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NHUF Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Throughout the school year, I will be offering four Parent/Principal Coffees. The purpose of these meetings is for parents to have the opportunity to meet with me to discuss items going on at school, to have questions answered and concerns addressed. It is a great opportunity for us to have a dialogue about how to improve the education of our students. All meetings will begin at 9:00 AM and will be in the conference room. The dates for this year are October 25, December 10, February 22 and May 8. I will send out reminders the week prior to each meeting. I hope to see you there.

FALL HARVEST PARADE

All NHUF students (including 5th grade) will participate in a costume parade on **Wednesday, October 31st** at 2:15 PM. Costumes should be restricted to "happy" type characters, i.e. storybook or cartoon characters. NO toy weapons, blood, gore, or excessively grotesque costumes will be permitted. No visiting adults will be permitted to parade in costume or enter classrooms. Pre-approved parent helpers must secure visitor badges to enter classrooms for the social activities.

FIRE PREVENTION DAY ACTIVITIES

On October 11th crews of volunteer firefighters from Upper Frederick and New Hanover Fire Companies will be at NHUF for fire prevention training assemblies. A big thank you to our volunteer firefighters for your time!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct 2 Parent Visitation Day
- 3 After School Bowling Begins
- 5 Mrs. Wishy Washy Day - Kindergarten
- 8 NO SCHOOL - Staff Development - Office Open
- 9 School Board Meeting - 6:30 PM - Education Center
- 10 EARLY DISMISSAL 12:30 PM
- 11 Fire Prevention Day
Pizza Hut Night - PTCA
- 17 NPFH Ventriloquist Assemblies
- 19 Fall Fest - PTCA - 5:30 PM
- 23 School Board Meeting - 6:30 PM - BASH
- 25 Parent/Principal Coffee - 9:00 AM
- 27 Reading Royals Night - PTCA - 7:00 PM
- 31 Fall Harvest Parade - 2:15 PM

EARLY DISMISSALS

The Boyertown Area School District will have early dismissals on the following dates:

- October 10, 2018
- November 19, 20, 21, 2018
- December 21, 2018
- January 30, 2019
- February 13, 2019
- March 20, 2019
- April 16, 2019
- May 3, 31, 2019
- June 3, 4, 5, 2019

Student in Grade 1-5 will be dismissed at 12:30 PM.

**AM Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 10:25 AM.
PM Kindergarten will arrive at 10:25 AM and be dismissed at**

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

If your son/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!

An email to the building attendance line: attendanceNHUF@boyertownasd.org

The email must be sent from an account on file with the school.

Filling out an attendance form on the district website www.boyertownasd.org.

Click on the "Parents/Community" tab

Click on "Forms"

Click on "Attendance-Absence Excuses"

Scroll down to choose "New Hanover Elementary School"

Complete the Form then hit "Submit"

You may still call the attendance line but you **MUST** send in a handwritten note 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 BEFORE the trip.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The link for the 2018-2019 District Calendar is located on the NHUF website's home page. Click on the link *2018-2019 Student Calendar*. This calendar has important dates such as early dismissals, holidays, PSSA testing dates and conferences. To view the New Hanover Elementary calendar, click on Select School, New Hanover Elementary, and View Calendar.

TARDY STUDENTS

Attendance at school is important. This includes arriving **on time** in order to be ready to start each school day properly. School begins each day at **8:45 AM**. Any student being transported by private vehicle who arrives after 8:45 AM will be considered tardy.

He/she must report to the office with the transporting adult before going to the classroom. The adult will need to complete an excuse form indicating the reason for the tardiness.

STUDENT DROP OFF REMINDER

Please remember that students can be dropped off by the gymnasium between **8:25—8:45 AM**. Students should not be dropped off at the Visitor's Door entrance. Students will not be permitted in the building before 8:25 AM as there will be no adult supervision. Any questions or concerns, please contact the office. Thank you for your cooperation.

ATTENTION FAMILIES ENROLLED IN EXPRESS PICK-UP

On early dismissal days, express pick-up will still be offered to your families. If your child will NOT be using express pick-up on early dismissal days, please send a note to school letting the teacher and office know that they will be using the bus. If we do not receive a note, we will assume that your child should be express pick-up that day and will not send them home on the bus. Thank you for your cooperation.

