

**Earl Elementary School
Boyertown Area School
District**

Mrs. Rachel Franco

Spring 2019



Calendar of Events

- 4/5 – Grade 5 Transition Meeting for Middle School West (students, during school hours)
4/8 – PTO Meeting, 6 p.m.
4/9 – **Art Show, Community Market & Book Fair**, 5-8 p.m.
4/10 – Autism Awareness Day (wear blue)
4/11 – Parent/Guardian Grade 5 to 6 transition meeting @ Middle School West, 7 p.m.
4/15 – Spring Choral Concert, Grades 4 & 5 @ BASH New Auditorium, 7 p.m. (students report at 6:45 p.m.)
4/15-4/26 – PSSA ELA Testing Window Grades 3-5
4/16 – **Early Dismissal, 12:30 p.m.**
4/17 – **No School** for students, Staff Development day
4/18 – 4/22 – **No School**, Spring Break, office closed Friday, April 19th
4/29 – 5/3 PSSA Math (Grades 3-5) and Science (Grade 4) Testing Window
- 5/3 – **Early Dismissal, 12:30 p.m.**
5/6 – 5/10 Student Council sponsored Penny Wars
5/6 – BASD Elementary Field Day @ Middle School West, 2:30-4 p.m. (inclement weather date 5/7)
5/7 – No Place for Hate Day
Grade 5 Orientation & Tour of Middle School West, 8:45 – 11 a.m.
5/8 – PTO Book Exchange, 2:30-3:15 p.m.
5/10 – Grandparents’ Day
5/13 – **EES Field Day** (inclement weather date 5/20)
PTO Meeting, 6 p.m.
5/15 – The Brain Show Assemblies sponsored by the Earl PTO (during school hours)
5/17 – PTO Family Bingo Night
5/20 – Reading Olympics Competition, Governor Mifflin Intermediate School, 6-7:30 p.m.
5/21 – Grade 5 Field Trip to Lehigh Valley Heritage Center
5/22 – Rachel Yoder Author Assemblies (during school hours)
5/27 – **Holiday, No School, Office Closed**
5/29 – Grade 2 Field Trip to Theatreworks, Charlotte’s Web, Parkland High School
5/31 – Grade 5 Recognition & Class Picnic, 9:30 a.m.
- 6/3 – **Early Dismissal, 12:30 p.m.**
6/4 – **Early Dismissal, 12:30 p.m.**
6/5 – **Early Dismissal, 12:30 p.m.**
6/6 – **Early Dismissal, 12:30 p.m.**
Report Cards Distributed
Final Day of School



Principals' Note

Dear Families,

Spring is finally here! The students and staff continue to have a wonderful year of learning and growing. We have spent a great deal of time focusing on culture here at Earl Elementary. In addition to our trimester 1 theme 'Be Kind' and our trimester 2 theme 'Be Helpful', we have now introduced our trimester 3 theme 'Be Respectful'. We have already completed school-wide activities centered on this theme and will continue to do so while also tying in the other two themes. These activities coincide with Earl Strong days where staff and students recognize these themes as well as demonstrate their unity. As always, we greatly appreciate the combined efforts of all as we support our students in successfully developing the necessary social and emotional skills to help them be successful both in and out of school!

As we enter the month of April, our teachers and staff continue to introduce and review rigorous academic skills and content across all grade levels. It is imperative that our students are present each day and eager to actively participate in applying the purposeful teaching and learning taking place. As you know, the PSSA testing in grades 3-5 will begin in April. The testing windows are as follows:

- Grades 3-5 ELA PSSAs – April 24, 25, 26
- Grades 3-5 MATH PSSAs – April 29 & 30
- Grade 4 SCIENCE PSSAs – May 1 & 2

During these testing windows, please be sure to support your students by having them at school on time each morning, having had a good, nutritious breakfast, and well-rested from the night before. We thank you in advance for your continued support as our students excel during the PSSA testing!

Spring Break will take place from Tuesday, April 16 (early dismissal) through Monday, April 22. Students will return to school on Tuesday, April 23. With the end of the school year quickly approaching, we want to thank each of you for your ongoing support of our students, our teachers and staff, and our work here at Earl. This year has been, and continues to be, a success due to the collective efforts of all in providing opportunities for our students to succeed and grow.

Warmly,

Rachel Franco

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@bovertownasd.org from the email address of the parent/guardian on file with the school.
2. Parents/guardians may use the district website www.bovertownasd.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.

