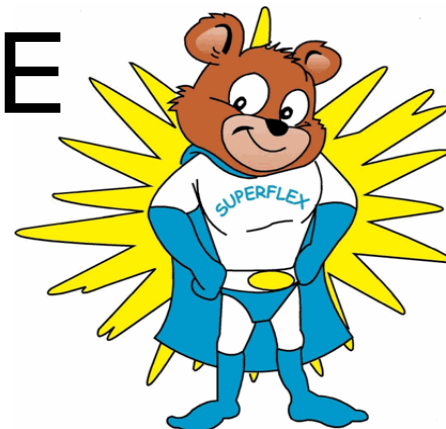


# COLEBROOKDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



January 2012

Come hear a message from me on the web at:

<http://www.boyertownasd.org/our-schools/colebrookdale-elementary/index.aspx>

Mr. Michael R. Stoudt, Principal

**"We are Expected"**

## January Events

- 4..... "Keeping Touches Safe and Healthy"  
preview for grade 2 parents  
6:30 p.m., Junior High West
- 10..... Grade 6 group picture
- 10..... School Board meeting  
Education Center, 7:00 p.m.
- 11..... "Keeping Touches Safe and Healthy"  
presentation to grade 2
- 11..... Human Growth and Development Education  
parent preview at Junior High West  
grade 4 – 6:00 p.m., auditorium  
grade 5 – 6:30 p.m., cafeteria  
grade 6 – 7:00 p.m., auditorium
- 12..... H.S.A. meeting  
library, 7:00 p.m.
- 13..... Market Day delivery  
4:45 - 5:45 p.m.
- 16..... No School
- 20..... Human Growth and Development Education  
presentation to grade 6
- 20..... end of second quarter
- 24..... School Board meeting  
Junior High West, 7:00 p.m.
- 25..... dental exams

## Guidance Office News

Welcome back to a new year! In order to remind kids about our Superflex and the Team of the Unthinkables, CES will be highlighting one character a month. For the month of January, we will be discussing SUPERFLEX and his Superflexible Thinking. Superflex is totally flexible, trying to figure out people's wants and needs to keep other people calm while also getting his turn to play and to speak as well. Superflex is a great problem solver and can think of many different solutions to one problem. Ask your children to tell you about how they use Superflexible Thinking to solve their problems and behave "expectedly." See the last page of this newsletter for more info.

## From the Health Room

As part of the Boyertown Area School District's Health Curriculum, the children in grades 4, 5 and 6 are given the opportunity of receiving instruction in human growth and development and HIV/AIDS education. 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 the Human Growth and Development Education and HIV/AIDS program which will be held on **January 11, 2012** at **Junior High West, 380 South Madison Street, Boyertown.**

The snow date is January 18. Parents will have the opportunity to preview the videos which are used for the student presentations. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions of the school nurse after the video presentations.

These presentations provide opportunities for children to gain an understanding of biological changes which occur while they are growing up. The presentations are as follows:

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

**Fifth Grade Videos:** Always Changing for Boys and Always Changing for Girls

**Sixth Grade Program:** Human Growth and Development is 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.

It is the school district's belief that this important activity should be a shared responsibility between home and school. You may wish to expand upon the knowledge you have given your son or daughter or possibly use the school's presentation as a basis for follow-up discussion. We encourage your presence to view the components of our program.

## News from the Nurse

In order to promote the health of school age children, Pennsylvania requires a dental exam in kindergarten and grade 3 and for any student with incomplete health records. Notices have been sent to parents if your child has not yet returned a completed dental form to school. You may choose to have it performed by your family dentist or the school dentist. The holiday school break is an ideal time to visit your child's dentist without interrupting the classroom schedule. Although your family dentist can best evaluate your child's dental health, the school dentist will be available if desired. You are welcome to attend the school exam. The dental exams this year are scheduled for January 25, 2012. Please return the form as quickly as possible so that we are aware of your exam choice.



