



EBENEZER ELEMENTARY

January 2020



Principal's Message

Dean W. Bozman, Ed.D.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

During the December, Ebenezer was busy with the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. The annual Holiday Shop is supported by the PTE. This year's event was shopped for and organized by teachers and other helpers. The event provided students with the opportunity to buy gifts for friends and family. Buying gifts for others, gave students the chance to experience the feeling of giving to others. Thanks to the help and dedication of the PTE, teachers, and volunteers, students had the chance to visit the Holiday Shop during the school day. Several volunteers from St. Stephen's Church and student council members from Cedar Crest HS gave of their time to assist with the Holiday Shop. Through the support of our PTE and assistance of our reading intervention teachers each student at Ebenezer was able to receive a book during our book distribution in November.

The fourth and fifth grade chorus, under the leadership of Mrs. Dundore, provided students, faculty, parents, family members, and guests with an outstanding Holiday Chorus Concert. The chorus program included Ebenezer's very own show choir, the Ebenezer Encores. Thank you to Mrs. Dundore, Mrs. Bickel, show choir students, and parents who made the show choir performance possible through numerous early morning practices. Ebenezer students were treated to a special holiday concert featuring the Ebenezer band and orchestra under the direction of Mr. Thompson and Dr. Campbell. Thank you to all of the musicians, singers, and directors for their time and talent! I would also like to thank the many parents and family members who attended the performance.

Our second grade, provided students, parents, and faculty with some holiday entertainment with their very popular "Holiday Hoopla" performance. The second grade Holiday Hoopla traveled to Cedar Haven to treat the residents with their special program, which has become an annual tradition. The residents enjoyed having Ebenezer's second grade perform their holiday program. Thank you to the second grade students and teachers for a terrific show.

During my monthly student recognition program, Excellent Events, students were recognized for P.R.A.I.S.E Awards, Shining Stars, Principal's 100 Club, and December birthdays. At each Excellent Event I talk about the character trait for the upcoming month which happens to be *Acceptance*. January's character trait, *Acceptance*, ties in nicely with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s message of accepting others for who they are and not judging others by the color of their skin.

Please join us for our next PTE meeting on January 8th at 6:30PM.

Important Dates

- January 1 No School
- January 8 PTE Meeting 6:30 PM
- January 15 Texas Road House Fundraiser Night
- January 20 No School (1st Weather Make-up Day)
- January 21 2nd Marking Period Ends
- January 23 Movie Night "Toy Story 4" 6:30 PM
- January 24 No School (Act 80 Day)

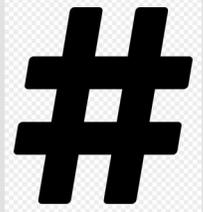


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Meet

Mr. Bare



#SMILE

Gym Teacher



#WELCOME

My name is Mr. Rob Bare. I have taught physical education at Ebenezer since January 1993..27 years! I coach cross country and track & field for CCHS, also. When I was young I grew up on a dairy farm. My father, brother and I milked 84 Holstein cows twice a day. My parents taught me the importance of working hard & having a positive attitude. I have two boys, Matthew and Zachary. Matthew is 22 years old and in the United States Air Force. Zachary is 16 years old and is a junior at CCHS.

#FAVORITES

- The Beach—I enjoy sun, sand and surf!
- The Gym —Several mornings a week you can find me at New York Fitness at 5:30 AM lifting weights and riding the stationary bike.
- Running—all other mornings you can find me on the roads & trails of North Lebanon Township. I've run 46,000+ miles in my lifetime.
- Teaching & Coaching— I'm blessed to teach the students of Ebenezer and coach the student-athletes of CCHS!



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Showing respect will be easier for your youngster if she knows what respect sounds like and looks like in everyday life. Try these ideas.

Make a “quote board.” Have your child label a poster board or a bulletin board “The Sounds of Respect.” When a family member hears respectful language, she can write it on a sticky note and add it to the board. For instance, your youngster might overhear a teller at the bank say, “Thank you for your service” to a customer in a military uniform. Or maybe you’ll notice that your child asks her brother respectfully, “Could you please sing more quietly while I finish my homework?”

