



March 2020

Mrs. Kelly Mason, Principal

EVENTS

- 3/02** PTA Meeting 6:30 PM
- 3/07** Music Dept. Chicken Dinner
Middle School West
- 3/13** Report Card Distribution
- 3/13** Spring Picture Day
- 3/13** PTA Bingo Night
- 3/18** **Early Dismissal**
12:25 PM
- 3/21** Unity Walk – 9:00 AM
BASH Main Entrance
Wellness Fair 10:00 – 1:00
BASH
- 3/24** School Board Meeting
EES 6:30 PM

BASD Music Department Chicken Dinner

On **Saturday, March 7**, the BASD Music Department will once again present the Chicken Dinner at Middle School West. You can order your meals in advance at our website (www.BoyertownMusic.com) or stop in between 12:30-5:30pm to purchase a meal at the door. Performances by elementary, middle, and high school ensembles will occur throughout the event. This is a great way to support the music program while enjoying tasty Kauffman’s BBQ chicken!



**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.

Save the Date!

BOOK FAIR - BOGO

The Scholastic Book Fair will be here again from April 14th to 17th with a special opportunity for parents to shop with their children on April 16th 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. Since this is the last book fair for Pine Forge, we are making it a buy one/get one free event. We thank you for all your support of the Pine Forge Library over the years!





READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK 2020

Monday, March 2nd Green Eggs and Ham Day

Wear as much green as you can! HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. SEUSS!

Tuesday, March 3rd – Cat in the Hat Day

Wear your favorite hat!

Wednesday, March 4th Wacky Wednesday

What wacky looks will you choose? (shirt backwards, shoes on the wrong feet, ponytail in front. . .)

Thursday, March 5th Oh the Places You'll Go Day

Wear your favorite "place" shirt (from a city, trip, sports team, etc.)

Friday, March 6th Dress like your favorite book character. Be creative!

*We will also be holding a book swap today.

REMINDER: all articles of clothing and wacky accessories must be school appropriate.

BOOK SWAP: On Friday, March 6th we will be holding a lunchtime book swap. Each student is asked to bring in one book from home that is still in GOOD condition that they are ready to pass on to another reader. It should be a book appropriate for their current grade level as they will be swapping with their grade level friends. At lunchtime all the books from your child's grade level will be available for them to "shop" through for a new book. All books should be turned in to your child's classroom teacher by Thursday March 5th.

****Please note, if your child wants to donate more than one book we will only be allowing each child to pick one new book. Extra donations though are always welcome and will be added to our classroom libraries.****

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.



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.**



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.

16th Annual Boyertown Area Unity Walk Saturday, March 21, 2020

The walk will begin at Boyertown Area Senior High School. We are partnering with the Wellness Council of Boyertown's Annual Wellness Fair. The walk will begin at 9:00 AM. Walkers can use their walk as bonus points for the Running of the Bears competition. The Wellness Fair runs from 10 AM to 1 PM.

Each walking team of at least 5 individuals will have their name placed in a drawing for one of *four* \$100 cash donations to their favorite charity. For more information, contact the United Way office at (610)367-8716.



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 2019-20 school year must be submitted to the health room no later than May 29, 2020.***

PA Mandated Dental and Physical Exams for 2020 - 2021 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 2020, physical or dental exams that are completed *on or after September 1, 2019* are acceptable. Physical and dental forms for the 2020-21 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 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.

Kindergarten registration: will be open, 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).