



April 2019

Mrs. Kelly Mason, Principal

EVENTS

- 4/9 School Board Meeting
6:30 PM Ed. Center
- 4/11 Art Show & Book Fair
- 4/15 Spring Chorus Concert
7 PM BASH
- 4/16 EARLY DISMISSAL
12:25 PM**
- 4/17 NO SCHOOL**
- 4/18 NO SCHOOL**
- 4/19 NO SCHOOL**
- 4/22 NO SCHOOL**
- 4/23 School Board Meeting
6:30 PM GES



GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Grandparents' Day will be held on Friday, May 10, 2019. The purpose of this day is to show our grandparents a typical school day and the wonderful educational opportunities at Pine Forge Elementary. A letter inviting grandparents will be sent home soon. Remember that parents' visitation day is in the fall, so we discourage parents from visiting on this special day reserved for the grandparents of our students.



MUSIC NEWS

Attention 4th and 5th Grade Chorus Parents!

We will be having our spring concert at Boyertown Area Senior High on April 15th at 7 PM.

Students should arrive and meet on stage at 6:45 PM and wear their red chorus shirts and black or dark bottoms (pants or skirts). See you there!



ART NEWS

The Pine Forge Art Show and Book Fair is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2019. Please stop by to see all of the fabulous art!

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.**



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.



LIBRARY NEWS

Don't forget to visit the Spring Book Fair on April 11th from 5 to 8 pm! We will have a wide selection of books available, along with examples of student work. We hope to see you there!



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.

BASD Summer Camps are BACK! J

We are happy to once again offer several enrichment and academic camp opportunities this summer.

Camps will be held Mondays through Thursdays at various locations throughout the district as listed in the catalog.

You can access the Summer Camp Catalog on the main BASD webpage.

Please note that camps will only be offered if sufficient enrollment occurs. (roughly 10 students) If a camp is cancelled your fees will be returned.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Cheri Cronrath in the Office of Teaching and Learning at 610-369-7403.



NEWS FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

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

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.



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.

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. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.