Draw a comic strip. Brainstorm ways people show respect, such as by keeping commitments or respecting others’ wishes. Then, your youngster can create a comic strip that illustrates one of the examples. Perhaps she’ll draw one panel that shows her arranging a get-together with a friend, a second panel where a different friend invites her to a movie she’s anxious to see, and a third with her sticking to her original plans.

Critical thinking is important. At home, there are fun ways to build thinking skills in your child that doesn’t need any materials — just her brain.

Try holding a family debate, with a twist. Ask a question like “Which is better, basketball or baseball?” Let each person answer, then argue in favor of the sport she didn’t choose. Your youngster will need to think critically to take a view that’s the opposite of her own. For instance, a baseball fan might say that basketball is more fast-paced and exciting.

Or encourage your daughter to look at familiar situations in new ways. Have her pick a situation or an event (say, a snowstorm). Now take turns looking at it from others’ perspectives. How would a truck driver, a toddler, or a squirrel feel about the snow?

Contact me with any questions or concerns. modonnoll@clsd.k12.pa.us or 717-272-1969





From the Desk of Ms. Lu, Certified School Nurse:

1. **Health Room clothing need:** The nurses' office is in need of elastic waist band shorts and sweat pants. All other clothing needs are met at this time. If you have used shorts or pants that have been outgrown, please consider donating them to the nurses' office to help with clothing accident times.
2. **Cough Drops/Medications:** Please remember that most cough drops are considered a medication and are discouraged unless you have written instructions from a physician. All medications, including cough drops, must be brought into the school by an adult – **not in a student's book bag.**
3. **Water and Dehydration:** Perhaps instead of cough drops, your child can bring a water bottle to school. Helps to keep coughing at a minimum. Students should drink half in the morning and half in the afternoon and take home an empty water bottle. Water helps us keep alert and hydrated and boosts the immune system.
4. **Dress for Recess:** Just a reminder that all students have a 20 minute recess daily. Unless it is extremely cold, recess is outdoors. Please be sure your child is dressed properly for cold weather recess. If you have concerns, questions or clothing needs, please call Mrs. Lu, school nurse, at 717-389-1876.
5. **Physicals/Dentals:** School dental exams and school physical exams will be completed in January.
6. **Illness:** We want children to come to school and be able to learn and feel well! If your child is ill, he/she may not be able to do well academically in school. Please keep ill children home until temperature is below 100 degrees without the aid of Tylenol or Ibuprofen.



From the District Office:

Did you know?

Information about any **School Closings or Delays** will be posted to the District Home page: www.clsd.k12.pa.us and also to the Cornwall-Lebanon School District **Facebook** page and Twitter ([@CLSD_Schools](https://twitter.com/CLSD_Schools)). Be sure to update your weather emergency contact information under the Skylert tab on the parent portal in order to receive calls and emails.

Food Services Note: Beginning January 2, 2020, due to updated guidance from the Department of Education and the USDA, small water bottles will no longer be free at lunch with a program meal. Potable water and cups will be available in dispensers in the cafeteria.

For information about **Upcoming Events**, including *free* planetarium programs, pool schedules and announcements, look under “News” on the District Home page, or click on the “Community” tab at the top of the District website and select “Events & Activities” from the drop-down menu. Additional information about community and school activities is available on the **Community Bulletin Board**, also located under the “Community” tab on the District website.

The Planetarium at Cedar Crest High School offers FREE programs throughout the school year. Daytime programs are reserved for senior citizens. Evening programs are intended for anyone of any age. Most shows are appropriate for elementary aged children and make for a great family activity. Program descriptions are located on the “Events & Activities” page of the District website. Reservations must be made at least one day in advance to ensure program availability. Please contact the planetarium director, Mr. Rich Fried at (717) 272-2033, x5412. If Rich is unavailable to answer your call due to teaching duties, please leave a message and phone number at which you may be reached.

