



NHUF

"Expect Excellence"

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SCHOOL NEWS

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DECEMBER 2011

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, December 6	School Board Meeting Ed Center 7 PM
Thursday, December 8	Gr 5 Chorus Concert 7 PM
Monday, December 12	Gr 6 Chorus Concert 7 PM
Tuesday, December 13	School Board Meeting NHUF 7 PM
Friday, December 23	12:30 Early Dismissal

SCHOOL REOPENS MONDAY JANUARY 2, 2012

AN INVITATION TO OUR HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Our chorus groups have been working very hard preparing for their Holiday Performances. The concert nights are as follows:

Vocal Ensemble, Tone Chimes and FIFTH grade chorus:
Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 PM
Vocal Ensemble, Tone Chimes and SIXTH grade chorus:
Monday December 12 at 7:00 PM



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 PM is the perfect time to get to know your School Board. The Board of School Directors' meeting will be held here at New Hanover in the All Purpose Room. Please come out and meet the members of your Board.

DISTRICT FINANCE/BUDGET MEETINGS

The following Finance/Budget meetings have been scheduled to develop the 2012 – 2013 budget for the district.

December 20, 2011 – Curriculum and Personnel, 6:30 p.m., Ed Center
January 3, 2012 – Technology and Special Education, 6:30 p.m. Ed Center
January 10, 2012 – Facilities and Transportation, 5:30 p.m., Ed Center
January 17, 2012 – Preliminary Budget Review, 6:30 p.m., Ed Center
January 24, 2012 – Adoption of Preliminary Budget, 7:00 p.m., JHW

COATS AND RECESS

Please remind your children to dress appropriately for outdoor recess. They will be going outside in cold weather. Please have them bring coats, hats and gloves to stay warm when outside.

After December 5, 2011 any students without coats to wear will not be allowed out to recess.

SNOW DAYS

On snow days, information about delays or cancellations will be provided through Connect Ed. You may also listen to one of the stations listed in the District Elementary School Handbook or call the district information line for specific information relating to weather. That phone number is 610-369-SNOW (-7669). Special announcements are also posted on the district website at <http://www.boyertownasd.org/>.

NEWS FOR CHORUS STUDENTS AND PARENTS – MRS. GALLAGHER

Holiday concert time is here! Each concert starts promptly at 7PM. Report time for all groups is 6:40.

Please have your child dress nicely for the concert. I ask that you wear no jeans or sneakers if possible. No specific color is necessary for chorus. Just come in your Sunday Best.

Vocal Ensemble members will receive a RED shirt to wear for their performance. I ask that it be worn with black bottoms (pants or a skirt). Please keep the shirt for our Arts Fest in April. It will be returned in May to the school.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Parents may dial directly to the classroom of their child's teacher. The phone will not ring during instructional time; however, you may leave a message on the voice mail. Please make your message short and repeat phone numbers at least twice. The classroom teacher may not be able to return your call during the school day. **Do not leave dismissal information on the teacher's voicemail.** For dismissal information, please continue to write a note to your child's teacher. **ONLY** call the office **before** 3:00 p.m. if there is a sudden change in dismissal plans.

The contact information for NHUF teachers is available on the district website. Under "Our Schools", go to "New Hanover Upper Frederick Elementary School", then click on "Staff" for phone and email information.

READ, READ, READ for PARP! – DR. OBAROW

New for DECEMBER – SUBWAY is back! When your child reads for PARP he/she can now choose a coupon for a FREE PERSONAL PAN PIZZA from Pizza Hut OR a coupon for a FREE KIDS' MEAL from Subway. We are excited to offer your child this choice! Please encourage your son or daughter to read for at least 20 minutes/day on 20 or more days of each month for PARP. Thank you for supporting your child's growth as a reader! 😊

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH

Any parent or guardian who has undergone a recent financial change which may qualify them for the free or reduced lunch program should request an application. Information is confidential.

PLANETARIUM NEWS

A Starwatch is slated for December 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Boyertown Planetarium. The program looks at the different sky events for December including how to use a star map. If the weather is clear, participants will go outside to view these objects and other wonders of the night sky. If it is cloudy, there will be an extended planetarium program.

The Boyertown Planetarium's holiday show, The Star of Bethlehem, will be shown on December 13 and 19 at 7:00 p.m. The program concentrates on the mystery surrounding this famous astronomical event. It is a mixture of factual information, astronomical insight, music, stories, and traditions.

Admission to the planetarium is \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for students and children. The planetarium is located in the back of the building at the Junior High East Center on Route 73. For more information join us on Facebook or call director Peter Detterline at 610-473-3906.



LIBRARY NEWS – MRS. CORCORAN

Thank you to all of the NHUF parents, students, and staff members who helped to make our book fair a great success! Our sales surpassed last year, and all of our students will benefit from many new “out of this world” titles in the library.

