Campus.

## Reporting Your Child's Absence

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.

1. Parents may send an email to [attendanceCES@bovertownasd.org](mailto:attendanceCES@bovertownasd.org) from the email address of the parent on file with the district by 9:00 a.m. 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 may use the district website/app and fill out the absence note by 9:00 a.m. 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 may call the attendance line 610-473-5202 by 9:00 a.m. on any day that their child will be absent or tardy. However, absences must now also be followed up with a handwritten parent note or doctor's note within three days of the student's return to school. Failure to submit the appropriate note within three days will result in the absence being coded as unlawful, and this coding cannot be reversed even if a note is handed in after the three day window. Once a student has received three unlawful absences, a truancy elimination plan may be enacted. This plan could lead to a citation from the District Magistrate.

A handwritten parent note or email communication for verification of absence is acceptable for the first 10 days of absence per school year. Any further absences require a doctor's note. Handwritten notes may be sent in to school with your child. However, it is your child's responsibility to present the note to their teacher or school secretary. Other acceptable ways to turn in a note are for a parent to drop it off to the school office to scan the handwritten note and email it as an attachment to the school attendance secretary, Mrs. Bauer.

## Testing Information

### 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 period.**

**Lost and Found**

The Lost and Found box outside the office door is overflowing! Please ask your child to check for anything he/she may have lost or the parent may come in to check. Please remember to put your child’s name in everything they bring to school. Anything not claimed by the next H.S.A. Clothing Drive will be donated to the H.S.A. Thanks!

**H.S.A. Corner**

Our second annual Hot Chocolate Social was a fantastic event. We had over 100 people in attendance. Guests enjoyed hot chocolate with a variety of toppings. The Reading Orthodontic Group provided the photo booth to capture our memories. Plus, a special visitor made a quick stop during his busy holiday season. Holiday Cheer was in the air.

Our winter clothing drive had 170 bags collected. We will receive 20 cents per pound for the donations. Thank you to everyone that donated and assisted us in our fundraising effort.

Students were excited to visit The Holiday Shoppe. It is a great opportunity for students to buy gifts for family members and friends. This year, each student was gifted \$2.00 to use in The Shoppe. The HSA is looking for a new chairperson (or two) to run this event. Two of our chairpersons will not be returning next year. Thank you, Shannon Moyer-Pasquale and Tracy Seyler. We are extremely grateful for your dedication and efforts that you have given to Colebrookdale through the years.

A Spring volunteer sign-up was sent home after the winter break. Please consider helping as you are able. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents. We are always excited to meet new members.

In January, Limerick Bowl will be offering a new after school bowling program. More information will be provided after the winter break.

We wish all of you a Happy, Healthy New Year!!!



**January Events**

20.....	No School
21.....	Grade 1 to Parkland High School
23.....	Physical Exams
27 to 31 .....	Soup-er Bowl Week
28.....	School Board Meeting at Colebrookdale
29.....	Dental Exams
29.....	12:25 p.m. dismissal
30.....	Wizards Basketball assembly
30.....	Team Spirit Day
31.....	Day 100

**February Events**

3 .....	H.S.A. Meeting, 3:45 p.m.
8 .....	Wizards Basketball at BASH, 1:30 p.m.
10.....	Kids’ Celebrity Chef recipe submission deadline
12.....	12:25 p.m. dismissal
17.....	No School
19.....	Read Across America Kick-off Assembly
25.....	School Board Meeting
26.....	Grade 3 Program, 7:00 p.m.
28.....	End of second trimester