STUDENT CLASS ASSIGNMENT 2019-2020

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 intervention 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 15th. Letters that include specific teacher names and/or are received after April 15th 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.

DISCOUNT INTERNET ACCESS



Access to the internet has become an essential avenue for gaining access to information and services. Increasingly, services are being provided online and in some cases exclusively online. Unfortunately, the need to cut costs has pushed some companies/providers to move entire industries online. Additionally, educational resources and supports are also growing rapidly in the online world. A challenge that these changes are creating is how to help ensure everyone has access to the internet. Thankfully, a few of our local internet service providers' offer low cost/need based internet programs starting as low as \$9.95 per month. If you are interested in learning more about these programs, please visit the following sites or call the company directly at the number listed. Internet Essentials from Comcast 1-855-846-8376 or visit <https://apply.internetessentials.com/> Windstream's Lifeline Service 1-800-347-1991 or visit <https://www.windstream.com/About-Us/Lifeline-Assistance-Program/>

PARENT/GUARDIAN WELCOME TO GRADE 6 NIGHT



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. Hope to see you in the West Auditorium at **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 11th!**

DRESS CODE REMINDER

With the arrival of warmer weather, following is an excerpt from the Elementary Student Handbook:

General

1. Torn or ripped clothing is not permitted.
2. Spandex or skin-tight outfits of any type or material are not permitted unless an accompanying top covers the hips, buttocks, and cleavage in an appropriate manner.
3. Clothing that poses a safety hazard is not permitted.
4. Undergarments should not be exposed in any way.

Tops

1. Tops may not be "low cut" or exposing. Bare shoulders, midriffs, and backs are not permitted.
2. The following may be unacceptable school attire:
 - a. Tank tops/muscle shirts
 - b. Spaghetti strap/halter/mesh tops
 - c. See-through blouses or shirts
 - d. Tube tops/crop tops
 - e. Any straps less than 2 inches
3. Any top that is skintight or allows the midriff, cleavage or undergarments to be exposed is not permitted.
4. Coats, jackets or garments designed for protection from the outside weather are not to be worn in school.

Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Skorts

1. Pants, shorts, and skorts must be secured and worn no lower than the hip. Low riding/sag style is not permitted.
2. Length of pants should not extend beyond the bottom of the shoe and should not drag on the floor.
3. Tear-away pants (snap pants) and boxer shorts worn as outerwear is not permitted.
4. All shorts, skirts, skorts and slits in skirts must touch the bottom of the fingertips with arms fully extended.

Footwear

1. Some sort of shoe must be worn at all times.
2. Any shoe that poses a safety hazard is not permitted (footwear with wheels are not permitted).
3. Shoes with laces must be tied.

Please refer to pages 10 and 11 of the Elementary Student Handbook for the full elementary dress code.



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.

Online Kindergarten registration is available. The link to create a Boyertown Area School District online registration account is found on the BASD web site, www.boyertownasd.org; located on the right side of the home page under “Quick Links,” click on Student Registration.

All 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.

Kindergarten registration can be completed at any time. E-mail basdregistration@boyertownasd.org with registration questions or if you require any additional information.

You're Invited

Exploring the Garden

**Earl Elementary Art Show
& 2nd Annual Community
Market**

April 9th
5:00 - 8:00pm

Arts and Crafts
Face Painting

Local Artist or Vendors Interested
contact nyurkovich@boyertownasd.org

Sp Adobe Spark

Book Fair Family Night

Dino-Mite Book Fair



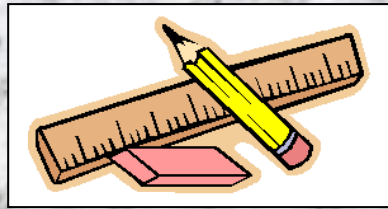
We invite you to visit our annual Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading! The Book Fair will be held on Tuesday, April 9, from 5:00–8:00 p.m. Please stop by the library and explore a wonderful selection of fun, engaging and affordable books for everyone in the family. All purchases will benefit the Earl Elementary Library.

Hope to see you at the Fair! Stomp, Chomp and Read!!