January 2020 Calendar Notes (*January is School Directors Recognition Month*):

Wednesday, Jan. 1: No School – Last Day of Winter Vacation

Monday, Jan. 6: CLSD Board of School Directors Public Work Session, 5:30 p.m., District Office

Thursday, Jan. 9: *National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.)*

Sunday, Jan. 12: CCHS Winter Band Pops Concert, 2 PM

Monday, Jan. 13: CLSD Board of School Directors regular meeting, 5:30 p.m., CCHS LGI

Wednesday, Jan. 15: *CLSD Custodians & Maintenance Workers Recognition Day*

Monday, Jan. 20: **No School** - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (*1st weather make-up day*)

Tuesday, Jan. 21: End of the 2nd Marking Period/1st Semester

Friday, Jan. 24: **No School for Students (Act 80 Day)**

Wednesday, Jan. 22: Planetarium program at CCHS, “The Solar System:” 10–10:45 AM for Senior Citizens; 7–7:45 PM for the General Public. *See information above about making reservations for this free program.*

Tuesday, Jan. 28: Report cards will be available for viewing on the Skyward parent portal this day.

Upcoming Spring 2020 Dates of Note:

March 13, 2020: CLSD Gold Card Event - Spring Dinner & Dance, “Old Hollywood.” Please submit reservations for this free event by March 2. Reservation forms can be picked up in any District building office, or downloaded from the Community tab on the CLSD website: www.clsd.k12.pa.us.

April 20-May 8, 2020: PSSA Testing for English Language Arts, Math and Science. These tests are very important in determining how well our students are performing in relation to the state standards. Please do not schedule any vacations or trips during this timeframe: April 20-May 8, 2020.



Winter Recess

Whenever possible, the students go outside for daily recess. Unless requested by a doctor's note, all students who are eligible for recess (as determined by their teacher) will go outside. On days when it is extremely cold, and there is a very low wind chill factor, there will be no outside recess. Please be sure that your child is always dressed properly for the cold weather in the event that there IS outside recess. If your child is in need of a coat, hat, or gloves for the winter, please contact our School Nurse, Kim Lu at 389-1876.



Yearbook orders are still being taken online. Simply log on to ybpa.lifetouch.com and enter code: 10860419

If you have any questions or are unable to place an order online please contact:

Amanda Sanders at beaursanders@hotmail.com

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Yearbook

PTE IMPORTANT DATES & REMINDERS:

- Our next PTE meeting is Wednesday, January 8th at 6:30pm.
- For those who signed up for the Painting Class, it will be held in the cafeteria on, Saturday, January 11th, 2-4pm.
- Movie Night featuring "Toy Story 4", Thursday, January 23rd at 6:30pm. Look for flyer the week of Jan 9th.
- Fundraiser Night at Texas Roadhouse, Wednesday, January 15th.
- First Annual Daddy Daughter Dance, Saturday, February 22nd. 6-8pm in the Ebenezer cafeteria. Flyer will come home following winter break.
- Ebenezer WINTER Carnival will take place Saturday, March 7th. Lots of volunteers will be needed. Look for volunteer forms to come home.
- Continue clipping Box Tops! The spring submission date will be in February.

Don't forget to "like" us on Facebook! www.Facebook.com/EbenezerPTE.

PTE wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year!!

Missy Kessler, PTE President
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\$\$Falcon Foundation\$\$

Are you interested in learning something new?

Would you like to become a better musician?

Is there a skill you would like to develop in sports or art?

Do you want to improve academically?

Are you interested in science or history?

As an Ebenezer Elementary student and family,

you are eligible to apply for an award from

the Falcon Foundation.

The Falcon Foundation Grants and Awards committee is currently accepting applications for educational opportunity awards. The awards are for any student who has shown superior achievement deserving recognition or for a student displaying academic/ financial need. **The application deadline for summer awards is March 15th.**

For an application, go to <https://www.clsd.k12.pa.us/>. Under the Community tab menu, select Falcon Foundation. Please contact Miss Baumbach (jbaumbach@clsd.k12.pa.us) if you need an application or have any questions.

