This summer everyone reads!

We believe…

“Once you learn to read, you will be free forever.”

~Frederick Douglas

“Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.”

~Margaret Fuller

We require…

- That you read any combination of 2 of the following:
  - Books (fiction or nonfiction)
  - Magazine articles

We will collect…

- One summer reading project of your choice
Dear Parents and Guardians:

The more we read the better readers we become. Students who read actively, often, and widely

- Increase their fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.
- Experience greater success in school by developing literacy skills that support critical reading of all texts.
- Broaden their experience, knowledge, and understanding of the larger world.
- Develop lifelong reading habits.

In order to promote reading proficiency, continued reading must occur throughout the summer. By doing so, our students will become more capable and enthusiastic readers and will find greater success in school. Therefore, Charles Boehm, Pennwood, and William Penn Middle Schools have developed a summer reading program in which students are required to read two of the following: books and/or magazines articles of their choice. After reading the books or articles, students will create a summer reading project about one of them using the directions provided. Directions regarding the choice projects are attached and available on the school and district website. The project is due the second week of school to the Language Arts teachers in grades 6 and 7 and the English teachers in grade 8. The project will count as a homework assignment for the first marking period.

If you are looking for additional reading activities, the public libraries are an invaluable resource. In particular, the Levittown and Yardley free libraries offer fun activities designed to support summer reading.

Let’s make reading a habit of heart and mind. Have a happy, healthy summer!

Sincerely,

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Summer Project Options

Please **choose one** of the following projects to complete for **one** of the books/magazine articles that you’ve read this summer.

- **BOOK COVER / MAGAZINE COVER:** Using an 8.5 x 11 piece of paper, design an original cover for the text that you’ve read. On the front cover, please include the title of the text that you’ve read, the name of the author, and a picture (can be hand drawn or computer generated) which illustrates an important event from the text. On the back cover, please include a 1 paragraph summary of the text. Beneath the summary, write one original review which gives your opinion of the text (1-2 sentences in length).

- **NEWSPAPER ARTICLE:** Write a newspaper article (2-4 paragraphs in length) about a particular event in your book, or magazine article. Remember to include the who, what, when, where, why, and how. Include a “photograph” (could be hand-drawn, or computer generated) with a caption to accompany your article.

- **COLLAGE:** Using a paper/poster board no larger than 9 x 12, create a collage using pictures and words based on the following criteria depending on the type of text read. Be sure to include the title of the book/article, the author’s name, and your name.
  - **For a novel:**
    - major events
    - setting
    - your reaction to the book
  - **For magazine articles:**
    - interesting facts
    - new vocabulary words
    - reaction to the articles

- **BOOKMARK:** Create a two-sided bookmark including the following components of the story:
  - Your name
  - Title
  - Author
  - Overall rating of the book (1-4 stars) with an explanation of your opinion
  - 2 personal connections made while reading
  - 3 questions that came to mind while reading
  - If you read a fictional piece, include the theme (message) of the selection.
  - If you read a nonfiction selection, list 5 interesting facts.

- **SCREENCASTIFY:** Create a Screencastify advertising your favorite summer read. Be sure to include Title, author’s name, your name and 3 reasons why this is your favorite summer read.

Here are places to find digital texts over the summer if you need them:
MackinVia [https://www.mackinvia.com/](https://www.mackinvia.com/)
Public Library [https://buckslib.org/e-library/](https://buckslib.org/e-library/) (if you need a library card [https://buckslib.librarymarket.com/](https://buckslib.librarymarket.com/))
Your name: ____________________________

Title:______________________________________

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Author: ________________________________

Overall rating of the book (color the appropriate number of stars):

Provide an explanation of the rating that you gave:

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Explain 2 personal connections that you made while reading:

1.______________________________________

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List 3 questions that came to mind while reading:

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If you read a fictional piece, list and explain the theme in the space provided below, OR if you read a nonfiction piece, list 5 interesting facts in the space provided below.
Suggested Books for Summer Reading 2021

All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team by Christina Soontornvat
Auggie and Me: Three Wonder Stories by R.J. Palacio
Because of Mr. Terupt by Rob Buyea
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James L. Swanson
Counting by 7's by Holly Goldberg Sloan
The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein
The Face on the Milk Carton by Caroline Cooney
Flora and Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo
Genesis Begins Again by Alicia Williams
Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson
Hello Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly
I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai
King and the Dragonflies by Kacen Callender
Merci Suarez Changes Gears by Meg Medina
New Kid by Jerry Craft
The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani
A Night Divided by Jennifer Nielsen
The Not-So-Boring Letters of Private Nobody by Matthew Landis
One for the Murphys by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper
A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park
The Raft by S.A. Bodeen
The Red Kayak by Priscilla Cummings
Restart by Gordon Korman
Projekt 1065 by Alan Gratz
Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story by Caren Barzelay Stelson
Sal and Gabi Break the Universe by Carlos Hernandez
Soar by Joan Bauer
Stranded by Ben Mikaelsen
The Strangers by Margaret Peterson Haddix
Tesla's Attic by Neal Shusterman and Eric Elfman
To the End of the World and Beyond by Avi
Undefeated : Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team by Steve Sheinkin
The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt
When Stars Are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed
When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller
Worst Class Trip Ever by Dave Barry

Suggested Authors:
Laurie Halse Anderson
Avi
Alan Gratz
Nikki Grimes
Gordon Korman
Mike Lupica
Walter Dean Myers
Jason Reynolds
Jordan Sonnenblick
Jacqueline Woodson

Suggested Series:
Harry Potter--J.K Rowling
Magnus Chase and the gods of Asgard-- Rick Riordan
Seeds of America Trilogy--Laurie Halse Anderson
Sisters Grimm--Michael Buckley

Magazines:
You may also choose to read a magazine from a selected list, which can be found below and on the school and district websites. These may be accessed through the Bucks County Library System at www.buckslib.org. Download Flipster by clicking the link on the library page. The online magazine collection is compatible with iPad, iPhone, Android, and Kindle. Once downloaded, choose one of the following magazines: Clean Eating, Astronomy, Food Network Magazine, Prevention, Discover, National Geographic, The Writer. You will need a library card number and PIN for access.