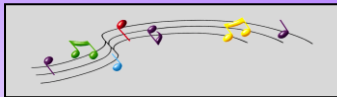
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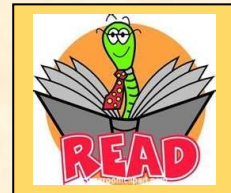


FROM MRS. SUCHODOLSKI, VOCAL MUSIC TEACHER **Attention 4th & 5th Grade Chorus Parents!**

We will be having our spring concert at Boyertown Senior High School on Monday, April 15th at 7 p.m. Students should arrive and meet on stage at 6:50 p.m. and wear their red chorus shirts and black or dark bottoms (pants or skirts.) If your child does not have a chorus shirt, a red t-shirt is a great alternative. See you there!

READING OLYMPICS 2018-2019

The competition will be held at Governor Mifflin Intermediate School on Monday, May 20th, 6-7:30 p.m. Students will be bussed to and from the competition. Parents are invited to attend.



MOVING OVER THE SUMMER?



If you are planning to move out of our school attendance area for the next school year, please notify the school office at this time. This information will be most helpful as we make preparations for next school year. Also, if you or anyone you know are planning to enroll a new student in any grade for the 2019-2020 school year, online registration is currently available at the BASD website.

FROM THE HEALTH ROOM



Medications

- With the arrival of the spring allergy season and classroom field-trips, the health room would like to remind parents to refer to the BASD medication policy if your child needs to take medications at school or on a field trip. **All prescribed, over-the-counter medications, and/or substances used for medicinal purposes require parents to submit a completed medication authorization form which includes written authorization from a doctor and written parent permission.** Medication authorization forms can be downloaded from the BASD website at <http://www.boyertownasd.org> under Departments, Student Services, Health.

2018-2019 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 **2018-2019 school year** must be submitted to the health room no later than May 31, 2019.

PA Mandated Dental and Physical Exams for 2019-2020 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 grade. For students entering these grades in September 2019, physical or dental exams that are completed on or after September 1, 2018 are acceptable. Physical and dental forms for the 2019-2020 school year were mailed to our current 2nd and 5th grade parents with their child's screening notification letters. Please contact the health room 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 health room before June 6th or at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year. **The health room is closed for the summer so if you submit a completed form over the summer, please retain a copy for your records.**

Children ATTENDING 7th grade in 2019-2020 need to show proof of the following vaccines:

- 1 dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) if 5 years has elapsed since last tetanus immunization
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)
- **Notices will be mailed to parents/guardians before the end of the school year if immunization documents currently on file at school for their child do not have a record of these vaccines.**

Head Lice

During each school year, almost without fail, we can expect to find some cases of head lice among our students. To control outbreaks in our schools, the Boyertown Area School District follows the PA Guidelines for School Based Program for Control for Lice Infestation (2011). When an active head louse infestation is detected by the school nurse (findings of crawling insects or nits within one half inch of the scalp), the student's parent or guardian will be asked to come to school and take the student home for treatment. The parent or guardian will have two options for treatment: (1) Contact their family physician for diagnosis and treatment or (2) use a checklist provided by the school nurse for at home treatment using an over-the-counter pediculicide (chemical shampoo that kills lice). The school nurse will also check any siblings in grades K through 12 that may have been exposed or possibly be infested with head lice.

Students with head lice will be excluded from school and from riding the school bus until the school nurse or child's physician determines the student has received proper treatment and is non-infectious. Students may return to school once they have been treated with an approved pediculicide. Parents or guardians must present proof of the pediculicide used for treatment (empty bottle or dated receipt) to the school nurse. Students should receive a second treatment in 7-10 days. Retreatment is recommended because no approved pediculicide completely kills all eggs. The school nurse will do a follow up check in 7-10 days to ensure the at home treatments have been effective.

Prevention and control of head lice begins in the home: parents should routinely check their children for head lice and not allow them to share hats, clothing, brushes, combs or sleeping bags with other children. Individuals become infested with lice by coming into close contact (usually head-to-head contact) with an lice-infested person, by wearing infested garments, by using infected combs and brushes, or by lying on infested carpets, beds, or upholstered furniture that have recently been used by an infested person.

We strongly urge all parents to read about head lice and inspect the hair and scalp of their children regularly. Please contact the school if you discover that your child has lice. The Boyertown Area School District trust that with the school and home working cooperatively, head lice can be kept under control with minimal inconvenience to our students and their families. More information on head lice is available on the BASD website at <http://www.boyertownasd.org/> under Departments, Student Services, Health or from the school nurse. Please help us prevent head lice by following the policy and checking your children often.

