

**Earl Elementary School
Boyertown Area School District**

**Mrs. Rachel Franco
Spring 2020**



Calendar of Events

- 3/2 – 3/6 – Read Across America Week
3/2 – Dr. Seuss Spirit Week – Green Eggs and Ham – Wear something green
3/3 – Dr. Seuss Spirit Week – Oh, the Places You’ll Go! – Wear a shirt from your favorite place
3/4 – Dr. Seuss Spirit Week – Wacky Wednesday – Wear mismatched clothing
3/5 – Dr. Seuss Spirit Week – One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish – Wear red and/or blue
3/6 – Dr. Seuss Spirit Week – Fox in Socks – Wear crazy socks
3/9 – PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
3/13 – Report Card Distribution
3/18 – **Early Dismissal, 12:25 p.m.**
Kindergarten Launch @ Earl, 1:15 p.m. or 2:30 p.m.
3/23 – Spring Picture Day
- 4/2 – Kindergarten Launch Night Session @ GES 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.
Parent/Guardian Grade 5 to 6 transition meeting @ Middle School West, 7 p.m.
4/3 – New Student PTO Mixer 6:30 p.m.
4/6 – **Early Dismissal, 12:25 p.m.**
4/7 – 4/13 – **No School**, Spring Break, Office closed Friday, April 10th & Monday April 13th
4/14 – **Art Show, Community Market & Book Fair**, 5-8 p.m.
4/20 – PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
4/20 – 5/8 – PSSA Testing Window
4/20 – 4/24 – Student Council sponsored Penny Wars
- 5/1 – **Early Dismissal, 12:25 p.m.**
5/6 – 1st Grade Field Trip to Elmwood Zoo
2nd Grade Field Trip to Reading Museum
5/7 – Reading Olympics Competition, Twin Valley High School, 6-7:30 p.m.
5/11 – BASD Elementary Field Day @ Middle School East, 2:30-4 p.m. (inclement weather date 5/12)
PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
5/13 – 5th Grade Field Trip to Philadelphia
PTO Book Exchange, 2:30-3:15 p.m.
5/14 – 4th & 5th Grade Spring Chorus Concert, BASH
5/15 – Grandparents’ Day
5/20 – New Student Visits (during school hours)
5/22 – The Brain Show Assemblies sponsored by the Earl PTO (during school hours)
5/25 – **Holiday, No School, Office Closed**
5/29 – Grade 5 Recognition & Class Picnic, 9:30 a.m.
- 6/2 – **Early Dismissal, 12:30 p.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.**
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 will soon introduce our trimester 3 theme 'Be Respectful'. We have completed a variety of school-wide activities centered on these themes and will continue to do so throughout the remainder of the school year. 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 21, 22, 23
- Grades 3-5 MATH PSSAs – April 27 & 28
- Grade 4 SCIENCE PSSAs – April 29 & 30

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 Monday, April 6 (early dismissal) through Monday, April 13. Students will return to school on Tuesday, April 14. 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 2020-2021

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, school 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.

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 2nd!**

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 2020-2021 school year for any district resident child that meets the age requirement of 5 years of age on or prior to September 1, 2020.

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 "Parents/Community," click on Registration.

All students entering Kindergarten are required to have a physical and dental examination. These exams must be completed after September 2, 2019 and no later than September 15, 2020.

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



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 Thursday, May 14th at 7 P.M. Students should arrive by 6:50 P.M. and wear "picture day" type clothing or red chorus T-shirts. They will be singing an assortment of music including folk songs, music by the Beatles and music from The Greatest Showman. See you there!

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 2020-2021 school year, online registration is currently available at the BASD website.

READING OLYMPICS 2019-2020

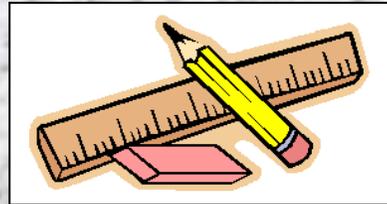
The competition will be held at Twin Valley High School on Thursday, May 7th, 6-7:30 p.m. Students will be bussed to and from the competition. Parents are invited to attend.



PSSA ASSESSMENTS

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