Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/teacher conferences are an excellent opportunity for parents and teachers to communicate. Our conferences this year will take place from Monday, November 20 through Wednesday, November 22. Elementary students will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. on those days. Breakfast will be served, however; there will be no lunch served. Parents will be receiving a letter from their child’s teacher to arrange a time for their conference.

Please be aware that childcare will NOT be provided during conferences. You will need to make alternate childcare arrangements for your child/children on these days.

Early Dismissal (ES only) - 12:00
November 20, 21 & 22, 2017

Holiday - No School
November 23, 24 and 27, 2017
School reopens on Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Pumpkin Math

The second grade classes participated in a special experience in October called Pumpkin Math. The students used math concepts to count seeds and to weigh and measure pumpkins with the help of parent volunteers. The groups of students also carved the pumpkins with the assistance of parent volunteers. It was a great collaborative experience for the students and the adults.

Thank you to all the parents who were willing to donate supplies and their time to make our project a success!

Attention Parents/Guardians

The grade level music performances for this year have been scheduled! We will be preparing and looking forward to the following performances from ALL students in grades K-3 and students who are participating in 4th grade chorus.

December 14 (Thursday), 7:00 pm – 4th, 5th, and 6th grade Winter Choral Concert (SVHS Auditorium)

January 31 (Wednesday), 6:30 pm – 2nd grade music performance (SVES Cafeteria)

February 21 (Wednesday), 6:30 pm – 3rd grade music performance (SVES Cafeteria)

March 21 (Wednesday), 6:30 pm – 1st grade music performance (SVES Cafeteria)

April 25 (Wednesday), 6:30 pm – Kindergarten music performance (SVES Cafeteria)

I will be sending out details about these performances over the course of the next few months. For now, mark your calendars and save the date(s).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Miss Sarah Kreider
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**Student Drop-off Procedures**

From time to time it becomes necessary to review procedures to ensure a thorough understanding and safe implementation of routines. Below are the instructions for dropping off a student in the morning.

1. Students are to be dropped off between 8:40 and 8:50 A.M. Students may not be dropped off prior to that time.

2. A faculty member will be posted outside the office doors to supervise student arrival by car between 8:40 and 8:50 A.M.

3. When dropping your child off, please pull along the curb. When you are first in line to drop off, pull all the way forward to the orange cone. Cars will fill in behind you. Be sure to leave the crosswalk OPEN, then continue the line after the crosswalk back to the end of the sidewalk.

4. Drivers must not exit the car when pulled up to the curb to drop off students. If your child needs assistance for drop off, please park your car in one of the spaces in the lot and assist your child. This provides for an efficient process.

5. **Yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk. This is Pennsylvania state law.**

**Notes:** Please time your travel to school in the morning so that you arrive between 8:40 and 8:50 A.M. **If your schedule requires you to drop off your child prior to 8:40, please contact the BCIU regarding our in-house before and after-school child care program or seek other child care options prior to the school day.** As always, the district does provide free transportation for all students on a daily basis….please consider having your child ride the bus to school. If none of the above-mentioned options are feasible for your family and you arrive to drop your child off in the morning prior to the scheduled arrival time for students, you must park in the parking lot and wait with your child until 8:40 A.M., at which time you may escort your child through the parking lot and cross them at the crosswalk.

Students arriving after 8:50 A.M., are considered late to school and must be accompanied by a parent to the office to be signed in for the day.

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**Nurse’s Corner November 2017**

**Flu Season is Here! To protect against the flu, the first and most important thing you can do is to get a flu vaccine for yourself and everyone in your family over 6 months of age.**

Influenza is an infection of the nose, throat, and lungs caused by influenza viruses. There are many different flu viruses that are constantly changing. The flu can vary from mild to severe. It can be especially dangerous for small children and children of any age who have chronic health conditions.

The flu is spread mainly by droplets when people with the flu cough, sneeze or talk. Symptoms of the flu include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea (more common in children). Some people with the flu will not get a fever.

