

**Earl Elementary School  
Boyertown Area School District**

**Mrs. Rachel Franco  
Principal**

**Winter 2019**



**January Calendar of Events**

- 1/1 – **Holiday, No School, Office Closed**
- 1/8 – School Board Meeting @ Education Center, 6:30 p.m.
- 1/13 – PTO Rollerskating Party @ Pheasantland Roller Rink, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- 1/14 – PTO Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 1/21 – **Holiday, No School**, Office open 7 a.m.-12 noon, 12:30-3:30 p.m.
- 1/22 – School Board Meeting @ Washington Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.
- 1/30 – **Early Dismissal, 12:30 p.m.** (AM Kindergarten Session 8:45-10:30 a.m., PM Kindergarten Session 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

**February Calendar of Events**

- 2/11 – PTO Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 2/12 – School Board Meeting @ Education Center, 6:30 p.m.
- 2/13 – **Early Dismissal, 12:30 p.m.** (AM Kindergarten Session 8:45-10:30 a.m., PM Kindergarten Session 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
- 2/14 – Grade 5 combined group photo, 8:50 a.m.  
PTO Valentine's Day parties, 2:30 p.m.
- 2/18 – **Holiday, No School**, Office open 7 a.m.-12 noon, 12:30-3:30 p.m.
- 2/26 – School Board Meeting @ Colebrookdale Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.
- 2/28 – **End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester**

**March Calendar of Events**

- 3/10 – Daylight Saving Time begins (set your clocks ahead 1 hour)
- 3/11 – PTO Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 3/12 – Grade 4 Field Trip to Harrisburg  
School Board Meeting @ Education Center, 6:30 p.m.
- 3/20 – **Early Dismissal, 12:30 p.m.** (AM Kindergarten Session 8:45-10:30 a.m., PM Kindergarten Session 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
- 3/25 – Student Spring Pictures
- 3/26 – School Board Meeting @ NHUF, 6:30 p.m.



Principal's Note

During the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester, the Earl School Community focused on the theme *Be Kind*. We quickly moved into the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester focused on the theme *Be Helpful*. Both themes were evident in all of our community service activities led by the Student Council. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Earl families who contributed to our community service events during the first half of the school year. I am overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness!

In November, we collected 237.6 lbs. of candy for *Operation Gratitude*. We donated the candy to our troops to thank them for their dedication and hard work. I am sure the troops enjoyed all of the candy! During the *Great Pumpkin Contest*, we collected 1,425 food and household items for the Multi-Service! Finally, the students collected an amazing 652 clothing items during the *Mitten 500*! For a school of less than 300 students, this is nothing short of incredible. These numbers serve as a testament to our students' commitment to community service. Your donations will make the holiday season a little better for many needy citizens in our community. Thank you for reinforcing the importance of *Being Kind* and *Being Helpful*!

The PTO continues to play an important role in the Earl School Community. They work so hard, donating their time and energy, to help to make Earl that much better! Through their fundraising efforts, we have secured a new water bottle refill station, upgraded technology for 5 classrooms, a variety of flexible seating options, new books for our classroom libraries, and a wide-range of supplies for our classrooms and new Makerspace room. Their Basket Raffle this fall was extremely successful. The PTO was able to raise an outstanding \$21,000! The money raised will allow for continued additions to classroom resources and new, upgraded technology. We will also look into a larger purchase in the spring! Stay tuned!

Again, I would like to personally thank the community members and students who participated in these events. Have a very safe and enjoyable holiday season!

Sincerely,  
Rachel Franco, Principal



## **BASD ATTENDANCE POLICY**

If your son or daughter is going to be out of school, there are two preferred options to notify us. THESE PREFERRED OPTIONS DO NOT REQUIRE A PHONE CALL TO THE ATTENDANCE LINE!

1. Parents/guardians may send an email to [attendanceEES@boyertownasd.org](mailto:attendanceEES@boyertownasd.org) from the email address of the parent/guardian on file with the school.
2. Parents/guardians may use the district website [www.boyertownasd.org](http://www.boyertownasd.org).

Click on the "Parents/Community" tab  
Click on "Forms"  
Click on "Attendance-Absence Excuses"  
Scroll down to choose "Earl Elementary School"  
Complete the form then click on "submit"



You may still call the attendance line; however, you MUST send in a handwritten note or excuse blank within three (3) days of the return to school or the absence will be coded as unlawful.

Also remember, Educational Trip Forms CANNOT be completed after the trip. They MUST be completed and submitted at least two (2) school days BEFORE the trip.

### **BASD INFORMATION LINE**

By dialing 610-369-7669 or logging onto the district website (<http://www.boyertownasd.org>) parents/guardians will be informed of current information regarding the status of the district's schedule depending on conditions. The complete list of media locations which will broadcast the information can be found in the Student Handbook (pages 6 & 7.)



### **BLACKBOARD CONNECT®**

BASD utilizes the **Blackboard Connect®** service which is used to convey emergency messages including weather delays or closings to parents and guardians with one recorded phone message. It is important your school has all of your current telephone numbers so you will not miss any important communications. We are utilizing your phone numbers from our student information system. If you change your telephone numbers anytime throughout the school year, please remember to update them with your child's building secretary.

