

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.
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.



April Happenings

April 3 – Senior Band Rehearsal

Middle School Transition
Assembly (During School
Hours)

April 4 – 2nd Grade Keeping
Touches Safe
Presentation (During
School Hours)

Preschool Story Hour 11:00
am

April 5 – Junior Band Rehearsal

April 9 – Senior Orchestra
Rehearsal

School Board Meeting –
Education Center – 6:30
p.m.

April 11 – Senior Band Rehearsal

April 15 – Junior Band/Orchestra
Rehearsal

April 16 – 12:30 Early Dismissal

April 17-22 – Spring Break

April 19 - Spring Family Fun Night

April 23 - School Board Meeting –
GES – 6:30 p.m.

April 24-26 - PSSA ELA Gr. 3-5

April 26 – Senior Band Rehearsal

April 29-30 – PSSA Math Gr. 3-5

EAST PARENT/GUARDIAN WELCOME TO GRADE 6 NIGHT – On Thursday, April 11, 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. See you in the MS East Auditorium at 7:00 PM on April 11!

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, school counselor, and the principal. Additional personnel, such as the remediation 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 12th. Letters that include specific teacher names and/or are received after April 12th 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.

TESTING INFORMATION –

Please mark your calendars with the following:

- PSSA (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment) ELA will be given to students in grades 3, 4, and 5 from April 24-26, 2019.
- PSSA Math will be given to students in grades 3, 4 and 5 from April 29-30, 2019.
- PSSA Science will be given to students in grade 4 from May 1-2, 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.

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.

More Important News from the Nurse...

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 **2018-19 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 2019-20 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 7th or at the beginning of the 2019-20 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.

News from the Art Room...

Second Trimester Art Highlights:

Fifth grade students created an animal face from clay, and then painted it using tempera paint. They drew a parrot and made a value scale on its wing using a colored pencil. The value scale showed the transition from the lightest version of the color to the darkest. They finished their Zentangle designed positive and negative space leaves and started their African Kente Cloth looms to create a weaving.

In fourth grade, students drew a toucan and mixed tints and shades using oil pastels to create a value scale on the toucan's beak. They learned how to build a clay vase by using the coiling technique. They also glazed their clay, so once fired in the kiln the glaze turned into shiny colorful glass.

Third grade students explored symmetry in art by creating a carbon transfer sun and coloring it using oil pastels. They built and glazed a clay flower shaped bowl. They made beautiful warm and cool colored marker landscapes focusing on foreground, middle ground, and background.

In second grade, students built owls from clay and decorated them with oil pastels and black watercolor paint to create a textured appearance. Students learned about two-dimensional art and three-dimensional art by creating a lion's face. They used special paper folding techniques to make the lion's mane look 3D. They started their African weavings in which they will turn the weaving into an animal's face.

First grade students enjoyed learning about the artist Piet Mondrian, the importance of the primary colors, and how to color in the lines with the broad side of a marker. They received the chance to get their hands dirty by working with clay to build a snake. They also learned about the importance of an illustrator, and how an illustrator and the author work together to create a book. Lastly, they got some extra practice with using watercolor paints, tracing, cutting, and gluing.

Art Show Reminder:

The 2019 Fine Arts Night will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at Gilbertsville Elementary. Please come to join us in celebrating the GES students' beautiful art talents and all their hard work throughout the school year! Students who attend the art show after school will be able to take their clay piece home that night. If students do not attend, then they will receive their clay in art class on a later date before the end of the school year. Please look forward to your child bringing home the rest of his or her artwork once the art show is taken down!

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 **\$.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.

Boyertown Area School District

Elementary Breakfast Menu 2018-2019

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

DON'T FORGET!
Students **MUST** pick 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
\$.30

Adult
Breakfast
\$2.00

Milk choices available

FF White
1% White
1% Chocolate
1% Strawberry

\$.60

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

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(1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

(2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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Upcoming Special Events

May 1-2	PSSA Science Gr. 4	
May 1	Junior Orchestra Rehearsal	
	Junior & Senior Band Dress Rehearsal	
May 2	Junior & Senior Band Concert	7:00 pm
May 3	12:30 Early Dismissal	
	Senior Orchestra Rehearsal	
May 6-10	GES Staff Appreciation Week	
May 6	Elementary District Field Day	
	Junior & Senior Orchestra Dress Rehearsal	
	HSA Meeting/Volunteer Appreciation	7:00 pm
May 7	5 th Grade Middle School Tour (During school hours)	
	Jr/Sr Orchestra Concert	7:00 pm
May 9	Preschool Story Hour	11:00 am
May 10	Post PSSA Party Gr. 3-5	
May 14	Grade 5 Field Trip to Philadelphia	
	School Board Meeting – Education Center	6:30 pm
May 16	Art Show, Book Fair & Gr. 4-5 Chorus Concert	
May 17	Fun Fair	
May 21	Grade 2 Field Trip to Longwood Gardens	
	School Board Meeting – Middle School West	6:30 pm
May 23	Grade 4 Field Trip to Harrisburg	
	Last Day of Bowling	
	Preschool Story Hour	11:00 am
May 24	5 th Grade Awards Program	9:00 am
May 27	Memorial Day-NO SCHOOL	
May 29	Grade 1 Field Trip to Parkland High School	
May 30	Grade 3 Field Trip to Lehigh Valley Zoo	
May 31	End of Year Celebration Grade 5	