



Pine Forge Elementary School

March 2019

Mrs. Kelly Mason, Principal

EVENTS

- 3/4** End of Trimester
- 3/11** PFES PTA
Parent/Community Forum
Multi-purpose room 6:30 PM
- 3/12** School Board Meeting
Ed. Center 6:30 PM
- 3/13** Report Card Distribution
- 3/15** Spring Picture Day
- 3/20** **Early Dismissal**
12:25 PM
- 3/26** School Board Meeting
NHUF 6:30 PM

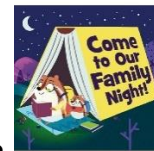
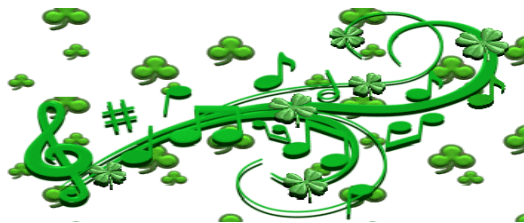
YEARBOOK

It's never too early to order your yearbook. We are going paperless, so the **ONLY** way to order is by going to this address:

www.ybpay.liftouch.com

Pine Forge Elementary School

Yearbook ID Code ([1025419](#))



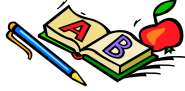
BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be here again from April 8th to 12th. with a special opportunity for parents to shop with their children on April 11th between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. That night will also be the art show and PTA ice cream social. Enjoy the terrific art creations and then stop by the library and shop the fair for some exciting new books. Finish off the night by enjoying some ice cream. If you are unable to join us on the 11th, you are able to shop on-line. We will still receive credit for those sales to benefit our library program. We thank you for your support of the Pine Forge Library.

PTA BASKET RAFFLE



The annual Pine Forge Basket Raffle will be held on Friday, March 22, 2019. This year's event will be held at Morningstar Fellowship in Bechtelsville. Please join us for an evening of fun festivities.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2019-2020

Online Kindergarten Registration Now Available

The Boyertown Area School District is announcing kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year.

Information packets were recently mailed in to each resident with a child who will reach 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2019. If you or someone you know has a child that meets the age requirement and has not received a packet; please contact the district office to obtain a registration packet.

Kindergarten registration can be completed online at <https://www.boyertownasd.org/Page/5683>. If you do not have access to a computer or tablet, you can visit your local library or utilize the kiosk at the Education Center in Boyertown.

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 15, 2019.

Please contact the Student Registration Office at 610-369-7492 or email cbartholomew@boyertownasd.org if you do not receive a packet or have questions or concerns regarding this process.

2019 – 2020 STUDENT CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

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, guidance 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 15, 2019. Letters that include specific teacher names and/or are received after April 15, 2019 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.

HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS



DEVELOPING DURING THE NIGHT

Heavy snowfall or other serious weather conditions may make it necessary to close schools, delay openings or dismiss early. In such cases, the following media locations will broadcast the information.

Radio

93.5 WSBG-FM Stroudsburg

96 WCTO-FM Allentown
 99.9 WODE-FM Allentown
 100.7 WLEV-FM Allentown
 102.5 WRFY-FM Reading
 104 WAEB-FM Allentown
 105.1 WIOV-FM Reading
 105.5 WMGH-FM Tamaqua
 107.1 WWYY-FM Allentown
 107.5 WFKB-FM Reading
 790 WAEB-AM Allentown
 830 WEEU-AM Reading
 1060 KYW-AM (District #893) Philadelphia
 1160 WBYN-AM Boyertown
 1240 WIOV-AM Reading
 1340 WRAW-AM Reading
 1370 WPAZ-AM Pottstown
 Television
 CBS3 – TV Philadelphia
 WCAU-TV – NBC 10 Philadelphia
 WFMZ-TV–Channel 69 Allentown
 WPVI-TV6 Philadelphia
 Websites
www.wfmz.com
www.wzzo.com
www.fox1470.com



DURING THE DAY

When weather conditions warrant doing so, a decision to close schools will be made as soon as possible. Junior high school students will be dismissed, followed by the senior high school students. Elementary school students will be dismissed as soon as the buses arrive. In some instances, the school district may reverse this procedure by allowing the elementary students to be dismissed first. In either case, announcements will be made that will detail the plan. Afternoon kindergarten classes will not meet on days when schools are dismissed on the above schedule. When school is closed, all school and community activities in district buildings are canceled.

TESTING INFORMATION

Please mark your calendars with the following:

PSSA (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment) will be given 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.**



LOST AND FOUND

Please check with your child to see if he/she is missing any items (coats, hats, lunch bags, etc.) Have your child check the large container in the multi-purpose room for any missing items.



FIELD TRIP CHAPERONES

When a field trip is planned, the school nurse identifies students who will require medical management during the trip. Per BASD guidelines, teachers must first ask the parents of these students to chaperone. **If the parent cannot attend the field trip, they are permitted to send a designee on the trip to manage their child’s medical needs.**

Other parents will be asked to chaperone as needed. Some trips have limited space, so at times we are not able to include all parents who would like to attend. We also require all field trip chaperones to have their current PA Criminal Record Background Check, Child Abuse History Check and the FBI fingerprint requirement clearances on file. We appreciate your ongoing support and understanding in this matter.



NEWS FROM THE NURSE

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, NEXT 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, 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.

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 infested 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.

Kindergarten registration: will be open enrollment, see BASD website for further information. The State requires proof of immunization for entry into school. If you will be registering your child for Kindergarten, please remember to bring a copy of their immunizations with you. **We still will need a copy if you complete your registration on line.**

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has issued new immunization requirements effective August 1, 2017. **Therefore, on the first day of school, your child must have all completed immunizations or a medical plan indicating the completion of the immunization series within the first five days of school or risk exclusion. Please note those immunizations that need only one dose must be completed by the first day of school.** Your Certified School Nurse will contact you if your child requires further immunizations to meet the new state requirements. Please also consult your child's Pediatrician.

- 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis*
(1 dose on or after the 4th birthday)
- 4 doses of polio (4th dose on or after 4th birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given)**
- 2 doses of measles, mumps, rubella***
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity

**Usually given as DT P or DTaP or if medically advisable, OT or Td*

*** A fourth dose is not necessary if the third dose was administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose*

****Usually given as MMR*

7TH Grade Entry:

- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) **by the first day.**
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) **by the first day.**

Please contact your health care provider or the Pennsylvania Department of Health at 1-877-PA-HEALTH (1-877-724-3258). Vaccine information can be found at: www.dontwaitvaccinate.pa.gov Pennsylvania's school immunization requirements can be found in 28 Pa. CODE CH.23 (School Immunization).