## **HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS DEVELOPING DURING THE DAY**

When weather conditions warrant doing so, a decision to close schools will be made as soon as possible. Middle school students will be dismissed first, followed by the senior high school students. Elementary school students will be dismissed as soon as the buses arrive. In some instances the school district may reverse this procedure by allowing the elementary students to be dismissed first. In either case, announcements will be made that will detail the plan. Afternoon kindergarten classes will not meet on days when schools are dismissed on the above schedule. When school is closed, all school and community activities in district buildings are canceled.

### **Parental Responsibility**

Parents are expected to anticipate early dismissal due to inclement weather and to make appropriate provisions for their children.

### **Reminders**

1. If there is no announcement from Blackboard Connect or on the district website, parents can be assured the schools will remain open.
2. Please limit phone calls to the school so the telephone lines may remain open for emergency use.
3. When schools are closed for emergency reasons for one day, they will reopen the next day unless new information is received that schools will remain closed.



## **TESTING INFORMATION**

Please mark your calendars with the following:

**PSSA** (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment) ELA will be given to students in grades 3, 4, and 5 during the weeks of April 15-26, 2019.

**PSSA** Math will be given to students in grades 3, 4, and 5 and **PSSA** Science will be given to students in grade 4 during the week of April 29-May 3, 2019. **Parents should make sure appointments are NOT scheduled during these time periods. Students will NOT be excused for “educational trips” during these testing periods.**





**BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTICE OF KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**



The Boyertown Area School District is announcing kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year for any district resident child that meets the age requirement of 5 years of age on or prior to September 1, 2019.

If you have a child that is eligible for Kindergarten and have not received an informational mailing by January 22, 2019, please contact the Student Registration office at 610-367-6031 (option 7) or e-mail [basdregistration@boyertownasd.org](mailto:basdregistration@boyertownasd.org).

The 2019-2020 registration portal will open on January 2nd.

Note that although students entering kindergarten are required to have a physical and dental examination, these exams must be completed after September 2, 2018 and no later than September 15, 2019.

**IMPORTANT TO BE ON TIME**



School begins promptly at 8:45 a.m.  
Students arriving after 8:45 are considered tardy and need to be signed in to school by an adult in the office.  
Students are expected to be in their classrooms at the starting time. Getting to school on time is the responsibility of parents and students. Thank you for your cooperation.

**SCHOOL FOLDERS**



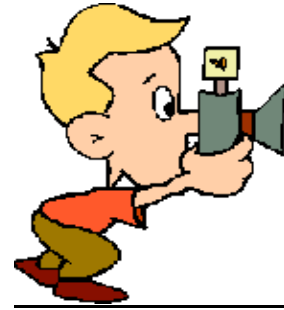
The PTO supplied each student with an Earl hawk folder this past August. There are extra folders available in the school office for \$1. per folder if you need a replacement.

## COLD WEATHER GUIDELINES



Students will be going outside for recess unless the wind chill factor is 18° Fahrenheit or below, or it is precipitating. It is most important that all students dress warmly so that they will be comfortable when they are outdoors. This includes having students bring coats, mittens and hats. Please refer to page 11 of the Elementary School Handbook for additional information regarding recess.

## FIFTH GRADE COMBINED GROUP PHOTO



A photographer from Lifetouch will be at school on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, to take our annual group photo. This will be done first thing in the morning. There are no picture envelopes or money due for this picture. Each fifth grade student will receive a copy of the photo at the end of the school year.

## LIBRARY NEWS: ONLINE RESOURCES

Our school district subscribes to some great online resources that allow students and their families to access these valuable reference sources at school and at home.

The World Book Web provides encyclopedia articles, a dictionary, an atlas, plus thousands of pictures, maps, videos, and websites. To access World Book at home use the following web address: [www.worldbookonline.com](http://www.worldbookonline.com)

Id: boyertownasdkids

Password: basdbearsrock

Culture Grams is an online database with reliable and up-to-date cultural information on countries across the globe. It includes four editions: World Edition, Kids Edition, States Edition and Canadian Provinces Edition. Culture Grams goes beyond basic facts and figures detailing daily life, culture, customs, history, government, geography, and more. To access Culture Grams at home use the following web address:

<http://www.proquestk12.com>

Username: earles

Password: welcome

Go to: My Products Page

We hope your children will use these resources often to help with research, homework, special projects, and at-home learning.

## **FROM THE HEALTH ROOM**

**Attention kindergarten and 3rd grade parents:** Dental exams are now due. If you have not yet met this requirement, please make sure to return your child's dental exam form to the nurse as soon as possible. School dentals will be completed in January. Forms were sent home to complete if you wish to have a school dental. Please contact the school nurse with any questions.

**Attention Kindergarten parents:** Physicals are now due. If you have not yet met this requirement, please make sure to return your child's physical exam form to the nurse as soon as possible. Any questions about physicals or immunizations please contact the school nurse.

### **A Few Reminders now that Winter is here:**

**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 a parent note 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 Card information current:** Anytime you have phone number changes, either at home, work, or for an alternate, please notify the health room so we can keep your child's emergency card current.

If you have any questions regarding the health room information, please contact the nurse's office.