



EBENEZER ELEMENTARY

December 2020



Principal's Message

Dean W. Bozman, Ed.D.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you to the many parents/guardians who attended a parent-teacher conference virtually or by phone. Ongoing and meaningful communication between home and school is a key ingredient to student success. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, learning facilitator, transportation coordinator, principal, or other staff member if you have a question or concern you would like to discuss. The annual PTE Holiday Shop will take place during school on December 9th-11th. Please have your child bring their money envelope to school by Monday, December 7th. The donations given for the Feed our Flock project showed firsthand the generosity and compassion of Ebenezer students and families. Thanks to generosity of the Falcon Foundation, Ebenezer has received a little library. In the spring, the little library will be placed on the Ebenezer property so students can access free books or place gently used books in the library for others to enjoy.

It is important that parents/guardians keep their information updated in Skyward such as email address, home (landline) phone number, cell phone number, and other contact information. This information is used when phone calls are made home from the office or nurse and when Skyward messages are sent home. If there are any changes to your child's participation in the YMCA SACC program, please notify the school office and your child's teacher. Thank you for your help with these important items.

May you enjoy the many blessings of the holiday season! Thank you for your continued support.

Important Dates

- December 9-11 Holiday Shoppe
- December 17 Excellent Events (wear your Pride T-Shirt or Falcon colors blue/grey)
- December 23 Last Day before Winter Break
- December 24-Jan 1 No School/Winter Break

Upcoming Events

- January 6 PTE Meeting 6:30 PM
- January 18 No School (first weather make up day)

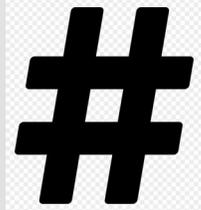


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Meet

Mrs. Dove



#SMILE

1st Grade Teacher



#WELCOME

Hello! My name is Mrs. Kristen Dove. I am just finishing my 24th year of teaching in CLSD. I taught 5th gr, 2nd gr, Kindergarten and now 1st gr. My mother was a Kindergarten teacher at Ebenezer and I was fortunate to co-teach with her before she retired. I have both my B.S. and Master's degree from Millersville University. My husband Chris is a paramedic in the Harrisburg area. We are blessed to have two children, our daughter Madison (17) and our son Nicholas (15) who keep us very busy with figure skating and travel ice hockey! We have two other joys in our family, a German Shepherd named Lexi and a Westie named Keely who make each evening eventful! I love teaching and can not imagine doing anything else!

#FAVORITES

- Teaching!
- Reading books at the beach
- Watching Nick play ice hockey
- Watching Madison compete in figure skating
- Listening to Madison play the violin
- Traveling as much as possible
- Teaching with my fabulous First Grade Team



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This year, Ebenezer Elementary is implementing a curriculum designed to foster self-regulation and emotional control, *The Zones of Regulation*, written and created by Leah M. Kuypers. There are four *Zones*. Each month, I'll provide you with more information about each *Zone* and strategies to get back to the **GREEN ZONE**, which is a regulated state of alertness and means you're "Good to Go!"

The **YELLOW ZONE** is a heightened state of alertness where you still have some control, but you may be starting to lose some control. Common feelings include stress, frustration, anxiety, excitement, silliness, nervousness, confusion, squirmy, and sensory-seeking. Below are some Yellow Zones strategies:

- Take deep breaths
- Take a break
- Give yourself a hug
- Listen to music
- Read a book
- Ask for help
- Squeeze a stress ball/squishy
- Go for a walk
- Get a drink



If your child is experiencing frequent Yellow Zone feelings, do not hesitate to contact me at 717-272-1969 ext. 2308 or modonnell@clsd.k12.pa.us so we can collaborate how to best support your child's emotional needs.



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

Guidelines for keeping your ill child home from school: If your child has a temperature elevation of 100 or more, a severe sore throat, chronic cough, sinus pain or ear pain, you may need to keep him or her home from school. If you need to give your child Tylenol or Advil to reduce a fever or cope with pain, your child should not come to school.

Please continue to check your child for symptoms according to the Group A and Group B lists.

Good hand washing techniques, lots of fluids and extra rest will help your child cope and reduce the spread of illness to other students.

