



**February 2020**

**Mrs. Lisa DeRenzo, Principal**

**We are KIND**

- 3..... H.S.A. Meeting  
Library, 3:45 p.m.
- 5..... Traveling Science Show assembly
- 8..... Harlem Wizards Basketball  
BASH Bear Gym, 1:30 p.m.
- 12..... 12:25 Dismissal
- 17..... No School
- 19..... Read Across America Kickoff assembly
- 24..... Dress as Your Favorite Book Character
- 25..... Crazy Sock Day
- 25..... School Board Meeting
- 26..... Wear Your Favorite Hat
- 26..... Grade 3 Program  
CES Multi-purpose Room, 7:00 p.m.
- 27..... Perform a Random Act of Kindness  
Wear a Bright Color Shirt or a Kindness Shirt

- 28 ..... Dress to Impress  
Wear Your Finest Clothes
- 28 ..... End of second trimester

**March Events**

- 2 ..... Wear Your CES Shirt
- 2 ... Read Across America Principal Challenge  
and Trimester 2 Kindness Assembly
- 3 ..... Casual Picture Day
- 7 ..... Music League’s Chicken Dinner  
Middle School West
- 18 ..... 12:25 Dismissal
- 20 ..... H.S.A. Family Gift Card Bingo
- 24 ..... School Board Meeting
- 30 ..... Ag Lab Week

**From the Music Room – Mrs. Freed**

The third graders of Colebrookdale Elementary will be presenting the mini-musical,

**ROCK AND ROLL  
FOREVER:  
HOW IT ALL BEGAN**



*By John Jacobson and John Higgins*

WEDNESDAY, February 26, 2019  
7:00 p.m. in the Colebrookdale Elementary Multi-purpose Room

**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 period. Students will NOT be excused for “educational trips” during this testing period.**

## Reading News from Mrs. Madsen

February is going to be exciting as we begin **Mrs. DeRenzo's Principal Reading Challenge**, leading up to "Read Across America" day, in the beginning of March, to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss.

We will have a Reading Challenge kick-off assembly on February 19 to give everyone details about Mrs. DeRenzo's challenge. A reading calendar and more directions will be coming home on this day, after the big reveal at the assembly. I wonder what crazy thing Mrs. DeRenzo will do if students and staff meet her challenge? We'll just have to wait and see!

To coordinate with "Read Across America" day, we will have school spirit days to help celebrate the work of Dr. Seuss. The days are listed in this newsletter (for those of you who prefer to plan ahead of time)! In addition to guest readers from the community, students from the National Honor Society at the senior high will be joining all grade level classrooms this year and have planned activities based upon one of our CES favorite books; The World According to Humphrey, which we read this past fall. February is always a month of excitement. Stay tuned for more details!!!



**Today you are YOU,  
that is TRUER than true.  
There is NO ONE alive  
who is YOUER than YOU!**

### **Spirit Days:**

**Monday, February 24:** Dress as your favorite book character.

**Tuesday, February 25:** Wear crazy socks.

**Wednesday, February 26:** Wear your favorite hat.

**Thursday, February 27:** Perform a random act of kindness and wear a bright color or kindness shirt.

**Friday, February 28:** Dress to impress! Wear your finest clothes today.

**Monday, March 2:** Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss! Wear your Colebrookdale t-shirt for our Trimester 2 Kindness Assembly and results from Mrs. DeRenzo's Reading Challenge.

## News from Miss O'Leary, the Librarian



2020 is off to a great start in the library! We have been enjoying reading a few books from the Pennsylvania Young Readers Choice Award book list in grades K-2.

We are looking forward to reading more books from the list in upcoming weeks. The children will have an opportunity to vote for their favorite book after we have read all of the titles that have been nominated by Pennsylvania Librarians.

We have also been learning and practicing research skills in the library this month. The students in first grade are doing an excellent job navigating nonfiction books about countries and writing information they learn in a research booklet. The second-grade students picked an animal to research and formulated their own research questions. They are in the process of finding answers to their research questions on the computers. They did a great job writing interesting research questions. The students in third grade selected two countries to research and compare in the library. They are organizing their notes in a Venn diagram graphic organizer. The fourth-grade students picked a state to learn about in library classes. They have been practicing note taking skills with online databases and books. The students in fifth grade practiced evaluating Websites. They are using a reliable Website to gather information about a trade from Colonial Times. All of the grades have been doing a wonderful job with their research activities. We look forward to sharing and comparing our research findings with one another in upcoming weeks.

