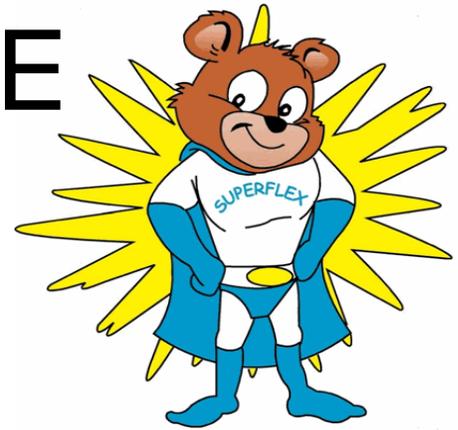


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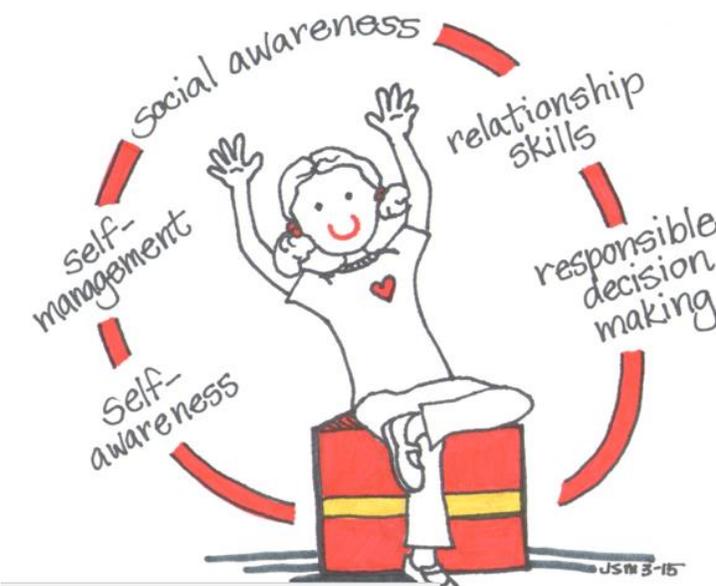
Mrs. Lisa DeRenzo, Principal
March 2020

Caring * Experiencing * Succeeding

From Mrs. DeRenzo

*Too often we give children answers to
remember rather than problems to solve.*
-Roger Lewin

The link below is an excellent source of information about Social-Emotional Learning and the 5 Competencies: Self-Management, Self-Awareness, Responsible Decision Making, Relationship Skills and Social Awareness. Check out this website when you have a few minutes. It's filled with information for parents around the social/emotional development of children.



<https://confidentparentsconfidentkids.org/about-the-blog/about-social-and-emotional-development/>

Boyertown Music Department Chicken Dinner

Support the K-12 BASD Music Department by participating in our annual Chicken Dinner Fundraiser on **Saturday, March 7 from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Boyertown Middle School West.** Our vocal ensemble will be performing at 12:45 p.m.

Spring Picture Day

The spring pictures will be taken on Tuesday, March 3. It is not necessary to send in money on that day, but you will need to send the Pose Selection Form with your child. This form was sent home recently. Approximately three weeks after your child's picture is taken the portrait package will be sent home and at that time you have the option to buy the portraits or return them to school. There will not be a retake day for the spring pictures.

OVERFLOWING Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found items no longer fit in the box outside the office! The next time you are at Colebrookdale, please check to see if there is anything there that your child may have lost or 'misplaced'. Or your child may check to see if there is something there that belongs to them. Anything that is not claimed by the end of the school year will be donated to charity



Performance Week in the Music Room is Coming!

Performance Week in the Music Room will be March 16 and 17. All students in grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 who take music instrument lessons or dance lessons may perform in music class during these weeks. Students are always welcome to perform during class if they take lessons, but this month is special. My goal is to have EVERY Colebrookdale student who plays a musical instrument (grades 2 – 5 only) perform in class! Guidelines are as follows:

- ♪ The student must take lessons. (strings, brass, woodwinds, percussion, piano, guitar, dance, etc.)
- ♪ The student must practice and be prepared to play one piece of their choice.
- ♪ The student must bring his/her music and instrument. I will provide a piano and music stand.
- ♪ If a student is dancing, he/she must take lessons and should provide a tape/CD for me to play that is appropriate for school.
- ♪ If a student plays more than one instrument, he/she may play both!

I hope to have as many students as possible play during the week of March 16. If there are several students in one class who want to play together, they can play a group selection and a solo piece. For example, if there is a drummer, saxophone player, and a flute player in one class, they could all play a band piece together and then each play separately.

I look forward to hearing all of our Colebrookdale musicians in March. Students who perform will receive two Superflex Awards. Performance dates are as follows:

👉 Monday, March 16

Grade 5 - Mrs. Crills' class
Grade 4 - Miss Renninger's class
Grade 3 - Mrs. Boyer's class
Grade 2 - Mrs. Mitchell's class

👉 Tuesday, March 17

Grade 5 - Mrs. Desko's class
Grade 4 - Mrs. Mest's class
Grade 3 - Mrs. Smith's class
Grade 2 - Mrs. Cronin's class



From the Art Room and the Library

Hello Parents and Guardians!