Reading News

From Mrs. Cassel, Mrs. Wenrich, and Mrs. Williams

Growing Readers: How to Read Nonfiction Text

Kids love to read about real people, places, and events. Nonfiction books present real information in engaging and interesting ways. Reluctant readers often find nonfiction more motivating and interesting, especially when a topic of interest is presented. Here are some tips for navigating a nonfiction book.

Talk about nonfiction

Begin by explaining that the book you're about to read is nonfiction. That means the book will give information that is true. Consider organizing your home library into fiction and nonfiction books. This simple categorization task may help your child understand the difference between these two genres.

Look at the parts

Most good nonfiction books will have helpful features that are not part of most fiction books. Share the purpose of these features with your reader.

Table of Contents: Located at the front of the book and used to display a list of big ideas within the book and where to find them.

Index: An alphabetical list of almost everything covered within the book with page numbers.

Glossary: Located at the back of the book, a glossary contains key words that are related to the topic and their definition.

Captions: Captions are usually right under photographs, figures, maps, and charts. Captions give a quick summary of what information is presented in the graphic.

Photos and Charts: A lot of information can be found by "reading" the charts and photos found in nonfiction text.

Be the Reading Boss

Nonfiction books do not need to be read cover to cover. Readers can use the table of contents and index to jump right to the information they are most interested in. In that way they are the "boss of the book"! This can be very motivating to reluctant readers.

As natural learners, young readers are drawn to books that give information! Try out some of these recommended titles today!

[First Human Body Encyclopedia](#) By: DK Publishing

[Frogs](#) By: Nic Bishop

[Wild Animal Atlas: Earth's Astonishing Animals and Where They Live](#) By: Nat'l Geo Kids

[Our Solar System](#) By: Seymour Simon

KIDS HEART CHALLENGE

Ebenezer's annual Kids Heart Challenge (formerly known as Jump Rope For Heart) for **grades 1 – 5** will be held **Friday, February 14, 2020**. Kindergarten students will conduct their Kids Heart Challenge on **Thursday, February 13, 2020**. This will be the 24th consecutive year that Ebenezer has participated in this event. In 23 years of participating in JRFH, Ebenezer has raised more than **\$640,000** for the American Heart Association to help fight heart disease! **Last year, Ebenezer ranked 9th in the USA out of 20,000+ schools when we raised \$54,300+ for the AHA!** That set a record for the most money collected! Also, **100% of the students** participated in last year's event! Our participation percentage (100%) tied an Ebenezer school record! **EVERY** student brought in a permission slip and collection envelope! Get involved in Kids Heart Challenge. We participate in the Kids Heart Challenge for three reasons – 1. To help save people's lives; 2. To get our heart healthier; 3. To have fun! This year the American Heart Association is introducing the "Heart Hero Squad" as part of their new incentive program! Kids Heart Challenge information will be sent home in early January.

Mr. Robert Bare, Physical Education Teacher, Ebenezer Elementary School

Boys' Track & Field Coach, Cedar Crest High School



"Good is not enough when you dream of being great!"

Cafeteria News

Due to updated guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Education Bureau of Food and Nutrition and the United States Department of Agriculture, the Cornwall-Lebanon School District Food Service will no longer offer a free small water bottle when purchasing a program meal. Potable water and cups will be made available in dispensers in each of our school cafeterias as of January 2nd, 2020. Large bottles of water will be available to purchase for \$1.00.

Birthday Invitations

Classroom teachers are able to provide parents/guardians a list of homeroom student names (first only) for occasions such as birthday party invitations and Valentine's Day Cards. If birthday invitations are distributed at school, they may only be given out to **ALL** of the students in their homeroom.

Modified Kindergarten Schedule

In the event of a 2-hour delay

To make the morning and afternoon classes of kindergarten more equitable, in the event of any two-hour delay during inclement weather, the following modified schedule for kindergarten children will be placed in effect:

AM Kindergarten 11:00 am–12:45 pm (Expected **arrival time** at home will be one hour later).

PM Kindergarten 1:45 – 3:30 pm (Expected **pick up time** will be one hour later).