## **Cold and Flu Season**

With the cough and flu season approaching, students occasionally need to take medication at school. Please review the BASD medication policy which requires a written doctor's order for all over-the-counter and prescribed medicines. The medication policy and medication authorization forms are available from the BASD website at <http://www.boyertownasd.org> under the Services dropdown menu, under Student Services - Medication. **Please do not send medications to school with your child: parents or a parent designee must bring the medications and a complete medication authorization form to school.** Reminder: per BASD policy, elementary students are not permitted to bring cough drops to school; we have Chloraseptic spray available for all students to treat mild coughs and sore throats.

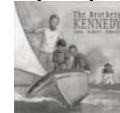
## It's Almost Time for the Soup-er Bowl

During the first week of February we will again be giving our students and families the opportunity to donate to the food pantry at Boyertown Multi-Service. Our two "soup" cans in the lobby will be designated for the two teams who will compete in the Super Bowl on February 5. A list of the most needed items will be sent home after the holiday break. Place your items in your favorite team's container and watch the points add up! The scores will be reported daily.

## Reading Corner

Are you still thinking of a perfect gift for that special child on your holiday list? If so, you may want to consider one of the books recommended by Teachers' Choices. Each year since 1989, the International Reading Association's Teachers' Choices Project has recognized children's and adolescents' trade books that teachers find exceptional. Some of the choices include:

### **PRIMARY (K-2) READERS**



#### ***The Brothers Kennedy: John, Robert, Edward***

Kathleen Krull. Simon & Schuster Publisher. This nonfiction selection depicts the extraordinary lives of three brothers. The Kennedys were raised to believe that they could change things for the better with their tireless efforts.



#### ***How Rocket Learned to Read***

Tad Hills. Schwartz & Wade.

A great book for the emerging reader! In this book a little, yellow bird is determined to get a dog-named Rocket to read. This story allows the readers to see and hear the progress of reading. It reminds us that everything takes time. This book makes learning to read very appealing.

### **INTERMEDIATE (3-5) READERS**

**Ages 8-11**



#### ***Muddy as a Duck Puddle and Other American Similes***

Laurie Lawlor. III. Ethan Long. Holiday House.

A simile, a comparison of two things using like or as, helps to enhance a writer's piece. This book will provide some great examples. Organized in an ABC format, the writer uses a different simile for each letter of the alphabet. At the back of the book the author details common expressions, many of which have been passed down from one generation to the next. This would be an inspiring book for the budding writer.

## **Giant Bonus Card**

If you are a Giant shopper and have a Giant bonus card, you can link your bonus card to one or two schools. For every purchase that you make you are earning money for our school. Here is more information about the program.

### ***How can I support my school?***

After signing up for the BONUSCARD, customers can support local school(s) (up to two) to benefit from the A+ School Rewards Program by going to [www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus](http://www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus) and choosing the "Designate" link from the menu on this page or by calling the A+ School Rewards Hotline at 1-888-GIVING-2 (1-888-448-4642).

### ***What happens if you support more than one school?***

Customers can support up to two (2) schools to benefit from the program. A+ School Rewards are divided equally among each school. To ensure all schools receive proper A+ School Rewards credit when selecting multiple schools, include each school's ID code. Just remember that each time you enroll your BONUSCARD in a program year, you must include ALL schools (up to two) that you want to support, even if you have previously selected them. If you do not include all ID's, the last school enrolled will negate all of your previously enrolled schools.

### ***Do I have to register my card every year?***

Yes, you MUST register your card every year. In order to perform critical maintenance applications to our A+ database, all of the information in our system is cleared at the end of the program each year. These updates ensure that the correct school receives your points. This simple effort on the part of each supporter is the only step necessary each year for your school to begin earning their points and CASH through A+ School Rewards!

### ***Why does my receipt only show the points I've earned this month?***

At the end of each month, the points you've earned are factored into your school's year-to-date total. Visit [School Totals](#) at the beginning of each month to see your school's updated total.

### ***Why do my points "expire" at the end of the month?***

Your receipt displays the total number of points you've earned in a given month. Once points "expire" at the end of the month, they are factored into to your school's year-to-date total. Your points total will restart at zero at the beginning of each month.

