



May 2016

Mrs. Laura Heineck, Principal

EVENTS

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| <p>5/3 Pre-K Storytime
12:00 PM</p> <p>5/4 6th grade visit to JHW
8:45 AM</p> <p>5/9 District Enrollment Comm.
Review Meeting
6:00 PM Library
District Field Day
JHW</p> <p>5/10 Author Visit
District Field Day (raindate)
Pre-K Storytime
12:00 PM
School Board Meeting
Ed. Center 7:00 PM</p> <p>5/11 PTA Rita's Water Ice Night
6 – 9 PM</p> <p>5/13 PTA Fun Fair</p> | <p>5/16 Talent Show Auditions
3:45-4:45 PM</p> <p>5/17 6th grade field trip
New York City
Pre-K Storytime
12:00 PM</p> <p>5/18 1st grade field trip
Lehigh Zoo</p> <p>5/19 Art Show/Book Fair
PFES Game Day
PTA Ice Cream Social</p> <p>5/24 Kindergarten Making
Music Assembly
Pre-K Storytime
12:00 PM</p> <p>5/25 3rd grade field trip
Blue Marsh Lake</p> <p>5/30 NO SCHOOL</p> <p>5/31 Talent Show
1 – 3 PM</p> |
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ART NEWS

The Pine Forge Art Show and Book Fair is scheduled for May 19, 2016. Please stop by to see all of the fabulous art!



TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS

Auditions for the PFES talent show will be held on Monday, May 16, 2016. Information was sent home last month.



LIBRARY NEWS

Don't forget to visit the Spring Book Fair on May 19th from 5 to 8 pm! We will have a wide selection of books available, along with examples of student work. We hope to see you there!



PRE-K STORY HOUR



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 12:00 – 12:30 PM. 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.

6th GRADE NEWS



Tuesday, May 17, 2016 – Sixth grade field trip to NYC – Departs at 6 AM and returns at approximately 6:45 PM (subject to change due to traffic.) Please look for additional information to come home with your 6th grade child.

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.



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@boyertownasd.org if you do not receive a packet or have questions or concerns regarding this process.



THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER

School Counselor, Charlee Malfaro

It is getting warmer outside and is a perfect time to encourage more play outside and less screen time. May 2-8 is National Screen-Free Week, and is a great time to help kick start some media management. Technology has made great opportunities to learn more right at our fingertips, but too much of a good thing can often turn bad. Studies have shown that excessive media usage can lead to attention problems, school difficulties, sleep and eating disorders, as well as obesity. Studies have also shown that children who watch less TV are more likely to read well and to be physically fit. Parents and children should work together to decide how much time to spend with media every day, and to make sure good choices are being made about what media to take in. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends media free zones in children's bedrooms and dining areas to ensure safety and to give children time to play and be social. As always if you have any additional questions or concerns please contact the school counseling office.

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Pine Forge Elementary
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Information provided by American Academy of Pediatrics and www.screenfree.org

BASD Summer Camps are Back!

Looking for something fun to beat the summertime blues? Sign your student up for some of our great summer camp offerings. Registration began Monday, April 11, 2016 and will end on Friday, June 3. All registration forms are available online at www.bovertownasd.org.



CAFETERIA NEWS

If your child owes money to the cafeteria, please make sure the balance is paid by the last day of school, Tuesday, June 7, 2016. Any balances (positive or negative) that remain will carry over to next school year.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The school office will be open from 7:00 AM – 3:30 PM from 6/2/16 – 8/19/16. Regular school hours will resume on 8/22/16. Summer hours and potential closings will be posted on the door.

DISCOUNT INTERNET ACCESS

Access to the internet has become an essential avenue for gaining access to information and services. Increasingly, services are being provided online and in some cases exclusively online. Unfortunately, the need to cut costs has pushed some companies/providers to move entire industries online. Additionally, educational resources and supports are also growing rapidly in the online world. A challenge that these changes are creating is how to help ensure everyone has access to the internet. Thankfully, a few of our local internet service providers offer low cost/need based internet programs starting as low as \$9.95 per month. If you are interested in learning more about these programs, please visit the following sites or call the company directly at the number listed.

Internet Essentials from ComCast 1-855-846-8376 or visit <https://apply.internetessentials.com/>
Windstream's Lifeline Service 1-800-347-1991 or visit <https://www.windstream.com/About-Us/Lifeline-Assistance-Program/>

ATTENDANCE

If your child is going to be absent from school, please remember to call the school office at 610-323-7609. If you email the teacher informing him/her of your child's absence, please remember to contact the office as well.

When a child is absent without a note or phone call to the office, the absence is marked as "unlawful" for grades 1 – 6 and "unexcused" for kindergarten.

LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found barrel is overflowing. Please have your child(ren) look through lost and found to see if any items belong to them.



MOVING OVER THE SUMMER?

If you are planning to move out of our school attendance area for the next school year, please notify the school office at this time. This information will be most important as we make preparations for next school year. Also, if you or anyone you know are planning to enroll a new student in any grade for the 2016-2017 school year, please notify the school office at this time.

APPROPRIATE DRESS

Spring is here and warm temperatures are fast approaching. Students and parents should exercise careful judgment with the selection of appropriate attire for school. Parents should establish standards for and with their children to ensure safety, neatness and cleanliness, and which will reflect acceptable dress practices. Please refer to our Elementary School Handbook for the guidelines of this policy. Thank you for your cooperation with this practice



TRANSPORTATION DEVIATIONS

Bus deviations for the 2016- 2017 school year must be submitted by **July 1, 2016**. Requests made after this date **may not be approved** due to insufficient space on the bus. All deviation requests are submitted annually. No deviation will automatically rollover to the next year. Questions regarding bus information should be directed to the Transportation Office at 610-473-3473.

CLASS ASSIGNMENTS 2016-2017

Class assignments for the 2016-2017 school year will be mailed home in August. Kindergarten letters will be mailed in July.



LOOKING AHEAD

The Sixth Grade Recognition Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 9:00 AM in the Multi-Purpose Room. More information will follow.

Kindergarten Orientation for the 2016-2017 school year will be held Monday, August 22, 2016. More specific information will be sent out to families in July.

NEWS FROM THE HEALTH ROOM



Medications at School/Field Trips

With the arrival of the spring allergy season and classroom field-trips, the health room would like to remind parents to refer to the BSD medication policy if your child needs to take medications at school or on a field trip. **All prescribed, over-the-counter medications, and/or substances used for medicinal purposes require parents to submit a completed medication**

authorization form which includes written authorization from a doctor and written parent permission. Medication authorization forms can be downloaded from the BASD website at <http://www.boyertownasd.org> under Departments, Student Services, Health. **Parents attending field trips for medical reasons must also have completed the two free clearances that are able to be done on line. <http://www.boyertownasd.org> Under Parent/forms/Criminal history and Child abuse history. You do not need to complete the FBI fingerprinting if you are going only for medical reasons.**

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, 2015.

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 before June 8th or at the beginning of the 2016-17

school year. **The health room is closed for the summer so if you submit a completed form over the summer, please retain a copy for your records.**

Children ATTENDING 7th grade in 2016 - 2017 need to show proof of the following vaccines:

- 1 dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) if 5 years has elapsed since last immunization containing tetanus & diphtheria.
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)
- **Notices will be mailed to parents/guardians before the end of the school year if immunization documents currently on file at school for their child do not have a record of these vaccines.**

Head Lice

During each school year, almost without fail, we can expect to find some cases of head lice among our students.

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.