Each student had the opportunity to participate in the book fair guessing jar contest. Two of our students guessed the number right on the nose! There were 234 Starburst candies in the jar, and Maddie Conner in Mrs. Ruddy's 3rd grade class as well as Jordan Miller in Mrs. Ramsey's 5th grade class guessed the exact number.

There were also winners in the other grade levels. In 6th grade, Madison Sassa in Mrs. Bauman's class guessed 230. In 4th grade, Antonio Notartomaso in Miss Rumble's class guessed 235. In 2nd grade, Gabriel Moore in Miss Pesce's class guessed 230. In 1st grade, eight students guessed 200 candies: Lyndsay Camp and Nathan Barrett in Mrs. Ramirez's class; Michael Dennis in Mrs. Olds's class; Maddux Childs and Cadi Costello in Miss Caccese's class, and Carter Hasson, Lucas Steinmetz, and Patrick McNeill in Mrs. Gilbert's class. In kindergarten, Joseph Kerns in Miss Koch's class guessed 200. Congratulations!

NEWS FROM THE NURSE – MRS. POLK

In order to promote the health of school age children, Pennsylvania requires a physical in kindergarten and grade 6 and for any student with incomplete health records. These grades were chosen because they represent critical periods of growth and development in a child's life. If you received notice of your child's need to be examined, you may choose to have it performed by your family doctor or the school doctor. Although your family doctor can best evaluate your child's health, the school doctor will be available if desired. You are welcome to attend the school exam. The physicals this year are scheduled for December 2, 2011. Please return the form as quickly as possible so that we are made aware of your decision and can make necessary arrangements.

LICE

During the school year, almost without fail, we can expect to find cases of head lice among our students. School district regulations require that a student found to have head lice or nits be excluded from school and readmitted when lice and nit free as determined by the school nurse.

Head lice are very contagious. Once a child is found to have head lice, we work very hard to prevent the spread of lice to other children. Classmates and siblings are checked as well as any other students who may have had close contact with the child identified to have head lice. With early, thorough and prompt treatment, the spread of lice to other children is hopefully limited and kept under control. As parents, we are asking your help as well. Here are some “heads up” suggestions to keep your children lice free:

- A telltale sign of lice is excessive scratching of the scalp and complaining of itching. Inspect your child's hair and scalp regularly.
- Call the school nurse if you are unsure of identifying lice or nits and we will check for you.
- If you discover that your child has head lice, please inform the school. This can allow us to immediately take the necessary steps to stop it from spreading.
- Urge your children not to share coats and hats. Keep long hair combed into a ponytail. Discourage children from whispering into each other's ears.

By working together, we can keep this problem from “bugging” our school.

Joan Polk, CRNP,CSN BASD Certified School Nurse
NHUF Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 610-473-1770



HIGHLY QUALIFIED STAFF

The No Child Left Behind requirements require all teachers and Title I instructional Aides to be "highly qualified" according to guidelines established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. We are proud to say that all of the teachers and Title I aides in the Boyertown Area School District meet these criteria. If you have any questions regarding the educational background and certifications of your child's teacher, please contact the teacher or principal and we will gladly share this information with you.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS/DELAYS INFORMATION

Heavy snowfall or other serious weather conditions may make it necessary to close schools, delay openings, or dismiss early. In such cases, the following stations will broadcast the information:

102.5 – WRFY-FM 105.1 – WIOV-FM 107.5 – WBYN-FM 830 – WEEU-AM
1060 – KYW-AM 1240 – WIOV-AM 1340 – WRAW-AM 1370 – WPAZ-AM
WCAU-TV (10) WFMZ-TV (69) WPVI-TV (6) CBS-TV (3)

You may also call the Boyertown Area Information line at 610-369-SNOW (7669) or visit our website www.boyertownasd.org for updates or station websites:

www.wfmz.com; www.wzzo.com; www.fox1470.com; www.b104.com; www.waeb.com;
www.NBC10.com.

MARKET DAY

We want to thank all of you who continue to come out and support the Market Day Fundraiser. As a special thank you this month we have two great offers! All orders in December will receive a free Single Serve Kraft Mac & Cheese. Order \$90 and you will receive 1 lb. of FREE Meatballs by entering the promo code DECBONUS during online checkout. Have you tried the Spiral cut ham or the delicious pork tenderloin? These products along with the products listed in the December Market Day brochure will help to insure that your holiday dinner is excellent. Don't have time to bake cookies? Well you are in luck – this month is cookie month with 10 types to choose from, one is sure to be your family's favorite. Please contact David or Michelle Hanson at 215-234-0506 or jnhanson@comcast.net with any questions. Hope to see you at the sale. Happy holidays.

NHUF-PTCA News:



NHUF PTCA BOWLING DAY is January 14, 2012. We have reserved 30 lanes this year. Please look for the flyer coming home via backpack beginning in December. Lanes fill up quickly so reserve your spot early! For more info call Linda Walker- 610-327-0239 or email walker@maplehill.org.

