

Gilbertsville Elementary

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610-369-7485 (Main)

AttendanceGES@boyertownasd.org (Attendance Email)

www.boyertownasd.org

REMINDER: UPDATED ATTENDANCE POLICY

(as per the federal government's Every Student Succeeds Act)

1. Parents/guardians may send an email to attendanceGES@boyertownasd.org from the email address of the parent/guardian on file with the district by 9:00am on any day that their child will be absent or tardy. This form of communication will not need a phone call or follow-up hand written note.
 2. Parents/guardians may use the district website/app and fill out the absence note by 9:00am on any day that their child will be absent or tardy. This form of communication will not need a phone call or follow-up hand written note.
 3. Parents/guardians may call the attendance line at 610-369-7518 by 9:00am on any day that their child will be absent or tardy. However, absences must now also be followed up with a handwritten parent note or doctor's note within three days of the student's return to school. Failure to submit the appropriate note within three days will result in the absence being coded as unlawful, and this coding cannot be reversed even if a note is handed in after the three day window. Once a student has received three unlawful absences, a truancy elimination plan may be enacted. This plan could lead to a citation from the District Magistrate.
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January Happenings

- Jan. 2 – School resumes
- Jan. 8 – School Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Education Center
- Jan. 10 - Preschool Story Hour 11:00 am
- Jan. 11 – Wacky Hair Day
- Jan. 15 – Sr. Orchestra Rehearsal
- Jan. 17 - Spring after School Bowling begins
Jr. Band/Orchestra Rehearsal
- Jan. 21 – MLK Day - NO SCHOOL
- Jan. 22 – School Board Meeting – 6:30 – WES
- Jan. 24 - Preschool Story Hour 11:00 am
Sr. Band Rehearsal
- Jan. 25 – Family Movie Night
- Jan. 30 - Early Dismissal 12:30 pm
Sr. Orchestra Rehearsal

EARLY DISMISSAL – On January 30, we have a 12:30 p.m. early dismissal.

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.

INFORMATION FROM FOOD SERVICES - Deposits can be made to students' accounts by sending money to school in an envelope or paying online at www.ezschoollpay.com . If you are in need of a free or reduced lunch application, it can be found on the district website at <http://www.boyertownsd.org/Domain/40>

SNOW DAYS – On snow days, information about delays or cancellations will be provided through Blackboard Connect. You may also listen to one of the stations listed in the District Elementary School Handbook or call the district information line for specific information relating to weather. The phone number is 610-369-SNOW (-7669). Special announcements are also posted on the district website at <http://www.boyertownsd.org/>.

COLD WEATHER REMINDER – Parents, as the weather turns colder, please make sure your child is prepared to go outside for recess by dressing appropriately for the weather. Students will go outside unless there is inclement weather or the wind chill is below 19 degrees.

DELAYED OPENINGS – In the event of a 2-hr. delayed school opening, the following “Modified Schedule” is in effect for Kindergarten:

AM Session: 10:45 to 12:50 Bus pick-up is two hours later than normal. Students depart from school at approximately 12:40.

PM Session: 12:50 to 3:30 Regular bus schedule

This information is found in the District Elementary School Handbook.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP – Our Student Leadership will be collecting money and gift cards until January 11th to fill baskets for the HSA Basket Party. The classroom with the most donations by January 11th wins a party. The Basket Party supports Author Day, family events, the sound system and library books. Be sure to label your donation with your child's name and their teacher's name.

Kindergarten, 2nd Grade & 4th Grade - Gift card(s)

1st Grade, 3rd Grade & 5th Grade – Monetary Donations

Please bring all items to your classroom on or by January 11th.

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 registration information by January 14, 2019, please email the Student Registration office at basdregistration@boyertownsd.org with your child's name, date of birth, address, and contact phone number and email.

The SY 2019-2020 registration portal will not be available until January 2, 2019.

Note that although students entering kindergarten are required to have a physical and dental examination, these exams must be completed after September 1, 2018 and no later than September 16, 2019.

