



March 2016

Mrs. Laura Heineck, Principal

EVENTS

- 3/4 PTA Basket Raffle
JHW 5:30 PM
- 3/7 Harlem Wizards Assembly
1:15 PM
- 3/8 School Board Meeting
Ed. Center 7:00 PM
- 3/9 Grade 2 Field Trip
Franklin Institute
- 3/18 PTA Movie Night
7:00 PM
- 3/23 EARLY DISMISSAL
12:30 PM**
- 3/24 NO SCHOOL**
- 3/25 NO SCHOOL**
- 3/28 NO SCHOOL**
- 3/30 Grade 5 Field Trip
Constitution Center &
Independence Hall



READ ACROSS AMERICA

On Wednesday, March 2nd we will be celebrating Read Across America Day and Dr. Seuss's birthday, along with many other schools across the country. During the rest of that week the students will engage in many celebrations of reading. We hope that all of the students will get in the spirit and celebrate all of the wonderful worlds and opportunities that reading opens up for them every day! Look for a letter to come home on March 1st to kick off our principal's reading challenge that will last through the month of March. As a school our goal is to read 100,000 minutes in the month of March. Please encourage your child to participate and support them by signing their calendar every night. We will have a special celebration later in the spring if we reach our goal. Don't forget to steal some time on Dr. Seuss's birthday, March 2nd, and throughout the year to snuggle up with the your little and big ones and read a good book. The most important gift you can give your children is to READ with them every day.

PTA BASKET RAFFLE



The annual Pine Forge Basket Raffle will be held on Friday, March 4, 2016. This year's event will be held at Boyertown Junior High West. Junior High West is located at 380 South Madison Street, Boyertown, PA. Please join us for an evening of fun festivities.



Monday – February 29th – To celebrate Dr. Seuss's upcoming birthday dress like your favorite Dr. Seuss character. Be creative!

Tuesday – March 1st – Cat in the Hat– wear your favorite hat!

Wednesday – March 2nd – Wacky Wednesday- What wacky looks will you choose? (shirt backwards, shoes on the wrong feet, ponytail in front. . .)

Thursday- March 3rd - Green Eggs and Ham- Wear as much green as you can!

Friday - March 4th – On the Places You'll Go- wear your favorite “place” shirt (from a city, trip, vacation, sports team, etc.) 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 4th 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 of 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 3rd.**

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.

WELCOME TO PINE FORGE



Mr. Robert Trainer will serve as Mrs. Hole's Long Term Substitute while

she is on maternity leave. Many of you know Mr. Trainer, as he is a member of the Pine Forge community. Mr. Trainer is excited to serve as reading specialist at the school where his children attended. Previously, he served as a 6th grade teacher for 15 years and as a reading specialist for 24 years at Boyertown Elementary. He was then the long term substitute for Mrs. Hole two years ago when she was on maternity leave.

He and his wife bought a vacation home near Rehoboth Beach and enjoy going there on weekends. He has a passion for books and has been doing a lot of reading since his retirement. He especially enjoys reading biographies on Major League baseball umpires and former Atlanta Braves baseball players and Green Bay Packer football players. Mr. Trainer umpires high school and American Legion baseball games and officiates junior high girls' volleyball matches. In his spare time, he teaches driving classes for the AAA to people who are 55 and older.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2016-2017

Online Kindergarten Registration Now Available

The Boyertown Area School District is announcing kindergarten registration for the 2016-2017 school year.

Information packets were recently mailed in to each resident with a child who will reach 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2016. If you or someone you know has a child that meets the age requirement and has not received a packet; please contact the district office to obtain a registration packet.

The Boyertown Area School District student registrations are now conducted through our electronic registration portal at www.boyertownasd.org All supporting documentation including residency,

verification of birth, and immunization records should be available when completing the application and can be scanned and submitted as part of the application.

Note that although students entering kindergarten are required to have a physical and dental examination, these exams must be completed after September 1, 2015 and no later than September 15, 2016.

Please contact the Student Registration Office at 610-369-7492 or email cbartholomew@bovertownasd.org if you do not receive a packet or have questions or concerns regarding this process.

YEARBOOK

It is that time of year again to order your 2015-2016 Yearbook. Don't miss out on this opportunity to capture your child's memories. Again this year we are offering the ability to order your yearbook online.

Simply click on the following URL, <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/> at any time between now and the end of February and follow the instructions to order your child's yearbook. You will need our school code which is 1025416 and to enter in your child's name. Printed forms will also be sent home as usual with your child if you prefer to go that route. Thank you.



LIBRARY NEWS PRE-K STORY HOUR

Save the Date!

Pine Forge Library will once again be hosting a Pre-K Story time for children slated to begin kindergarten during the 2016/2017 school year. Story Hour will be held on 5/3, 5/10, 5/17 and 5/24 from 11:30 – 12:00. Your child can come to the library to experience a story and activity with the library staff. This not only allows your child

to gain some exposure to the school, but parents will be given the opportunity to speak with various members of the Pine Forge staff while their children are in the library. If you have neighbors without school aged children, but incoming kindergarteners, let them know to save the dates.