Our Reading Olympics teams have been busy readers in the library as well. We have two teams of fourth and fifth grade students who will participate in the Berks County Reading Olympics program this year. We are so proud of all of their team work, reading, and excitement and know they will continue to do a great job as they prepare for the Reading Olympics event in the Spring!!

### **News from the Nurse**

**February is National Children's Dental Health Month.** According to the CDC, even though tooth decay has been on the decline for the past 30 years, it is still one of the most common chronic diseases for children from ages 6 to 19. Developing good habits at an early age and scheduling regular dental visits help children to get a good start on a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums. A dental health care provider will introduce and reinforce important treatments and habits for preventing decay, tooth loss, and gingivitis. A visit to the dentist will include an exam and thorough cleaning, instruction in proper brushing and flossing, systemic or topical fluoride treatments, and sealants on permanent molars. It is recommended to see a dentist every six months. Parents play an important role in their children's dental health. They need to reinforce good oral hygiene habits such as brushing and flossing at home with their children. Make sure your child brushes their teeth at least twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste.

**Attention kindergarten and third grade parents:** Dental exam forms are now due. If you have not yet met this state mandated requirement, please make sure to return your child's dental exam form to the nurse as soon as possible. Please contact the school nurse with any questions

**Attention kindergarten parents:** Physical exam forms are now due. If you have not yet met this state mandated requirement, please make sure to return your child's physical exam form to the nurse as soon as possible. Any questions about physical exams, please contact the school nurse.

**Dental and Physical Exam Forms:** Dental exams are PA state mandated for entry to school/ K, third and seventh grades. Physical exams are PA state mandated for entry to school/K, sixth and eleventh grades. These forms have been sent home for completion for the 2020-2021 school year. Any exam performed after 9/1/2019 will count for the 2020-2021 school year. Please send completed forms to the nurse at any time.

### **A Few Reminders:**

**Cough drops:** Elementary students are not permitted to bring cough drops to school under any circumstances. Please refer to the BASD policy in your Parent Handbook to review the policy.

**Medication during school hours:** If your child requires medication during school hours (this includes any prescription medication and/or over the counter preparation, for example, Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Cough Syrup) we need parent permission as well as a doctor's order. The order from the doctor must include the child's name, the name of the medication, the dosage and the time the medication is to be administered. Once all paperwork is completed, the medication, along with the paperwork, must be brought to school in the original container and by an adult. If these steps are not followed, we will not be able to administer the medication at school. No medication will be accepted at school without the proper paperwork on file. Please refer to the student handbook or the district website at [www.boyertownasd.org](http://www.boyertownasd.org) for all requirements and the district Medication Authorization Form.

**Recess:** Please remember coats, hats, and mittens for recess time. Students will be going outside for regular recess.

**Health Updates:** 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.

**Please keep your Emergency information current:** Anytime you have phone number changes, either at home, work, or for an alternate, please update the information in Infinite Campus so your child's emergency information is current. If parents are away and students are being cared for by another adult other than a parent or guardian, please contact the health room/office with the information.

## BASH Babysitting Night - February 13

Are you looking for a night out to celebrate Valentine's Day? Look no further because BASH Student Council will be holding a Babysitting Night on February 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for any elementary students in the Boyertown Area School District. All proceeds raised from this event will contribute to help the fight against pediatric cancer by being donated to BASH's annual Mini-Thon. If you are interested, please use the following link to register your child/children, <https://tinyurl.com/com/bashbabysittingnight> Registration ends Friday, February 7.



## Class Assignments

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. We ask that you respect our professional judgment and be assured that we strive to make the best possible match for your child.

## H.S.A. Corner

Love is in the Air!!!

The bowling program at Limerick Bowl began at the end of January! If you are interested in participating, check the Colebrookdale Elementary HSA Facebook page or contact Ron Nichols at Limerick Bowl (610-495-7143)

Did you miss out on spirit wear sales? Have no fear – we are going to have another online sale. Look for details to come home in February. Show off your Bear Pride with shirts, pants, blankets, etc.

