



November 2019

Mrs. Kelly Mason, Principal

EVENTS

- 11/1 Parent Visitation Day
- 11/6 3rd Grade Concert
Middle School West 7:00 PM
- 11/21 Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/22 5th Grade to PA Philharmonic Symphony at MSW
- 11/25 EARLY DISMISSAL 12:25 PM**
Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/26 EARLY DISMISSAL 12:25 PM**
Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/26 School Board Meeting
BASH 6:30 PM
- 11/27 EARLY DISMISSAL 12:25 PM**
- 11/28 NO SCHOOL**
- 11/29 NO SCHOOL**
- 12/02 NO SCHOOL**

EARLY DISMISSALS

School will be **dismissed at 12:25 PM** on the following days:

- Monday, November 25, 2019
- Tuesday, November 26, 2019
- Wednesday, November 27, 2019

KINDERGARTEN SCHEDULE

EARLY DISMISSALS

- AM Kindergarten – 8:45 – 10:25 AM
- PM Kindergarten – 10:25 – 12:25 PM

LOOKING AHEAD

- Parent/Teacher Conferences:*
- Thursday, November 21, 2019
4:30 – 7:30 pm
 - Monday, November 25, 2019
4:30 – 7:30 pm
 - Tuesday, November 26, 2019
1:00 – 4:00 pm



REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION

Report cards for the first trimester will be distributed to parents at the scheduled parent conferences.

PARENT VISITATION DAY

Parent Visitation Day will be held on Friday, November 1, 2019.



The purpose of this day is to strengthen the home/school connection and for parents to experience the programs taking place at PFES. Please check the information that was sent home last month.



SNOW DAYS

On snow days, information about delays or cancellations will be provided via the **Infinite Campus Messenger System**. You may also call the district information line at 610-369-7669 for specific information relating to weather. Special announcements are also posted on the district website at <http://www.boyertownasd.org>.

DELAYED OPENINGS

If there is a two-hour delay, AM Kindergarten will be bused to school with grades 1 – 5 and will remain at school until the PM Kindergarten students arrive (approximately 12:40 PM.) The AM Kindergarten classes will be transported home approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes later than normal. PM Kindergarten will have a regular schedule with dismissal at closing time.

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.

TESTING INFORMATION

Please mark your calendars with the following: **PSSA** (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment) will be given from April 20 – May 8, 2020. **Parents should make sure appointments are NOT scheduled during these time periods. Students will NOT be excused for “educational trips” during these testing periods.**

Attendance Reminder

Good attendance is critical for student success in the Boyertown Area School District.

When a student must miss school, a written excuse signed by a parent/guardian must be presented to the front office within three days after the student returns after an absence. A written excuse is defined as a handwritten note, electronic communication/email or absence excuse form submitted at the school's website. The reason for an absence determines if absence is excused or unexcused. All other absences are coded as unlawful.

Below is the link to the BASD attendance page. There you will find easy links to submit any of the electronic forms of “written” excuse blanks.

<https://www.boyertownasd.org/Page/5317>



NEWS FROM THE HEALTH ROOM *Health Screening Notification Letters*

Health Screening Notification letters will be mailed to students' parents/guardians. The letter contains the results of your child's annual health screenings. Parents/guardians of students that failed a vision or hearing screening at school will be contacted by the school nurse and referred for further medical evaluation; referral letters for an MD to complete at that evaluation will be sent home with the students. If you have not been directly contacted by the school nurse, your child passed the screenings that were done for their grade.

Physical and Dental Exams

Parents of K/1 students: Physical exams are now due. Please return your child's physical form as soon as possible. If you need a new form, please contact the nurse's office or you may print a form from the district website at: www.boyertownasd.org and clicking on the Services tab and then clicking on student services.

Parents of K/1 and 3rd grade students -Dental exams are now due. If you have not yet submitted your child's dental report, please return it to the health room as soon as possible. If you are in need of a form, please contact the nurse's office or you may print a form from the district website at: www.boyertownasd.org and clicking on the Services tab and then clicking the student services tab.

Cold and Flu Season

As the cold and flu season begins, here are a few reminders:

Please remind your children to dress appropriately for outdoor recess.

Please remind your children to wash their hands often to prevent the spread of colds/flu at home and in our classrooms.

The BASD medication policy **does not allow elementary students** to use cough drops at school because they present a choking hazard. Students may gargle with saltwater or drink fluids during school hours to treat mild sore throat symptoms. Please consult your health care provider if your child has a severe sore throat or symptoms lasting more than 3 days.

Reminder: if your child needs medication during school hours, please review the BASD medication policy in the elementary school handbook or on the BASD website

at <http://www.boyertownasd.org/> under Services, Student Services, Health. **Students may not bring any medications to school.**

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

Cold Weather/Recess: Cold weather is finally here! Please make sure your child has the appropriate outerwear to sustain the weather conditions while out at recess. The health room does not supply coats, hats, mittens, sweatshirts, etc. for children to go to recess.

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST



All students in the Boyertown Area School District have the opportunity to purchase breakfast in the cafeteria each school day. The price for a student breakfast is **\$1.55** and **\$.30** for reduced paid student. Breakfast will be available during the following time each morning: **Elementary Schools 8:25am to 8:45am.** Our breakfasts include a variety of healthy and tasty choices including such items as cereal, mini pancakes, mini waffles, mini French toast, breakfast sandwiches, muffins, cereal bars, fresh fruits, 100% juices and a variety of milk. Students at the Middle School and 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. To see a complete listing of our menu offerings, which duplicate weekly throughout the year, please visit the Boyertown Area School District website and go to Departments and choose 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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