2016 – 2017 STUDENT CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

Each year we work diligently to determine student placements for the following school year. Since we consider the placement process to be one of our most important tasks, we would like to share the process with you. Student placement is determined and reviewed by a team of professionals consisting of your child's present teacher, reading specialist, guidance counselor, and the principal. Additional personnel, such as the remediation teacher and special education teachers, are consulted when appropriate. Each child's academic, social and emotional growth and needs are discussed as well as peer relations. We strive to create classes that are heterogeneous, function as cohesive groups, and provide each child with an educational environment that will meet his or her needs. We feel our time is well spent because we also have a personal investment in each child.

In view of the time and consideration taken in the placement of your child, we request that you do not ask for a specific teacher placement. Should your child need special consideration, such as a specific type of learning environment or you wish to share information about your child's specific needs, please write the principal a letter stating those areas that should be taken into consideration when making next year's placement. Any written request of this nature must be submitted by April 15, 2016. Letters that include specific teacher names and/or are received after April 15, 2016 will be returned. No requests will be considered after this date. We ask that you respect our

professional judgment and be assured that we strive to make the best possible match for your child.

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.

How can you help your child do better on standardized tests?

In the months preceding the test:

- Find out when the tests are to be given. Write the date and time on your calendar. Avoid scheduling appointments or trips during these times.
- Ask the teacher what you can do at home. Before the state tests, the teacher might ask you to review math facts or vocabulary terms, for example.
- Encourage your child to **read**. The easiest and best way to prepare your child for doing well on tests is **read often**.

Right before the test:

- Make sure your child gets a good night’s sleep. Provide a good breakfast.**
- Have your child dress in layers- kids do better on tests if they don’t have to think about how hot or cold they are.
- Don’t be too anxious. Say, “this test is important. I know you will try hard and do your best.” Your confidence will be contagious.
- On the day of the test, give your child these tips:

1. Pay close attention to test directions.
2. Answer the easy questions first.
3. Read every answer before you choose one.
4. If you are not sure of the answer, rule out the choices that you know are wrong. Then pick the best answer that is left.
5. If you have time, check your answers carefully. Make sure the numbers of your answers correspond to the numbers of the questions on the test.
6. If you start to feel stressed, take some deep breaths to relax.

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.

VISITORS/VOLUNTEERS

Just a friendly reminder; **ALL** visitors and/or volunteers **MUST** sign in at the office upon entering the building. Your child’s safety is always our first concern.



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 PA Criminal Record Background Check, Child Abuse History Check and the FBI fingerprint requirement clearances on file in the school office. We appreciate your ongoing support and understanding in this matter.

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.



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 *2015/2016 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 2015-16 school year must be submitted to the health room no later than May 31, 2016.***

PA Mandated Dental and Physical Exams for 2016 - 2017 School 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 2016, physical or dental exams that are completed *on or after September 1, 2015* are acceptable. Physical and dental forms for the 2016-17 school year were mailed to our current 2nd, 5th, and 6th 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 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 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 enrollment, 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.

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.

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT IS NOW OFFERING BREAKFAST AT ALL SCHOOLS COST IS \$1.40 FOR THOSE QUALIFYING FOR FREE AND REDUCED MEALS THE REDUCED COST IS \$.30 PLEASE VIEW OUR BREAKFAST MENUS LOCATED ON THE FOOD SERVICES PAGE OF THE DISTRICT WEBSITE FOR OUR HEALTHY AND TASTY BREAKFAST OPTIONS

OUR WEEKLY BREAKFAST MENU

Boyertown Area School District				
Student Breakfast: \$1.40	Elementary Breakfast Menu			Adult Breakfast: \$1.90
Reduced Breakfast: \$.30				
Milk: \$.60				
Students are encouraged to select an Entrée and must take at least 1 serving of Fruit or Vegetable to make a meal. A total of 3 items must be taken to make a complete meal. Milk is included as part of the meal.				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				Date
Choose 1 Entrée: A: Mini Pancakes	Choose 1 Entrée: A: Breakfast Wrap	Choose 1 Entrée: A: Breakfast Pizza	Choose 1 Entrée: A: Bacon, Egg & Cheese Sandwich	Choose 1 Entrée: A: Mini Waffles
B: Cereal Bar and Cheese Stick	B: Assorted Cereal and Muffin	B: Yogurt Parfait	B: Assorted Cereal and Whole Grain Pop Tart	B: Mini Bagels w/ Cream Cheese
Sliced Apples	Sliced Apples	Sliced Apples	Sliced Apples	Sliced Apples
Applesauce	Peaches	Orange Slices	Applesauce	Banana
Assorted Juice	Assorted Juice	Assorted Juice	Assorted Juice	Assorted Juice
Variety Milk	Variety Milk	Variety Milk	Variety Milk	Variety Milk
MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE				
Online Payment Service: Your child's school will accept online payments for school meals using EZSchoolPay. For more information and to register online, access the website at www.ezschoolpay.com .				
<small>The School Lunch Program is operated in accordance with U.S. Department of Agriculture policy which does not permit discrimination because of race, color, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against in any U.S.D.A. activity should write to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.</small>				