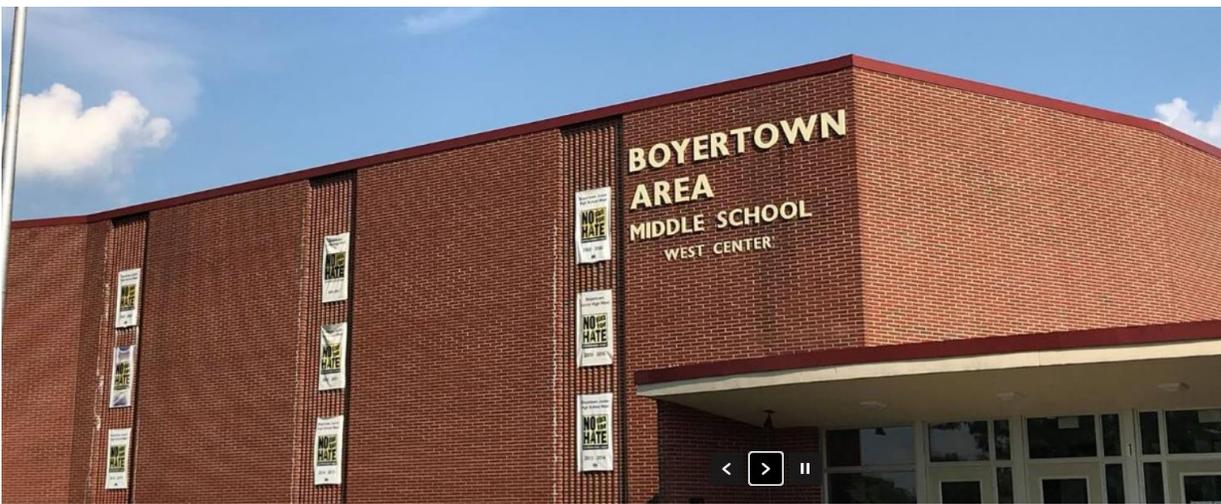
As a friendly reminder, please mark your calendars! The Colebrookdale Art Show and Book Fair are on Thursday, May 7. Grandparents' Day will be Friday, May 8.

We will continue the tradition of having a bake sale and selling pizza and water to raise money for Boyertown Area Multi-Service. More information will be sent home in a few weeks about your opportunity to donate to the bake sale.

Class Assignment

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.



West Parent/Guardian Welcome to Grade 6 Night
(Thursday, April 2) – 7:00 PM West Auditorium

Grade 5 parents and guardians are invited to an evening program to hear about the transition from elementary to middle school. Although the presentation is geared toward adults, fifth graders are welcome to attend. See you in the West Auditorium at 7:00 PM on April 2!



East Parent/Guardian Welcome to Grade 6 Night
(Thursday, April 2) – 7:00 PM East Auditorium

Grade 5 parents and guardians are invited to an evening program to hear about the transition from elementary to middle school. Although the presentation is geared toward adults, fifth graders are welcome to attend. See you in the MS East Auditorium at 7:00 PM on April 2!

Boyertown Area Unity Walk

This year is the 16th annual Unity Walk. The walk will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2020. The event will run in conjunction with the Wellness Council of Boyertown's Annual Wellness Fair. The walk will begin at the Boyertown Area Senior High School Main Entrance. Unity Walkers are encouraged to organize a walking team. Four teams will be selected to win a \$100 donation towards their favorite charity. Each walking team with 5 people or more will be entered in the drawing. If you would like to create a walking team in advance, please contact the United Way office at (610) 367-8716. On the day of the event, registration for walking teams will begin at 8:45 AM.

Participants are encouraged to stay for the Wellness Council's Running of the Bears event and the Wellness Fair. The Running of the Bears will begin following the walk and the Wellness Fair will be from 10AM-1PM at BASH. Students who participate in the Unity Walk will get bonus points for walking in addition to their laps in the Running of the Bears Event.

This is a great opportunity to show the strength of community in Boyertown. Please join me and many others at the walk to demonstrate our appreciation for diversity and our desire for acceptance for all.

Standardized Testing

The PSSA (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment) tests will be given to students in grades 3, 4, and 5 during the weeks of April 20 to May 8, 2020.

Standardized tests are designed to give a common measure of how well students are doing. Over the past few years, these tests have become more important than ever. Many states, including Pennsylvania, have defined specifically what students should know and be able to do, grade by grade. These are commonly called the “state standards.” State standards are designed to spell out what is expected of students. You can find details of the standards on the Pennsylvania Department of Education web site at www.pde.state.pa.us.

Right before the test:

Make sure your child gets a good night’s sleep. Provide a good breakfast.

Have your child dress in layers. Kids do better on tests if they don’t have to think about how hot or cold they are.

Don’t be too anxious. Say, “This test is important. I know you will try hard and do your best.” Your confidence will be contagious.

On the day of the test, give your child these tips:

1. Pay close attention to test directions.

2. Answer the easy questions first.

3. Read every answer before you choose one.

4. If you are not sure of the answer, rule out the choices that you know are wrong. Then pick the best answer that is left.