**If your child does get the flu:**

- Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and drinks enough fluid.
- Consult your doctor as needed; there are antiviral medications that lessen the symptoms of the flu, especially if started during the first 2 days of illness.
- If your child is sick with flu-like illness, try to keep him/her in a separate room from others in the house.
- Wash hands often with soap and water. Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

**The CDC recommends that your child stay home for at least 24 hours after his or her fever is gone. The fever should be gone without the use of fever reducing medications. A fever is defined as a temperature of 100°F or higher.**

For more information, visit [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu) or [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov)

Feel free to call me anytime if you have questions concerning your student’s health.

Mrs. Lori Bickel, RN, MSN
Certified School Nurse,
Schuylkill Valley Elementary School
610-916-5728
Speech Services for Preschoolers
Mrs. Scull

If you suspect your preschool child may have a speech or language delay, free services are available to you at the Berks County Intermediate Unit. After an initial evaluation, if your three to five year old child qualifies, he/she will be eligible for free speech/language services. Speech therapy would take place at the BCIU, 1111 Commons Blvd., Muhlenberg Township. Call Early Intervention at 610-987-8543 if you have any questions or concerns or to set up an appointment for an evaluation. Remediating a speech problem early can prevent further difficulty with reading, phonics and spelling skills when your child enters school.

**SCHUYLKILL VALLEY WALKING CLUB**

The month of September brought some great weather for our students to get outside and exercise during recess. There were 18 possible days this month for the students to go outside. Many of our S.V. students took advantage of these days to take part in the lifelong fitness habit of walking/jogging the 1/4 mile walkway around the playground. Not only do these students enjoy exercising, but they also spend time with their friends while doing it. Students are taught lifelong fitness activities (walking/jogging) through this club that will help them value the importance of fitness in their life. Congratulations to those students who have been regularly taking part in The Walking Club during recess! Here are some of those motivated students that are the most dedicated!

- Micah Welker 18 days walked
- Ella Yarletts 18 days walked
- Jadalynn Figueroa 17 days walked
- Cailainn Fitzgerald 17 days walked
- Zane Fix 17 days walked
- Jaianya Jones 17 days walked
- Alessandra Zampelli 16 days walked
- Madelyn Moore 16 days walked
- Morgan Gery 15 days walked
- Kayleigh Carter 15 days walked
- Ashleigh LeRoy 15 days walked
- Haley Goncher 14 days walked
- Isabella Vera 14 days walked
- Carter Ernst 14 days walked
- Avery Kubacki 13 days walked
- Stella Tercha 13 days walked
- Samantha Hassler 13 days walked
- Ryleigh Weidnder 13 days walked

**Important Dates to Remember**

- Nov. 8 Picture Re-takes
- Nov. 14 PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Cafe
- Nov. 20,21&22 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 12:00 Dismissal - ES Only
- Nov. 23-27 Thanksgiving Holiday, No School School Re-opens, 11/28
- Nov. 28 Holiday Shop, Parent Preview Night, 6-8:00 PM
- Nov. 29-Dec. 7 Holiday Shop - Student Shopping
The Berks Nature Place at Angelica Park hosted AquaPolluza, a water awareness day on Friday, September 22. Gifted students in grades 3 and 4 enjoyed hands-on experiences such as looking for macro invertebrates in the stream, nature scene investigation, a woods hike, wetlands examination, and working with the EnviroScape model. The students had lots of fun while learning about our watersheds, drinking water and water-related issues.

The students reflected on their awesome day at The Berks Nature Place:

Isabel, “I learned how to tell if a deer is walking or running just by looking at the tracks. If the toes are pointed in, they were walking. If the toes are pointed out, they were running.”

David, “I will try to be more careful about not making messes and if I see one I will clean it up, so it doesn’t get in the river or lake because if I don’t clean it up I will probably end up drinking the dirty water.”

Conner, “I learned how to track animals if you see trampled grass there was a big animal there. Wetlands were very pretty.”

Ian, “I learned that some insects make gulls. I also learned that there are things that infect insect gulls.”

Edison, “I learned that you can find just 1 animal den, but you can find the markings of the animal and try to figure out where it’s scat is and where its footprints are. That’s how you know if it’s not abandoned.”

Kameryn, “I learned that you can see that animals were there. Example: for a deer you might see tree rubbings from deer antlers.”

Andrew, “I learned at the nature center that pollution is bad like poop and oil and trash and fertilizer. You can help out the environment by recycling; help out with trash and using reusable bottles. I learned about how I can tell what animal it is by its egg.”