



December 2019

Mrs. Kelly Mason

EVENTS

- 12/02 Schools Closed/Office Open
- 12/03 School Board Meeting
(Reorganization)
Ed. Center 6:30 PM
- 12/05 Sr. Orchestra Concert
BASH 7:00 PM
- 12/06 PTA Movie Night
- 12/09 Holiday Shoppe
- 12/10 Holiday Shoppe
- 12/11 Chorus Concert (4th & 5th grade)
BASH 7:00 PM
- 12/20 EARLY DISMISSAL
12:25 PM**
- 12/23 – 1/1/19 NO SCHOOL**



SCHOOL CLOSED

School will be closed Monday, December 23, 2019 through Tuesday, January 1, 2020. School will reopen on Wednesday, January 2, 2020.

EARLY DISMISSALS

School will be **dismissed at 12:25 PM** on Friday, December 20, 2019.

KINDERGARTEN SCHEDULE

EARLY DISMISSALS

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



MIDDLE SCHOOL WEST HOLIDAY CONCERT

On December 19, 2019, grades 3–5 will be attending the Middle School West Holiday Sing Along.

PTA NEWS

PTA will hold a Holiday Shoppe on December 9th and 10th. Students will have a scheduled time during the day to purchase gifts for their family.



4th & 5th GRADE CHORUS CONCERT

The concert will be held at Boyertown Area Senior High on Wednesday, December 11th at 7:00 PM. Students in Chorus are to report to the High School at 6:45 PM.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH

Any parent or guardian who has undergone a recent financial change which may qualify them for the free or reduced lunch program should call the office for an application. Information is confidential.

Infinite Campus Messenger

Our **Infinite Campus** telephone messaging service enables us to deliver important school information in the event of any emergency, including weather delays or closings. With the **IC Messenger** service, we are able to send a personalized voice message to parent/guardians and families with one recorded phone message. It is important that the school office is updated with any change in contact telephone numbers so that you will not miss any important communications. We are utilizing your phone numbers from our student information.



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.b104.com

www.wzzo.com www.waeb.com

www.fox1470.com www.NBC10.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.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Parents are expected to anticipate early dismissal due to inclement weather and to make appropriate provisions for their children.

BASD INFORMATION LINE

By dialing 610-369-7669 or logging onto the district website (www.boyertownasd.org), parents/guardians will be informed of current information regarding the status of the district's schedule depending on conditions.

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.

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 on 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 NURSE

Health Screening Notification Letters

Health Screening Notification letters will be mailed to students' parents/guardians this month. 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 salt water or drink fluids during school hours to treat mild sore

throats 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.** Please consider getting your child chap-stick or Vaseline to use on their lips to prevent dryness and chapping. Encourage them to use it frequently.



Please consider the following when deciding if your child should be in school with an illness:

Occasionally, it may be necessary for a student to remain home from school due to illness. The following guidelines should be followed when determining if he/she should stay at home. Please consider the rest of the school population when making these decisions.

If your child experiences a bout of nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or fever or rash 24 hours prior to school; the student should stay at home and be watched for further symptoms. Fever is defined as a temperature 100° or above without the use of fever-reducing medication. The student's temperature should remain normal without the use of fever-reducing medication for 24 hours prior to returning to school.

It is advisable for the student to stay home from school if any of the following symptoms are exhibited: unusual skin eruptions, chills, discharge or redness of eye(s), or persistent cough.

Students should not be sent to school to be evaluated by the school nurse with an illness or injury that occurred at home. Any serious illness or injury occurring at home must be evaluated by the student's healthcare provider.



If your child was sent home from school the previous day for a fever or illness, they should remain home the following day.

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.

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.



4th and 5th Graders Ski Free!

Did you know that your 4th or 5th grader can ski free at many mountain slopes in Pennsylvania? By going online and registering for the Snowpass, your child will be able to ski free at 21 participating mountains with the purchase of an adult lift ticket. Visit www.skipa.com for more information.

Boyertown Area School District On-line Community Bulletin Board

Check out this link to find information regarding special events and activities around the Boyertown area.

<https://www.boyertownasd.org/Domain/1321>