EDUCATIONAL TRIP FORMS – When filling out a request for an Educational Trip Form, please complete all information on the form including date, nature and location/destination of trip, and the educational benefits to be derived from the absence. Trip forms not fully completed will be returned for further information, which delays the approval process. Without an approved Educational Trip Form on file for your child's absence, your child will be marked Unlawful for any absence that was not a medical reason.

TESTING INFORMATION

Please mark your calendars with the following:

- ✓ PSSA (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment) will be given to students in grades 3, 4 and 5 from April 15– 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.

More Important News from the Nurse...

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 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.



JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST

All students in the Boyertown Area School District have the opportunity to purchase breakfast in the cafeteria each school day. Breakfast will be available from **8:25am to 8:45am**. The price for a student breakfast is **\$1.50** and **\$0.30** for reduced students.

Our breakfasts include a variety of healthy and tasty choices including such items as cereal, mini pancakes, mini waffles, breakfast sandwiches, muffins, cereal bars, fresh fruits, 100% juices and a variety of milk.

Students at the Elementary levels are required to select an Entrée and must take at least 1 serving of Fruit or Vegetable to make a breakfast. A total of 3 items must be taken to make a complete meal. Milk is included as part of the meal.

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Elementary Breakfast Menu 2018-2019

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.
Menus are subject to change.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choose 1 Entrée: A. Pillsbury Mini Pancakes B. Cereal Bar and Cheese Stick 	Choose 1 Entrée: A. Breakfast Wrap B. Assorted Cereal and Muffin 	Choose 1 Entrée: A. Breakfast Pizza B. Yogurt Parfait 	Choose 1 Entrée: A. Bacon, Egg & Cheese Sandwich B. Assorted Cereal and Whole Grain Pop Tart 	Choose 1 Entrée: A. Pillsbury Mini Waffles B. Assorted Cereal and Muffin
Sliced Apples Applesauce Assorted Juice Assorted Milk	Sliced Apples Peaches Assorted Juice Variety Milk	Sliced Apples Orange Slices Assorted Juice Variety Milk	Sliced Apples Applesauce Assorted Juice Variety Milk	Sliced Apples Banana Assorted Juice Variety Milk

DONT FORGET!
 Students MUST take an Entrée and MUST take at least 1 FRUIT or VEGGIES and at least 3 items total to count your breakfast as a complete meal!

Student Breakfast \$1.50

Reduced Breakfast \$0.30

Adult Breakfast \$3.00

Milk choices available
 1% White
 1% Chocolate
 1% Strawberry
\$0.60

Online Payment Service: Your child's school will accept online payments for school meals using ezSchoolpay.com. For more information and to register online, access the website at www.EZSchoolpay.com

The breakfast menu duplicates weekly throughout the year and can be located on the Boyertown Area School District website under Departments and Food Services.

*Late Starts – Breakfast will not be offered on mornings that there is a late start due to inclement weather.



Upcoming Special Events

Monday	February 4	HSA Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	February 6	Sr. Band Rehearsal	7:15 am
Thursday	February 7	Preschool Story Hour	11:00 am
Tuesday	February 12	School Board Meeting (Ed Center)	6:30 pm
Wednesday	February 13	Sr. Orchestra Rehearsal	7:15 am
		Early Dismissal	12:30 pm
Friday	February 15	Valentine's Party K, 2, 4	
Monday	February 18	President's Day-NO SCHOOL (Possible Snow Make-Up Day)	
Wednesday	February 20	Sr. Band Rehearsal	7:15 am
Thursday	February 21	Preschool Story Hour	11:00 am
Friday	February 22	Jr. Band/Orchestra Rehearsal	7:15 am
		Sweetheart Dance	6:30 pm
Tuesday	February 26	Sr. Orchestra Rehearsal	7:15 am
Thursday	February 28	End of 2 nd Trimester	
		Sr. Band Rehearsal	7:15 am