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 School Nurse Kim Lu at (717) 389-1876.

If you have not turned in your child's completed private physical and private dental forms to the nurse yet, please do so as soon as possible. These forms were due back on October 1st, 2020. Please call with any questions, at 717-389-1876.



From the District Office:

1) CHANGES to this year's Holiday Breakfast Event for CLSD Residents age 65+: Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, there will be no in-person Holiday Breakfast Concert program in 2020. Instead, Cornwall-Lebanon School District residents age 65+ are invited to drive by the rear of Cedar Crest Middle School to pick up a **Holiday Breakfast Treat Gift Box*** **Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020, 9:00-10:00 a.m.** (Note: This is a time change from the printed CLSD calendar.) Since No Tickets are required this year, there will be **NO** ticket pick-up event on Dec. 3. CLSD residents are asked to present their CLSD Gold Card at the Dec. 15 event to receive their Holiday Treat Gift Box. CLSD residents age 65+ who do not have a Gold Card are asked to stop by the District office (105 E. Evergreen Rd.) and present a valid driver's license to sign up for a Gold Card. Questions? Contact Amy Wissinger, (717) 272-2031. ***Holiday Breakfast Treat Boxes are available to the first 300 CLSD Gold Card residents attending.**

2) District Calendar Changes: Due to COVID-19, many music and athletic events that usually are open to the public are either cancelled or being held virtually. Please always confirm an event listed on the printed *CLSD 2020-2021 Calendar* is taking place by checking the calendar items listed on the District website: www.clsd.k12.pa.us or contacting the District office: (717) 272-2031.

3) Online Community Bulletin Board: Check the online Community Bulletin Board regularly for information about upcoming events, activities and fundraisers throughout the CLSD community (Click on the "COMMUNITY" tab on the District website: www.clsd.k12.pa.us, or Look under the "SERVICES" tab on any CLSD school page.) Currently, you can find out about **sports activities** for the participant and spectator ... **Scouting** opportunities ... Student club **Fundraisers** ... **community events & activities** ... and many more items of possible interest!

4) The next meeting of the CLSD Board of School Directors is Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., in the large group instruction room (LGI) at the high school. This is the annual reorganization meeting of the Board. There is no work session scheduled in December. In order to prepare seating arrangements in accordance with Governor Wolf's social distancing guidelines, District residents who would like to attend the Dec. 7 meeting must register by 3 PM, Friday, Dec. 4, 2020, via the link on the CLSD website.

5) Cornwall-Lebanon School District will be closed for Winter Break: Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020, through and including Friday, Jan. 1, 2021.

6) Support United Way to connect your child with a call from Santa! While children may still be able to visit Santa this year to give him their Christmas wish list, it likely won't be the traditional sit on his lap for a photo or breakfast experience. Sign up for a time during the scheduled days, and Santa will call your child. You can provide United Way with details to share with Santa about how your child was naughty or nice for an even more personalized experience. **When:** December 8, 10, 14, 16, 6-8 p.m. Santa United calls are \$10 each for an approximately five-minute phone call. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be put back into programs in Lebanon County that support our local children and youth. To schedule a call: <https://app.mobilecause.com/form/yMmixQ?vid=ehdvi>



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It's time!! Orders for the 2020-2021 Ebenezer Elementary Yearbook are being taken now! Don't miss out on this memento filled with pictures and memories of all the great events and fun times your child will be participating in this year at Ebenezer Elementary. It's easy, just go to: <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com> and enter ID code 10860421. Order today to guarantee your child's yearbook!

BUY  YOUR
Yearbook

PTE News:

*The Holiday Shop will take place on Wed, December 9th-Fri December 11th during school hours. Virtual students will be given time to shop as well on Thursday from 4-5pm. The students will be able to shop for holiday gifts for family and friends. All items are priced at \$1. Students may purchase up to 10 items. Checks made payable to Ebenezer PTE will be accepted up to \$10.

*Texas Roadhouse gift card fundraiser orders are due, Tuesday December 1st. This will allow time to get gift cards back to you before the holidays.

* Online Spirit wear can be purchased until Tues, December 1st

<https://majorleague.ink/store/ebenezer elementary/>

*PTE Meeting – Wed, January 6th @ 6:30pm

*Box Tops - Please keep clipping & scanning!