Each Thursday we have a **PRESCHOOL STORYTIME** for our incoming kindergarten students from 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. Boys and girls hear a story and do a small craft. They are then able to check out two library books per week. Coming to story time helps to acclimate students to the "big school" for the following year. Story time is held in a kindergarten classroom which allows the students to become even more familiar with their upcoming surroundings. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to read to students, please contact Becky Puleo at rebacm@comcast.net or 610-323-1043.



scholarship.

The **NEW HANOVER UPPER FREDERICK SCHOLARSHIP** that is awarded annually to a graduating senior who attended NHUF has been renamed this year to the New Hanover Upper Fredrick Kevin J. Gaut Scholarship to honor the memory of one of our most dedicated and beloved teachers. Additionally, the teachers at New Hanover have collected money to be awarded towards this

The **Playground Committee** has added a garden to the flagpole area in memory of Peg Merkley to honor her dedication to the students, staff and community of NHUF. Please be sure to enjoy its blooms this spring, and special thanks to The O'Connor family for taking the time to create it for all of us. Thank you Tom, Traci, Tommy and Tara.



Movie Night – Mark your calendars for February 3, 2012 for Family Movie Night. Info will be coming home next month.

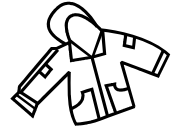
BASKET RAFFLE is coming sooner than you think. March may seem far away with the holidays looming just around the corner but we need your **HELP NOW** to organize a successful fun-raiser. We need people to collect donations, build baskets, come up with theme & decorating ideas, coordinate setup / cleanup and overall preparation for the **BIG** night! Contact Gayle McNeill at gnpmcneill@comcast.net or Elise Watts at ekswatts@comcast.net to volunteer.



Membership You can still sign up for **MEMBERSHIP** with the PTCA. All donations, regardless of size, are funneled directly back to the classrooms to purchase supplies for your students. Membership envelopes can be requested from Linda Walker at lwalker@maplehill.org or can be picked up from the school office.



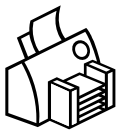
Special thanks to **HOLIDAY SHOPPE** Coordinators Barb Ferri & Janet Fegely and ALL of their elves for a successful holiday shop this year. And, thanks to all who donated to the coat drive.



Thanks to Lynnette Moccia for organizing the Family Pizza Night in coordination with the Book Fair. Special thanks to all the helpers for volunteering as well. We couldn't do it without you.

Are you familiar with all the collection programs that help the school?

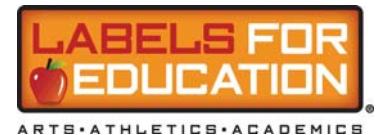
It Pays to Recycle! Each year the PTCA collects and recycles used cell phones and print cartridges to make improvements to our **PLAYGROUND**. We are asking that anyone who has used phones or print cartridges to send them to school with your child to be dropped off in the lobby for the bus drop off. The boxes are clearly marked so that children can easily deposit them as they head to their classrooms each day. Additionally, please note that any inkjet, DeskJet, or LaserJet cartridge is acceptable. Toner drums, unfortunately, cannot be used for this program. We appreciate your help.



If you or your business would like to provide donations for us, we'll gladly provide a collection box for you. Please contact Elise Watts at ekswatts@comcast.net.

Campbell's – Labels for Education

This year we are going all out! Last month you received a Bonus Sheet that offers us 50 Bonus points for each COMPLETED golden sheet we hand in by December 31, 2011. **Please read the instructions carefully!** General collection sheets for 1-point and 5-point labels will be coming home shortly, if not there already.



Go to the website <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/> and wait for the screen to show the promotion about winning a **\$45,000** worth of electronics for our school. You have to register the first time you enter but only have to enter your email address each time after that. A simple easy way to WIN for NHUF!



Now you are able to order **GIANT GIFT CARDS** and have them brought home with your child or available for pick-up at our bi-monthly

PTCA meetings. There are additional slips on the PTCA bulletin board just outside the nurse's office at school. Additionally, you can now link your **GIANT** savings card to a savings account for the NHUF PTCA. Why not help your school by linking our school to the purchases you already make for your family. To do this, go to www.giantfoodstores.com; choose "savings" and then "A+ School Rewards". Then, click on the "register" button and use school code number 05997 and either New Hanover Upper Frederick or Upper Frederick Elementary school.

Redner's Save-A-Tape

Please be sure to use your Save-A-Tape / Gas savings card at check out and send your receipts into school on a regular basis! There is a marked collection container in the main office.

Target – Take Charge of Education Program

We received a check for **\$488** for last year's effort. We encourage you to use your Target card for **ALL** of your holiday shopping done at the store. We receive up to 1% back for every purchase.

Link your Target credit or debit card to NHUF PTCA account – our school ID # 88992. You can do this online or over the phone at 1-800-316-6142.