5. If you have time, check your answers carefully. Make sure the numbers of your answers correspond to the numbers of the questions on the test.

6. If you start to feel stressed, take some deep breaths to relax.



News from the Health Room

2019-2020 School Health Services Report

The health room’s annual School Health Services report is due to the PA Department of Health on June 1 therefore ***all mandated physical and dental forms for the 2019-2020 school year must be submitted to the health room no later than May 31, 2020.***

PA Mandated Dental and Physical Exams for 2020 - 2021 School Year

The PA School Health Act #535 requires dental exams for all students entering Kindergarten, 3rd and 7th grades, and physical exams for students entering kindergarten and 6th and 11th grade. For students entering these grades in September 2020, physical or dental exams that are completed *on or after September 1, 2019* are acceptable. Physical and dental forms for the 2020-2021 school year were sent home to current 2nd and 5th grade parents with your child. Please contact the nurse if you need a form for an upcoming appointment or download a form from the BASD website @ <http://www.boyertownasd.org> under Departments - Student Services – Health link. Completed physical and dental forms can be submitted to the nurse’s office.

March is National Nutrition Month

There's no better way to celebrate the occasion than to begin each day with a good breakfast. Breakfast fuels the body for the challenges of the day. Studies have shown that children who start the day with breakfast are able to learn quicker, focus longer, and do better on tests. Although mornings are often hectic, finding time for breakfast can really make a difference in a student's day. No time to eat? Why not try the breakfast program offered at school each morning? With so many tasty and healthy choices, it's easier than ever to start the day off on the right foot! So take a few minutes each morning to give your child a simple gift that can last for hours. Remember to celebrate the nutrition month by eating breakfast.

Snacks can play an important role in meeting kids’ nutrient needs. Choosing foods from all of the food groups will give them the energy they need between meals. It helps to plan and portion out snacks in advance. Kids will usually only need 2 or 3 snacks daily, and these should be provided at least one hour before meals. It is recommended that snacks (and meals) be eaten in an area without distractions. So avoid snacking while watching TV or when using other electronic devices. For more information on National Nutrition Month please check out this website. <https://www.eatright.org/food/resources/national-nutrition-month>.

H.S.A. Corner

Spring is in the air! February was a great month to spring into action.

The Spiritwear line relaunched to grab some new goodies.

Gertrude Hawk fundraiser will be delivered late March. The delivery date and time will be announced as soon as possible. Deliveries will be picked up in the multi-purpose room. If you would like to help with the delivery distribution please reach out to the Colebrookdale HSA Facebook page.

Feeling lucky? Come join us for the second annual Family Bingo Night on Friday, March 20 from 6:30 pm - 8:30pm. Wear your green, find a leprechaun and partake in the fun evening to win gift certificates.

Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase.

Ag Lab will be at Colebrookdale March 30 to April 3.

Each class gets to participate in the mobile classroom and conduct experiments. Volunteers are always welcome. More details will be distributed closer to the time of the event.

Looking ahead for April - We will have our annual Pheasantland roller skating party on Sunday, April 19 from 1-3:30. Collections for Alex's Lemonade Stand will be held in conjunction with Rita's Water Ice.



March Events

- 2 Dress to Impress Day
- 3 Casual Picture Day
- 6 Reading Challenge forms due
- 7 Music League's Chicken Dinner
Middle School West
- 8 Daylight Savings time begins
- 9 Wear Your CES t-shirt
- 9 Read Across America Principal Challenge
and Trimester 2 Kindness Assembly
- 13 Report Cards distributed
- 17 Wear Green for St. Patrick's Day
- 18 12:25 Dismissal
- 20 H.S.A. Family Gift Card Bingo
all-purpose room 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- 21 Boyertown Area Unity Walk
Wellness Fair, BASH
- 24 School Board Meeting
- 30 Ag Lab Week

April Events

- 6 12:25 dismissal
- 7,8,9,10,13 No School
- 19 H.S.A. Roller Skating Party
Pheasantland, 1:00-3:30 p.m.
- 20 to May 8 PSSA testing
Grades 3, 4, 5
- 21 School Board meeting
- 30 Elementary Band Spring Concert
BASH, 7:00 p.m.

May Events

- 1 12:25 dismissal
- 4-8 Alex's Lemonade Stand Collection
- 4-8 Bus Driver and Staff Appreciation Week
- 5 No Place For Hate Day
- 5 Grade 5 tour of Middle School
- 5 Elementary Orchestra Spring Concert
BASH, 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Bear Challenge
- 7 Book Fair and Art Show
4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- 8 Grandparents' Day
- 12 CES Night at Rita's
- 12 Spring Choral Concert
Middle School West, 7:00 p.m.
- 12 School Board Meeting
- 13 Grade 5 trip to Philadelphia
- 15 Walk-A-Thon
- 18 H.S.A. Meeting
Library, 3:45 p.m.
- 22 Field Day
- 25 No School
- 27 Grade 4 trip to Harrisburg
- 29 Fifth Grade Recognition
all-purpose room, 9:30 a.m.