TRANSPORTATION CONCERNS

Please contact Mr. Steve Missimer at the transportation office for any bussing concerns. Mr. Missimer can be reached at 610-473-3472 or through his secretary at 610-473-3473. A reminder that a request for transportation deviation form must be completed for bus route/bus stop changes each year. Please allow four (4) working days for requests to be processed. Bus passes will be limited to emergency purposes only. An emergency is defined as an uncontrollable, nonrecurring event.

Bus transportation deviation forms are needed for scheduled and unscheduled early dismissals if your child needs special bussing arrangements on those days.

CUSTODY INFORMATION

Please notify the school office if there are changes to your child's custody that restricts one biological parent's access to school records or to the child. Parents must supply a copy of the court order that outlines the restrictions.

NHUF PARENT VISITATION DAY

We will be hosting a parent visitation day this year on Tuesday, October 2, 2018. You are cordially invited to visit in our classrooms to observe a portion of a school day. An invitation was sent home with your child. Please check your schedules and indicate the session you plan on attending by returning the bottom portion of the invitation to your child's teacher.

In order that the day be as routine as possible, the staff and I ask you to adhere to the following requests:

- The Visitor Door (Door #2) by the office will be the only door parents may enter.
- For security reasons, please check in at the reception table(s) before proceeding to your child's class.
- Enter the classroom quietly and without knocking.
- Limit your visitation to one room and one session.
- Do not converse with children or other parents during the visit unless invited to by the teacher.
- No individual parent-teacher conferences will be held during visitation.
- **Younger siblings are not permitted to attend.**
- Limit your visitation to the classrooms of your child/children.
- Turn off cell phones, pagers or other disruptive devices.
- All parents are asked to leave at the conclusion of their session. Students should remain at school until regular dismissal time.

We hope you will be able to attend one of the sessions to see your child in his/her classroom environment. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or myself.

Sincerely,



Mr. Brian J. Rohn
Principal

SECURITY AND SIGN IN PROCEDURES

In order to enter the school, all visitors are required to buzz the office by pushing the silver button located to the left of the visitor door. Once you are buzzed into the building, please report to the office to sign in and pick up a visitor or volunteer badge. **Deliveries of any kind (forgotten homework, birthday treats, lunches) are to be made directly to the office only, not to the classroom.**

EDUCATIONAL TRIP FORMS

When planning a family trip, even for one day, please refer to the Elementary Handbook. It is very important to remember that an educational trip form **must be submitted to the building principal at least two (2) days prior to the trip.** Educational trip forms can be obtained in the office or on the NHUF webpage/Parents-Community/Forms. Please note that although permitted, we do not encourage absence from school. Educational trips will not be approved during any standardized achievement tests, i.e., PSSA.

PSSA TESTING

PSSA testing will occur during the weeks of April 15th - May 3rd. ELA and Math will be given to students in grades 3-5. PSSA Science will be given to students in grade 4. **Parents should make sure appointments are NOT scheduled during these time periods. Educational trips will not be approved during these testing periods.**

STAFF DIRECOTRY

Please refer to the staff directory on the district website. Select NHUF Elementary/Our School/ Building Staff. When calling a staff member's direct line between the school hours of 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM, you will be prompted to leave a voice mail for teachers so that classroom instruction is not interrupted. For immediate assistance, call the school office.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

This year Parent/Teacher Conferences for the first trimester will be held on the following dates:

Thursday, November 15th 4:30-7:30 PM

Monday, November 19th 1:00-3:00 and 4:30-7:30 PM (Early Dismissal 12:30 PM)

Tuesday, November 20th 1:00-3:00 PM (Early Dismissal 12:30 PM)

THE LATEST FROM THE LIBRARY

Thank You

Thank you to our New Hanover families for such strong support of our optional Birthday Books Program. The students will enjoy the new books this year!

Tissues Needed

Many parents donated tissues for homeroom classes. If you have a box to spare for the library, we would appreciate it.

First Trimester

Our year is off to a good start! Please read below to find out what students are learning in Grades 1-5. Our kindergarteners are learning about how our library works and how to take good care of books.

Grade 5

- I CAN explain ways to deal with cyberbullying.
- I CAN explain copyright, fair use, and the rights I have as a digital creator

Grade 4

- I CAN explain the difference between harmless and harmful communication online.
- I CAN avoid plagiarism by citing sources.

Grade 3

- I CAN compare and contrast online-only friends and in-person, face-to-face pals.
- I CAN define plagiarism and its consequences.