Looking for something SWEET? A Gertrude Hawke candy fundraiser will be offered in February. More details to be sent home with sale and delivery dates.

Please keep collecting Box Tops! Clip and send them in with your student or download the Box Top app.

The next general H.S.A. meeting is **Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**, at 3:45 PM in the library. Childcare is provided. Come and see what we are all about. We will discuss our budget, fundraisers and fun events we have planned for the remainder of the school year.



## **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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(2)Fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3)Email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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## **A Few Thoughts from Mrs. DeRenzo**

Below is a link to a fantastic resource focused on Social/Emotional Learning. It contains a list of articles and videos for parents about fostering skills like Kindness, Empathy, Resilience, Perseverance and Focus in children.

<https://www.edutopia.org/social-emotional-learning-parent-resources>



The Boyertown Music League, in conjunction with the BASD music teachers, will be holding their 10th Annual

## **Chicken Dinner Fundraiser and District Concert** **Saturday, March 7th at Middle School West**

COLEBROOKDALE VOCAL ENSEMBLE will be performing at this exciting event!

The Chicken Dinner will be held from **12:30 to 5:30pm at Middle School West**. Dinner will be held in the Cafeteria while the **MAIN GYM** will be used as an Open House style performance hall. You can come and go as you please. District performances are scheduled between 12:30-5:30p.m. according to the following schedule.

### **The Boyertown Area School District Music League Proudly Presents:**

12:30 NHUF Vocal Ensemble	2:35 BASH Show Choir
<b>12:45 CES Vocal Ensemble</b>	3:00 MSE/MSW Orchestra
1:00 Elementary Sr. Band	3:20 BASH Jazz Ensemble
1:15 BES Vocal Ensemble	3:40 MSE/MSW Show Choir
1:30 Elementary Sr. Orchestra	4:00 MSE Jazz Ensemble
1:45 GES & WES Vocal Ensembles	4:20 MSW Concert Band
2:05 BASH Orchestra	4:40 MSW Jazz Ensemble
	5:00 Big Band



**We ask that students arrive to the AUX. WEST gym at 12:20pm to warm-up.**

Dinner will include Kauffman's Bar-B-Que Chicken, baked potato, bread and butter, applesauce, beverage, and dessert. The cost for the dinner will be **\$11 for adults and students**. **Dinner may be eaten in the cafeteria or taken out.**

The Music League supports all of the musical activities in the Boyertown Area School District. This very supportive group of parents, faculty, and community members have helped purchase equipment for all of our musical ensembles.

Lastly, donations and volunteers are needed. Applesauce cups, 12oz soda cans, bottled water or dessert can be brought to Middle School West music suite grey doors on Friday, March 6th (3-5 p.m.) or Saturday, March 7th (10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) or they can be given to your director AT ANY TIME.

***If you can help out for a shift, please fill out the time slot that best suits your schedule. Thank you!!***

**Questions? Please contact Mr. Jordan at [boyertown.chicken.dinner@gmail.com](mailto:boyertown.chicken.dinner@gmail.com)**

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### **Music League Chicken Dinner Performance Permission Slip/Order Form**

\_\_\_\_\_ will be performing at the Chicken Dinner on Saturday, March 7, 2020.  
(child's name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (date)  
(parent's signature)

School Colebrookdale Director Lori Freed

All meals can be ordered through our website: ([www.BoyertownMusic.com](http://www.BoyertownMusic.com)). Please place orders by Feb. 28th.

***Yes, I can volunteer my time!*** If you are able to donate 2 hours of your time, please follow the [SignUpGenius](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0849A9AE28A1FF2-chicken3) link to select a time that works well for you: (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0849A9AE28A1FF2-chicken3>)

Yes, I can donate the following: \_\_\_\_\_ Applesauce Cups (not colored) \_\_\_\_\_ Case of Soda \_\_\_\_\_ Bottled Water \_\_\_\_\_ Dessert

**Items can be brought to MS West music suite grey doors on March 6<sup>th</sup> (3-5 p.m.) or Saturday (10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)**

PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S DIRECTOR BY Friday, February 28th