*Stay tuned for more information about how you can help Ebenezer through Shutterfly

PTE wishes everyone a great holiday!

Ronice Sceski, PTE President
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Falcon Foundation

This Holiday Season...

As an Ebenezer Elementary family, **you** are eligible to apply for a FALCON FOUNDATION award for your Ebenezer student.

The Falcon Foundation Grants and Awards Committee is currently accepting application for educational opportunity awards. The grants are awarded to recognize a student for superior achievement and/ or for need (academic or financial).

For an application...go to <https://www.clsd.k12.pa.us/> under the Community tab select Falcon Foundation—or use the Falcon Foundation Quick Link.

Begin thinking NOW about possible summer opportunities...science camps, sports camps, art classes, music camps, history-based workshops, etc...

The next application deadline is March 15th

Reading News

What does the GREAT reading instruction look like in your child's EBENEZER classroom?

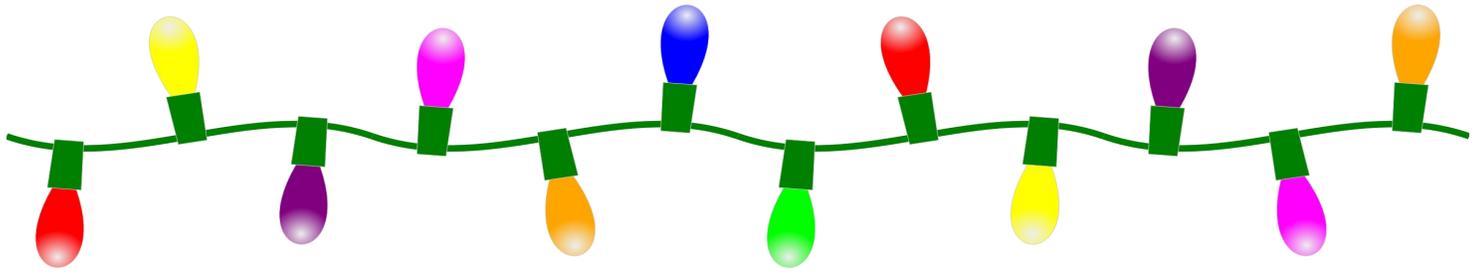
The “5 pillars” of effective reading instruction: a crash course

	What It Is	Why It's Important for Reading
Phonemic Awareness	... is a type of knowledge . A child with <i>phonemic awareness</i> understands that our spoken language is composed of individual sounds. There are roughly 44 spoken sounds in English.	The insight that there are sounds within spoken words helps readers to learn and use letters to represent those sounds.
Phonics	... is a type of instruction . A student who receives instruction in <i>phonics</i> is taught the relationship between the individual sounds in our spoken language and the letters we use to represent them in our written language.	Learning how the 26 letters in our written alphabet are used to represent the roughly 44 sounds in our spoken language allows students to unlock the code of our written language.
Fluency	... is a characteristic of skilled reading . A student who has achieved <i>fluency</i> has the ability to read text accurately, with expression, at a rate that supports comprehension.	A reader who can turn printed words on the page into language that sounds like speaking has translated the written code back into spoken language. This makes reading comprehension possible.
Vocabulary	... is a component of language . A child's <i>vocabulary</i> is made up of the words the child understands.	It is easier for a reader to use what they've learned about phonics to translate a written word into a spoken word if they've heard the word before — especially if they already know what the word means.
Comprehension	... is the goal of reading . <i>Comprehension</i> is the cognitive process readers use to understand what they read.	Understanding a text allows the information and knowledge in the text to be remembered, analyzed, discussed, and integrated into a reader's understanding of the world.

Information from Margaret Goldberg, Reading Rockets

Reading Intervention Teachers are here to SUPPORT this classroom reading instruction through individual and small group diagnostic teaching based on these pillars. See one of us if you have questions or concern about supporting your child's reading at home in any area. We are here to help!

Mrs. McCracken, Mrs. Wenrich, and Mrs. Williams



STARS of the month for December

Jaxon Roof—Kdg.-Stehr

Grace Paredes—1-Smith

Cooper Stellar—2-Gilmartin

Dr. Bozman would like to congratulate
these students.

