

June 2016

Mrs. Laura Heineck, Principal

EVENTS

- 6/1 6th Grade Recognition Assembly
9:00 AM
- 6/2 **EARLY DISMISSAL**
12:30 PM
- 6/3 **EARLY DISMISSAL**
12:30 PM
- 6/6 **EARLY DISMISSAL**
12:30 PM
Yearbook Distribution
- 6/7 **EARLY DISMISSAL**
12:30 PM
Last Student Day
- 6/14 School Board Meeting
Ed. Center 7:00 PM

YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION

Yearbooks will be distributed to students who have previously purchased a copy on Monday, June 6, 2016. Additional yearbooks are for sale on a “first come, first served” basis. The cost is \$15, cash only.

LOST & FOUND

Please have your child check the lost and found container in the Multi-Purpose Room before the end of the school year.

CLASS ASSIGNMENTS 2016-2017

Class assignments for the 2016-2017 school year are scheduled to be mailed to homes in August. Kindergarten letters will be mailed in July.



6th GRADE RECOGNITION

Pine Forge Elementary will honor our sixth grade students at our awards program on Wednesday, June 1, 2016. 6th grade parents and families are invited to gather at 9:00 AM in our multi-purpose room. Remember to bring your cameras to capture these final moments in elementary school.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Kindergarten Orientation is scheduled for Monday, August 22, 2016. More information will be sent home in July.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The school office will be open from 7:00 AM – 3:30 PM from 6/20/16 – 8/12/16. Regular school hours will resume on 8/15/16. Summer hours and potential closings will be posted on the door.



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.



EARLY DISMISSALS

There will be early dismissals on Thursday, June 2nd, Friday, June 3rd, Monday June 6th and Tuesday, June 7th. The early dismissal time is **12:30 pm**.

The Kindergarten schedule is as follows:

AM Kindergarten - 8:45 – 10:25 a.m.

PM Kindergarten – 10:25 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



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.



LOOKING AHEAD

First Day of School – Monday, 8/29/16

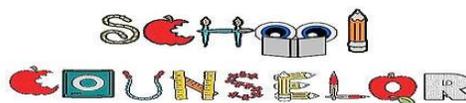


APPROPRIATE DRESS

Warm temperatures are here and Summer is 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 you 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.



THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER School Counselor, Charlee Malfaro

It's that time of year again, time to say goodbye to the school year, and hello to summer! This can be an exciting time that many students look forward to and enjoy, but it can also be a host of anxiety in others worrying about what's to come. These feelings can be enhanced for 6th graders getting ready to transition to the junior high. If you are a parent experiencing your first child transitioning to junior high, here are some useful tips to help you and your student plan ahead:

1. Prepare & Organize
Welcome to increased classroom changes, lockers, and increased homework. A well-managed agenda book can be a lifesaver, and will keep priorities of assignments and deadlines in check. Being prepared can also ease some of your student's butterflies. Summer orientations and visits to the junior high can be good practice and can help your student adjust to their new school.

2. **Social Changes**
Though the entire Pine Forge 6th grade will be voyaging together, it's important to note that relationships often change. Encouraging your student to get involved in a club or activity can really ease some of the stress of getting to know more students and friends.

3. **School Cares... A LOT!**
If you have questions or concerns, just ask! We want ALL our students to succeed, and your teachers, counselors, and entire school staff are here to help guide you with any struggles. If you feel like your student is having any uncharacteristic behavior, or is complaining of aches, sleeplessness, or school refusal please reach out for help.

*Information sourced from
www.pbskids.org/itsmylife*



NEWS FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

Medications at School

Because the health room closes on the last student day, a parent, guardian, or other adult designee must pick up any medication in the health room by June 7, 2016*. Per BASD Policy: *At the end of the school year, a parent/guardian or adult designee must pick up any medication left in the health suite. Any unclaimed medication in the nurse's office will be destroyed. Medications can only be sent home with students that have written authorization from the MD and parent allowing the student to carry and self-administer the medications at school.

Non-medication items such as inhaler spacers or nebulizer equipment will be sent home with students.

PLEASE NOTE: Current medication authorization forms are active for the 2015-16 school year only. A new medication authorization form must be completed by an MD and parent for ALL medication administered in school or on field trips for the 2016-17 school year. The medication form and the BASD medication policy can be downloaded from the BASD website at <http://www.boyertownasd.org/> under Departments - Student Services – Health - Medications.

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. If you need a form for an upcoming appointment, you can download one 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 7th or at the beginning of the 2016-17 school year. Because the health room is closed for the summer, 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.

Have a fabulous and safe summer, see you back in the fall!