Grade 2

- I CAN explain why my personal information should not be given to anyone online.
- I CAN define the word "credit" and list some reasons why credit is important for an author.

Grade 1

- I CAN follow directions when using the library.
- I CAN define the word "author".

HEALTH ROOM NEWS

Physical & Dental Exams: All State-mandated Kindergarten and 3rd Grade private dental exam forms and all Kindergarten private physical exam forms are due now. If you have an upcoming appointment, please notify the health room of the appointment and we will make note of the date in your child's record.

Cold weather: Please remind your children to dress appropriately for outdoor recess. Also, October is the official start of the cold and flu season. Please remind your children to wash their hands often to prevent the spread of colds/flu at home and in our classrooms.

Medication at school: Please see the BASD medication policy in the BASD handbook or on the BASD website to review the policy if your child needs to take any medications during school hours. **Your child may receive medications in school daily or as needed during school if the medication policy is followed: Complete a Medication Authorization form to be signed by the guardian and the prescribing physician; the medication is to be hand delivered by a parent/guardian or designated adult; the medication, whether over-the-counter or prescription, must be in its original container and labeled with the child's name, drug name, dosage, and time to be given in school. Medication forms are available on the BASD Web site at <http://www.boyertownasd.org/> via link Services - student services - health: medication or by request from the health room. Please contact the health room if you have any questions.**

Mandated health screenings: Students in grades K-5 have their annual state mandated health screenings from now through December. A team will check each student's height, weight and vision; students in grades K-3 will also have hearing screenings. Once all students have been screened, a "Screening Notification Letter" with the results of your child's screenings will be mailed to parents/guardians. It will be mailed after the New Year. If your child has failed a screening, a referral will be sent home for you to follow with a private physician.

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 lice 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 Services, Student Services, Health or from the school nurse. Please help us prevent head lice by following the policy and checking your children often.

Reminder: Anytime you have phone number changes, either at home, work, or for an alternate, please notify the main office or health room in writing so we can keep your child's emergency contact information current.

CHORUS NEWS FROM MRS. GALLAGHER

Thank you to all the 4th and 5th grade parents who have returned chorus T-shirt money. If you have misplaced the envelope with the order form, please visit my website, print out the form, and return it to school with your payment. Here are directions to the form.

<http://mrsgallaghersmusicclass.weebly.com>

Click on the RESOURCES tab

Click on CHORUS T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

I would like to make the order in the middle of October so the **FINAL DEADLINE** for handing in money is **Monday, October 8th**.

Also, I would appreciate if you take a few minutes to fill out a CHORUS GOOGLE FORM on my website. Here are directions for you.

<http://mrsgallaghersmusicclass.weebly.com>

It is right on the home page labeled “Chorus Form” in white lettering.

The kids have been doing an AWESOME JOB at rehearsals so far. I’ve been so impressed with their hard work. Our concerts are going to be so much fun. Please put the Holiday Concert Date of **Monday, December 17th at 7:00PM** on your calendars. The concert will be at Boyertown Senior High School.

ART NEWS

Dear Parents,

Below you will find the first trimester statements your child will be evaluated on for their first quarter report card.

1st Grade:

I can identify horizontal, vertical, and diagonal lines.

I can identify geometric and organic shapes.

I can cut on a line.

I can trace an object.

I can identify a pattern.

2nd Grade:

I can mix secondary colors using primary colors.

I can clean up my workspace.

I can fill in a field with markers using broad strokes.

3rd Grade:

I can identify warm and cool colors.

I can create symmetry in a work of art.

4th Grade:

I can mix tertiary colors.

5th Grade:

I can identify positive and negative space in a work of art.

I can arrive at a finished idea using thumbnail sketches.

6th Grade:

I can use texture in a work of art.

I can create a block print.

Students are busy in art class. They are beginning their projects for the art fundraiser, which is taking place in November, with the company Art to Remember. Students can get their artwork printed on a variety of items.

For parents of new students to the art room, do not be alarmed if you do not get any of your child’s art projects. I keep them stored safely in the art room. On Thursday, April 25th, 2018, the school is open to the community for the Spring Arts Festival. The artwork is hung in the hallways and in the students classrooms. It is a wonderful opportunity for the family to come out, support your child(ren)’s artistic achievements.

Lastly, if you want to keep up with what your child is doing in art class, please feel free to visit the “Art Room News” website. It can be found by clicking on “Robbins, Jana” on the NHUF teacher directory.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jana Robbins