



**October 2015**

**Mrs. Laura Heineck, Principal**

**EVENTS**

- 10/12 Staff Development**  
**NO SCHOOL**
- 10/13 School Board Meeting  
Ed. Center 7 PM
- 10/16 PTA Fall Festival  
5 – 8 PM  
Book Fair  
5 – 8 PM
- 10/20 PTA Meeting 7 PM
- 10/21 No Place For Hate Assembly  
Stephanie Grace performance
- 10/23 Parent Visitation Day
- 10/27 Picture Retake Day  
School Board Meeting  
Ed. Center 7PM
- 10/30 EARLY DISMISSAL**  
**12:30 PM**

**HIGHLY QUALIFIED STAFF**

The No Child Left Behind requirements require all teachers and Title I instructional aides to be “highly qualified” according to guidelines established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. We are proud to say that all of the teachers and Title I aides in the Boyertown Area School District meet these criteria. If you have any questions regarding the educational background and certifications of your child’s teacher, please contact the teacher or principal and we will gladly share this information with you.

**PICTURE RETAKE DAY**

Picture retake day is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2015.



**BOOK FAIR**

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at our school on October 16, 2015 during the PTA Fall Festival. Stop into the library between 5 and 8 PM and shop the fair for some exciting books.



**PARENT VISITATION DAY**

Parent Visitation Day will be held on Friday, October 23, 2015. The purpose of this day is to strengthen the home/school connection and for parents to experience the programs taking place at PFES. You are invited to attend the AM Session (9:00 am – 10:30 am) or the PM Session (1:15 pm – 2:30 pm). Due to space limitations, we ask that you only attend one of the sessions. We also request that siblings not accompany parents on this day. You will receive specific information at a later date.



## **THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER**

Dear Parents and Guardians,  
At the beginning of every school year we send home many important forms. One of these important forms is a custody form. We understand that situations change year round, so please send any updates or court orders regarding custody information to our office as soon as you possibly can. Having the school updated with accurate emergency and custody information helps ensure that restrictions are followed.

Thank you for your time and support!

Charlee Malfaro  
School Counselor



## **ART DEPARTMENT NEWS**

The Thursday art classes just finished projects with a patriotic theme. For the rest of the quarter each grade level will be working on their "I can" statement goals. First grade will focus on line and geometric shapes. Second grade will focus on mixing secondary colors. Third grade will learn to create symmetrical designs and use warm and cool colors. Fourth grade will learn what tertiary colors are. Fifth grade will concentrate on positive and negative space, and sixth grade will create block prints.



## **LOOKING AHEAD**

*Parent/Teacher Conferences:*  
Thursday, November 19, 2015  
4:30 – 7:30 pm  
Monday, November 23, 2015  
1:00 – 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, November 24, 2015  
4:30 – 7:30 pm

## **TESTING INFORMATION**

Please mark your calendars with the following:

**PSSA** (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment) Reading and Math will be given to students in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 during the weeks of April 11 - 22, 2016. **PSSA** Science will be given to students in grade 4 during the week of April 25 – 29, 2016.

**Parents should make sure appointments are NOT scheduled during these time periods. Students will NOT be excused for "educational trips" during these testing periods.**



## **NEWS FROM THE HEALTH ROOM**

**Physical & Dental Exams:** All State-mandated Kindergarten and 3rd Grade private dental exam forms and all Kindergarten and 6th Grade private physical exam forms are due now. If you have an upcoming appointment, please notify the health room of the appointment and we will make note of the date in your child's records.

**Cold weather:** Please remind your children to dress appropriately for outdoor recess. If your child is not dressed appropriately for the weather/temperature they will not be going out to recess. Also, October is the official start of the cold and flu season. Please remind your children to wash their hands often to prevent the spread of colds/flu at home and in our classrooms.

**Medication at school:** Please see the BASD medication policy in the BASD handbook or on the BASD website to review the policy if your child needs to take any medications during school hours. **Your child may receive medications in school**

**daily or as needed during school if the medication policy is followed: Complete a Medication Authorization form to be signed by the parent/guardian and the prescribing physician; the medication is to be hand delivered by a parent/guardian or designated adult; the medication, whether over-the-counter or prescription, must be in its original container and labeled with the child's name, drug name, dosage, and time to be given in school. Medication forms are available on the BASD Web site at <http://www.boyertownasd.org/> via link Services - student services - health: medication or by request from the health room. Please contact the health room if you have any questions.**

**Mandated health screenings:** Students in grades 1-6 have their annual mandated health screenings, from now through December. A team of school nurses check each student's height, weight and vision; students in grades 1-3 have hearing checks. Once all students have been screened, a "Screening Notification Letter" with the results of each child's screenings will be mailed to parents/guardians.

**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.