



February 2020

Mrs. Kelly Mason, Principal

EVENTS

- 2/03 PTA Meeting 6:30 PM
- 2/08 Harlem Wizards Game 1:30 PM
BASH Bear Gym
- 2/12 Early Dismissal
12:25 PM**
- 2/22 PTA Movie Event 3:00 PM
State Theater
- 2/25 School Board Meeting
MSEast 6:30 PM
- 2/28 End of 2nd Trimester

- **Wait until bus comes to a complete stop. Never cross the street to a bus stop until bus has put its red lights on and crossing arm is extended.**
- **If you are late, never run after a moving bus! (be 5 minutes early)**

A more complete list of all transportation regulations can be found in the student handbook beginning on page 32.

Messenger System



Our **Infinite Campus** messaging service enables us to deliver important school information in the event of any emergency, including weather delays or closings. With this service, we are able to send a personalized voice message to parents/guardians and families with one recorded phone message. It is important that you update any change in contact telephone numbers and/or e-mail addresses through your parent portal in Infinite Campus so that you will not miss any important communications. We use your phone numbers and e-mails from our student information.

Safety Considerations While Waiting for the Bus

It has been brought to our attention that students are not ready at their bus stop in the morning, thus causing a back-up on the roads and the bus to be behind schedule. Please be cognizant of the guidelines below.

- **Be outside at your stop 5 minutes early. Sitting in a car, waiting in a car, or waiting on the porch is not considered being at the stop.**

Register
for
Kindergarten



KINDERGARTEN

REGISTRATION 2020-2021 is underway! If you received our mailing containing the registration instructions, please visit us at <https://www.boyertownasd.org/domain/49> for more details and to register.

If you did NOT receive our mailing with the instructions and you have NOT completed the on-line registration process, please email BASDregistration@boyertownasd.org and provide your name, your child's name, your child's date of birth, your address, and your telephone number, and we will mail a packet to you directly.

We are excited to meet our newest BEARS!

Note that although students entering kindergarten are required to have a physical and dental examination, these exams must be completed after September 1, 2019 and no later than September 15, 2020.

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>



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.wzso.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 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.**



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.

NEWS FROM THE NURSE

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 Departments, Student Services, Health. **Students may not bring any medications to school.**

Dental Exams

Dental exams are required for students in grades Kindergarten and 3rd.

If you have not returned your child's Dental exam, please do so.

Physical Exams

Physical exams for Kindergarten are now past due. Please return your child's physical exam to the health office

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.

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.

Looking Ahead

West Parent/Guardian

Welcome to Grade 6 Night

Thursday, April 2 – 7:00 PM West Auditorium

Grade 5 parents and guardians are invited to an evening program to hear about the transition from elementary to middle school. Although the presentation is geared toward adults, fifth graders

are welcome to attend. See you in the West Auditorium at 7:00 PM on April 2!



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** **Secondary Schools 7:15am to 7:40am** 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. *In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program complaint

of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at,

http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(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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