



January 2016

Mrs. Laura Heineck, Principal

EVENTS

- 1/5 Keeping Touches Safe & Healthy Parent Preview 6:30 PM JHW
- 1/6 Human Growth & Development Parent Preview 6:00 PM JHW
- 1/18 NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther King Day**
- 1/22 Planetarium Visit
6th grade
- 1/24 PTA Skate Night 4:30-7:30 PM
Pheasantland Roller Rink
- 1/27 EARLY DISMISSAL
12:30 PM**
- 1/28 Keeping Touches Safe & Healthy Program 2nd grade

SCHOOL CLOSED

School will be closed Friday, January 1, 2016 and Monday, January 18, 2016.

SCHOOL SECURITY



Our school utilizes a camera and buzz-in security system. **Please push the call button and wait in front of the camera.** All visitors are required to state their name and purpose for their visit prior to obtaining entry to the building. Once you are buzzed into the building, **please report directly to the office to sign in** and obtain a visitor's badge. Deliveries are to be brought to the office (**please do not go directly to the classroom.**) Parents are expected to meet their children for appointments in the office and not at the classroom.

ITEMS DROPPED OFF AT SCHOOL

If you are dropping off forgotten homework, musical instruments, birthday treats, etc.; we respectfully ask that you bring the items to the office and not the classroom. This prevents interruptions in the students' instructional time.

KEEPING TOUCHES SAFE & HEALTHY

Parents of **second grade students** are invited and encouraged to attend a parent preview of "Keeping Touches Safe & Healthy", which will be presented at the Junior High West Cafeteria on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

HUMAN GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

The parent preview night is January 6th at JHW starting at 6 PM. This is for grades 4, 5, and 6. If you do not want your child to participate with the Human Growth and Development program; please send in a letter in writing requesting this, otherwise your child will participate.

BLACKBOARD CONNECT

Our **Blackboard Connect** telephone messaging service enables us to deliver important school information in the event of any emergency, including weather delays or closings. With the **Blackboard Connect** 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.wzzo.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.

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.

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 NURSE

Attention 4th, 5th and 6th grade parents:

As part of the Boyertown Area School District health curriculum, children in grades 4, 5 and 6 are given the opportunity to receive instruction in human growth & development and HIV/AIDS education. The following presentations provide opportunities for children to gain an understanding of the biological changes that occur while they are growing up:

4th Grade Videos: *Just Around the Corner for Boys* and *Just Around the Corner for Girls*

5th Grade Videos: *Always Changing for Boys* and *Always Changing for Girls*

6th Grade Program: 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.

You may have your child excused from the program with a written request. Requests will be honored in accordance with state requirements.

Parents of children in grades 4, 5 and 6 are invited to view the human growth and development education and HIV/AIDS programs on **January 6, 2016** at **Junior High West, 380 South Madison Street, Boyertown**. Parents will have the opportunity to preview videos that will be used for the student presentations and ask questions of the school nurse after the video presentations. The parent preview information is as follows:

When: Wednesday, January 6, 2016

Where: Junior High West

Times: Grade 4 Parents 6:00 PM

Auditorium

Grade 5 Parents 6:45 PM Cafeteria

Grade 6 Parents 7:30 PM

Auditorium

Attention kindergarten and 3rd grade parents:

Dental exams are now due. If you have not yet met this requirement, please make sure to return your child's dental exam form to the nurse as soon as possible. School dentals will be given on January 19, 2016. Forms were sent home to complete if you wish to have a school dental. Please contact the school nurse with any questions.

Attention Kindergarten and 6th grade parents:

Physicals are now due. If you have not yet met this requirement, please make sure to return your child's physical exam form to the nurse as soon as possible. School Physicals will be held on January 21, 2016. Any questions about physicals or immunizations please contact the school nurse.

Provisional notice: The December Provisional Notice went out prior to the Holiday Break. If you received one of these notices, please complete the required immunization and return the documentation to the school nurse as soon as possible. If you have any questions about the notice please contact the school nurse.

A Few Reminders now that Winter is here:

Cough drops: elementary students are not permitted to bring cough drops to school under any circumstances. Please refer to the BASD policy in your Parent Handbook to review the policy. Chloraseptic spray is available to all students to treat sore throats.

Medication during school hours: If your child requires medication during school hours (this includes any prescription

medication and/or over the counter preparation, for example, Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Cough Syrup) we need a parent note as well as a doctor's order. The order from the doctor must include the child's name, the name of the medication, the dosage and the time the medication is to be administered. Once all paperwork is completed, the medication, along with the paperwork, must be brought to school in the original container and by an adult. If these steps are not followed, we will not be able to administer the medication at school. No medication will be accepted at school without the proper paperwork on file. Please refer to the student handbook or the district website at www.boyertownasd.org for all requirements and the district Medication Authorization Form.

Health Updates: Please notify the nurse if there are any changes in your child's health status. We would like to keep your child's health record current and up to date to ensure proper care while your child is attending school.

Please keep your Emergency Card information current: Anytime you have phone number changes, either at home, work, or for an alternate, please notify the health room so we can keep your child's emergency card current.

If you have any questions regarding the health room information, please contact the nurse's office.