

Gilbertsville Elementary

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AttendanceGES@bovertownasd.org (Attendance Email)

www.bovertownasd.org

REMINDER: UPDATED ATTENDANCE POLICY

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

1. Parents/guardians may send an email to attendanceGES@bovertownasd.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.

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.



February Happenings

- Feb. 4 - HSA Meeting - 7:00 pm
- Feb. 6 – Sr Band Rehearsal
- Feb. 7 – Preschool Story Hour
11:00 am
- Feb. 12 – School Board Meeting –
Ed Center – 6:30 pm
- Feb. 13 – Sr Orchestra Rehearsal

12:30 Early Dismissal
- Feb. 15 - Valentine's Party (K,2,4)
- Feb. 18 – President's Day – No
School (possible Snow
Make-up Day)
- Feb. 20 – Sr Band Rehearsal
- Feb. 21 – Preschool Story Hour
11:00 am
- Feb. 22 – Jr Band/Orchestra
Rehearsal

Sweetheart Dance –
6:30 pm
- Feb. 26 – Sr. Orchestra Rehearsal

School Board Meeting
Colebrookdale – 6:30 pm
- Feb. 28 – End of 2nd Trimester

Sr Band Rehearsal

EARLY DISMISSAL – On February 13 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.

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. That phone number is 610-369-SNOW (-7669). Special announcements are also posted on the district website at <http://www.boyertownasd.org/>.

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 12:50.

PM Session: 12:50 to 3:30 - Regular Schedule

**This information is found in the District Elementary School Handbook.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION - Parents, please remember that clearances are required to volunteer at school. Forms can now be completed online and fingerprinting can be completed at the Education Center. Links are available on the district website at <http://www.boyertownasd.org/domain/887>. Parents who plan to participate in their child's field trip or volunteer at school must have up-to-date clearances. New volunteers must produce clearances that are less than one year old. Current volunteers must have clearances that are no more than five years old.

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@boyertownasd.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.



Souper Bowl of Caring

Bring nonperishable food items in on

February 1st

To help support The Salvation Army

Wear your favorite Team's Jersey/Hat



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) tests 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.

News from Mr.Horner

Hello from Mr. Horner, vocal music teacher at G.E.S. The 3rd Grade music program is coming up on Tuesday, March 19th from 7:00-7:35 p.m. in the gym! The purpose of this program is to demonstrate the musical skills and songs that we have learned throughout the year in music class, including "Do Re Mi" from the hit musical, "The Sound of Music"! Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. We will include the use of the rear playground for parking. Students should arrive at school between 6:30-6:50 p.m. and walk to my music room and then follow the signs to where your class will be waiting until the show starts. For our performances, all students should wear black or blue pants or jeans and your new black "GES" t-shirt which was purchased by our Gilbertsville HSA this year. We will also be performing during the school day on Tuesday, March 19th from 2:30-3:05 p.m. Please plan on attending the evening performance due to a limited amount of parking during the school day. Your child should be sure to wear their performance outfit to school on March 19th. I look forward to seeing you all!



Upcoming Special Events

March 1	Community Reader Day Yearbook Sale Begins	
March 4	HSA Meeting	7:00 pm
March 6	Spring Pictures/5 th Grade Group Photo Senior Band Rehearsal	
March 7	Preschool Story Hour	11:00 am
March 8	Jr. Band/Orchestra Rehearsal Read Across America Party (Grade 1)	
March 12	School Board Meeting – Education Center –	6:30 pm
March 14	Senior Orchestra Rehearsal	
March 15	Spring Basket Party at Morningstar Yearbook Sale Ends – FINAL ORDERS	
March 19	3 rd Grade Spring Concert	
March 20	12:30 Early Dismissal	
March 21	Sr Band Rehearsal Preschool Story Hour	11:00 am
March 26	Jr Band/Orchestra Rehearsal School Board Meeting – New Hanover Elementary –	6:30 pm
March 28	Grandparent's Day Sr. Orchestra Rehearsal	
March 30	Community Walk & Wellness Fair - BASH	