

**Earl Elementary School
Boyertown Area School District**

Mrs. Rachel Franco, Principal

Late Autumn 2019



November Calendar of Events

- 11/1 – PTO Fall Classroom Parties, 2:30 p.m.
- 11/3 - Daylight Saving Time Ends (set clocks back 1 hour)
- 11/5 – **Early Dismissal, 12:30 p.m.** (AM Kindergarten session 8:30-10:30 a.m., PM Kindergarten session 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)
- 11/6 – 3rd Grade Music Concert @ Middle School West, 7 p.m. (dress rehearsal during school hours)
- 11/8 - PTO Basket Party @ Morningstar Church (doors open at 5 p.m., raffle begins at 7 p.m.)
- 11/11 – PTO Meeting, 5:45 p.m.
- 11/15 – End of 1st Trimester
- 11/21 – Parent-Teacher conferences (by appointment) 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- 11/22 – 4th & 5th Grade to PA Philharmonic Concert @ Middle School West (9:30-11:30 a.m.)
- 11/25 – **Early Dismissal, 12:30 p.m.** (AM Kindergarten session 8:30-10:30 a.m., PM Kindergarten session 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
Parent-Teacher conferences (by appointment) 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- 11/26 - **Early Dismissal, 12:30 p.m.**
School Board Meeting @ BASH New Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- 11/27 – **Early Dismissal, 12:30 p.m.**
- 11/28 – **Holiday, No School, Office Closed**
- 11/29 – **Holiday, No School, Office Closed**

December Calendar of Events

- 12/2 – **Holiday, No School**, Office open from 7 a.m.-12 noon, 12:30-3:30 p.m.
- 12/5 – Senior Band & Orchestra Concert @ BASH New Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- 12/6 – PTO Craft Night and Santa Shoppe, 5-8 p.m.
- 12/9 – PTO Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 12/11 – Grades 4 & 5 Holiday Choral Concert @ BASH New Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- 12/19 – PTO Classroom Holiday Parties, 2:30 p.m.
- 12/20 – **Early Dismissal, 12:30 p.m.** (AM Kindergarten session 8:30-10:30 a.m., PM Kindergarten session 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
- 12/23 – 1/1/20 – **Holiday, No School, Office Closed**



Principals' Note

It's hard to believe that the first trimester of the school year is coming to a close! Staff and students have worked hard to start the year off on a positive note. As a school community, we have focused on the theme *Be Kind* this trimester. We had a kick-off assembly to introduce our trimester 1 theme where I read the book "We're All Wonders", which emphasizes the importance of accepting others no matter how they may look. The students had follow-up activities in the classroom to discuss what bullying looks like and how to respond to it. We also used this time to recognize Pediatric Cancer Awareness.

At Earl, we will continue to build on the life lesson of *Be Kind* but will also add a new theme for second trimester - *Be Helpful*. Throughout this trimester, we will highlight ways students can be helpful in their school and surrounding community. We will look for ways to help ourselves and others be the best we can be! Please talk with your child about ways he/she can show kindness and helpfulness at home and in his/her daily activities!

Great Pumpkin Contest/Food Drive

We have gotten a head start on our trimester 2 theme! Earl students and parents have recognized the need for student involvement in community service. The Great Pumpkin Contest/Canned Food Drive serves as a testament to our students' commitment to community service. Sponsored by the Student Council, students collected items to be donated to the Boyertown Area Multi-Service to benefit needy citizens in our community. The students collected a total of 660 food items! Your donations will make the holiday season a little better for many needy citizens of our community.

Blue Star Mothers of America

The students also participated in a Halloween candy collection for Blue Star Mothers of America. Blue Star Mothers are moms whose child/children are currently serving or whom have served in our US Military. The students at Earl collected 117 lbs. of candy! The candy will be sent to our deployed troops throughout the holiday season. These donations will certainly put a smile on the faces of our troops!

PTO Basket Party

The PTO Basket Party was held at Morning Star Fellowship Church on Friday, Nov. 8th. The event was sold out, and it was a huge success! I greatly appreciate the hard work and dedication of our Earl PTO. A very special thank you goes out to all who donated baskets and prizes for the event.

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

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

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 \$1.00 per folder if you need a replacement.

COMMUNICATING DISMISSAL INFORMATION

If you need to communicate information regarding student dismissal, **please do not convey the information via e-mail.** Please call the school office at 610-369-7504 with the information. If a staff member is absent their e-mail cannot be accessed. There is always someone in the office to retrieve messages. Thank you!



END OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour. Daylight saving time ends on Sunday, November 3rd.

EARLY DISMISSALS

Please make a note that all scheduled elementary early dismissals throughout the school year are **12:30 p.m.**

The Kindergarten schedule is as follows on early dismissal days:

AM Kindergarten—8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

PM Kindergarten—10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

GIANT A+ SCHOOL REWARDS PROGRAM



With the start of a new school year comes another year of A+ School Rewards. Our school has the opportunity to earn cash through the Giant A+ School Rewards Program through 3/16/19. If you haven't done so already, all you have to do is log on to www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus and register. If you registered your card last year, you **DO NOT** need to re-register this year. You can visit the website to verify the correct school assignment. Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. Please be sure to register your card to benefit Earl Elementary School using ID #**26415**.

MUSIC PROGRAM REMINDER

Grade 3 Vocal Music Program

Where: Middle School West

When: Wednesday, November 6th

Start time: 7 p.m.

Report time: 6:45 p.m.

Grade 4 & 5 Choral Concert

Where: BASH New Auditorium

When: Wednesday, December 11th

Start time: 7 p.m.

Report time: 6:45 p.m.

Senior Band & Orchestra Concert

Where: BASH New Auditorium

When: Thursday, December 5th

Start time: 7 p.m.

TESTING INFORMATION

Please mark your calendars with the following:

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

PSSA Science will be given to students in grade 4. **Parents should make sure appointments are NOT scheduled during these time periods. Students will NOT be excused for “educational trips” during these testing periods.**



REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION

Student report cards for the 1st trimester will be distributed at parent/teacher conferences. If you do not have a parent/teacher conference scheduled, please contact your child's teacher to set up an appointment.

FROM THE DESK OF DR. GAUL, READING SPECIALIST



Learning to read is critical to your child's success in school. Reading skills need to become automatic so they can be applied to reading text in a variety of subject areas, including math, science, and social studies. During the early elementary school years, children learn HOW to read. Because reading is such a complex process, some children struggle learning the skills required to decode words and comprehend printed text. Parents play an important role in helping their children develop reading skills and in keeping their children interested in reading. Parents should show their children that reading is both pleasurable and informative. Parents serve as role models of reading. In other words, children benefit from seeing parents and other adults reading. Parents can also help by providing reading materials that are of interest and are enjoyable. Selecting books that focus on your child's interests and hobbies can motivate a reluctant reader. Parents can also involve children in activities that require reading such as following a recipe while cooking or identifying an insect that was found outside in a reference book. Finally, reading to your child often and regularly can foster a love of reading that will last a lifetime.