## **Breakfast is HERE!**

We are excited to announce that beginning January 2 students at Colebrookdale Elementary will have the opportunity to purchase a **GRAB-N-GO BREAKFAST** from the Cafeteria and take it to their classroom to enjoy. On this first day, Monday January 2, everyone in the building will be given the gift of breakfast, free of charge, to promote our breakfast program. The breakfast menu will be printed on the back of the lunch menu. From January 3 on, the price for a student breakfast is \$1.10 and will be deducted from your child's lunch account. If your child receives free or reduced lunch they would be eligible for free or reduced breakfast. Reduced breakfast price is \$.30. Breakfast will be available from 8:25 a.m. to 8:40 a.m. in the cafeteria each school morning.

## **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 from March 12 to March 23, 2012. **PSSA** Writing will be given to students in grade 5 from April 16 to April 20, 2012. **PSSA** Science will be given to students in grade 4 during the week of April 23 to April 27, 2012. Requests for educational family trips will not be approved during these testing dates.

## **Parking for Parent Pick Up**

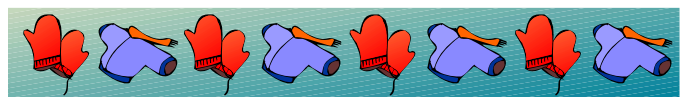
Parents please be considerate when you come to school to pick up your children at the end of the school day. Please do not block the driveways or park in any vehicles. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## **H.S.A. Corner**

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Holiday Shoppe a great success.

January 12 will be our next H.S.A. general meeting for this school year. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the school's library. There will be babysitting available.

Anyone who has pictures from this year's parties, programs and other events is encouraged to share these special memories with our yearbook staff. Pictures may be handed in at the office until February 15. This year our yearbook will be in color. Yearbook order forms will be distributed in the beginning of January and are due back in February 2012.





# Superflex's Home Page

Available 24 hours a day to defend Social Town from the Team of Unthinkables

## BORN:

August 17, 2000

## PLACE OF BIRTH:

Social Town, USA

## NICKNAME:

Flexie (but only called this by his mom)



## Powers:

Totally flexible thinker!  
This means he can prevent his brain from getting stuck on thinking about something one way-his way!

Helps citizens think about how to act and behave to keep others feeling good.

He is a great problem solver and can think of many different solutions to one problem.

Helps a citizen to recognize when an Unthinkable might be getting into their brain and can quickly come up with a Superflex strategy to defeat the character.

## MINI BIOGRAPHY:

*Superflex* quickly became the talk of Social Town when he realized he had special powers to help citizens change their thinking to defeat the always looming Team of Unthinkables. Since that day, he has been the hero of this town.

## LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT SUPERFLEX:

**FAVORITE FOODS:** Anything chewy and flexible...pasta is his favorite!

**CAPE SIZE:** Medium

**FLIGHT SPEED:** 100 mph when in pursuit of an Unthinkable

**FAVORITE ENERGY FOODS:** Superflex Cereal with lots of fruit

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Ⓞ In 2007, he received the Social Town Medal for great service to his community.
- Ⓞ In 2007 he created the Superflex Academy to teach the children of Social Town how to be their own superhero.

## TRIVIA:

- Ⓞ *What is the name of his dog?* **Bark**
- Ⓞ *How many Superflex Strategy Brains can he carry in his cape at one time?* **50**
- Ⓞ *What is his favorite color?* **Blue**
- Ⓞ *What is his favorite video game?* **Superflex Soccer**
- Ⓞ *What does he like to read?* **Superhero Comic Books**
- Ⓞ *What does he like to do when he is not trying to defeat the Unthinkables?* **Play fetch with his dog, Bark**

Quotes From  
Citizens of  
Social Town

*"People here are so thoughtful and friendly...living here makes me feel great about myself!"*

Sally, baker at Social Town Bakery

*"Superflex has helped me make Social Town a better place!"*

Mayor of Social Town