



November 2015

Mrs. Laura Heineck, Principal

EVENTS

- 11/2 Planetarium Trip
Grade 1 9:45 AM
- 11/3 Philharmonic Concert
5th grade JHW
- 11/4 1st Quarter ends
Planetarium Trip
Grade 3 1:00 PM
- 11/10 School Board Meeting
PFES 7:00 PM
- 11/11 3rd & 4th Grade Concert
JHW 7:00 PM
- 11/18 Planetarium Trip
Grade 4 9:45 AM
- 11/19 Parent-Teacher Conference
4:30 – 7:30 PM
- 11/23 EARLY DISMISSAL 12:30 PM**
Parent-Teacher Conference
1:00 – 4:00 PM
- 11/24 EARLY DISMISSAL 12:30 PM**
Parent-Teacher Conference
4:30 – 7:30 PM
- 11/25 EARLY DISMISSAL 12:30 PM**
- 11/26 NO SCHOOL**
- 11/27 NO SCHOOL**
- 11/30 NO SCHOOL**

EARLY DISMISSALS

School will be **dismissed at 12:30 PM** on the following days:
 Monday, November 23, 2015
 Tuesday, November 24, 2015
 Wednesday, November 25, 2015

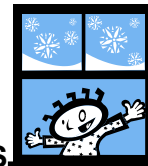
KINDERGARTEN SCHEDULE

EARLY DISMISSALS

AM Kindergarten – 8:45 – 10:25 AM
 PM Kindergarten – 10:25 – 12:30 PM

REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION

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



SNOW DAYS

On snow days, information about delays or cancellations will be provided via the **Blackboard Connect** 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 – 6 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) 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.



ART NEWS

The end of the first quarter is approaching. The report cards will show the progress your child has made in art. If you have a child in first grade they should be able to trace and cut on a line and be able to identify diagonal, vertical and horizontal lines and geometric shapes. A second grader should know how to mix secondary colors. A third grader should know what symmetry is and warm and cool colors. A fourth grader should be able to mix tertiary colors. A fifth grader should be able to identify positive and negative space and a sixth grader should know the process of creating a block print.



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

COUNSELOR CORNER

Holiday Coping

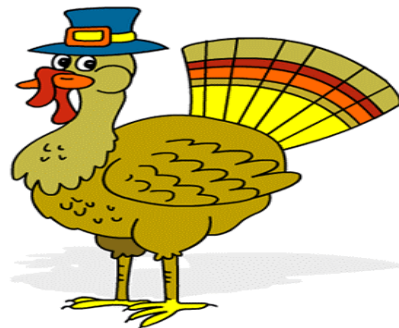
Tis the season of joy and traditions, but some may still be feeling despair. When dealing with death we often are concerned about the short-term effects, and tend to forget about the long-term effects of grieving. The holidays are often a time when close family and friends come together. If there has been a recent death, or even a not so recent death, sometimes the absence of that person can really trigger some strong emotions for family members. Here are some quick tips from GreifNet.org to help you and your student cope with grief during the holidays:

- Only do what you can comfortably handle
- Re-examine priorities
- Recognize your loved one's presence during your celebrations
- Get enough rest
- Show support and share your feelings with loved ones
- Don't be afraid to have fun!

For more helpful tips visit griefnet.org, or contact your school counselor for grief support resources in your area.

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!

Warmly,
Charlee Malfaro
School Counselor
Pine Forge Elementary





NEWS FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

Provisional letters:

Provisional letters have been mailed to individuals who have incomplete immunization coverage. Please consult with your Pediatrician for immunization coverage.

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 and 6 grade 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.**

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 infested 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.

4th, 5th, & 6th Grade Parent Preview Night

As part of the Boyertown Area School District Health curriculum, the children in grades 4, 5 and 6 are given the opportunity of receiving instruction in human growth & development and receive instruction regarding the prevention of human immune deficiency virus (HIV) infection/acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). communicable diseases.

Parents of children in grades 4, 5 and 6 are invited to preview the presentations for human growth & development and HIV/AIDS program. Parent Preview Night will be held on **January 6, 2016 at Junior High West, 380 South Madison Street, Boyertown.** You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions of the school nurse after the video presentations. Times to be determined at a later date. Snow date scheduled for January 13, 2015.

Presentations are as follows:

4th Grade Videos: Growth & development "*Just Around the Corner for Boys and Just Around the Corner for Girl*"; AIDS "*The Immune System: Doing Its Part*"

5th Grade Programs: Growth & development "*Always Changing for Boy**" and "*Always Changing for Girls**"; AIDS "*HIV and AIDS: Staying Safe*"

(*May be previewed online @

<http://www.pgschoolprograms.com/puberty/>

, scroll to the bottom of the page under "Educator Materials." Select the video you would like to preview. During the lesson at

school, students will only view the program for their gender.)

6th Grade Programs: Growth & development presented by the Weller Health Education Center - please feel free to contact the Weller Center at 610-258-8500, ext. 22 with any questions regarding their program; Videos "AIDS: Facts for Kids" along with "The Immune System: Our Internal Defender"

It is the school district's belief that this important activity should be a shared responsibility between home and school. You may wish to expand upon the knowledge you have given your son or daughter or possibly use the school's presentation as a basis for follow-up discussion. We encourage your presence to view the components of our program. You may have your child excused from the program by submitting a written request.

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.