



## Marching into Spring 2025

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BLAIRSTOWN - "And when it rains on your parade, look up rather than down. Without the rain, there would be no rainbow." - Gilbert K. Chesterton (1874-1936), English author and creator of the fictional priest detective Father Brown.

Good advice, but we do hope it doesn't rain on Hackettstown BID's St. Patrick's Parade, stepping off on Sunday, March 9! Pictured from last year and scheduled for this year's parade is Morris County Police Pipes and Drums, with snowflakes flying. Those seeking to get into the 'Erin go Bragh' spirit will find plenty of opportunities for wearing of the green in this issue.

But before that, we have Fat Tuesday! Why not drop by your favorite local bakery to see if they're frying up some fasnachts and treat yourself? (It's a Pennsylvania Dutch thing.) We just discovered a pop-up Mardi Gras event in Phillipsburg this weekend, so let the good times roll!

In other news, The Receptionist continues its run on the Centenary Stage; Roy's Hall is perking up with performances; there are always fun things happening at our wineries and breweries; and creative crafty workshops are happening all throughout the month.

So Happy Friday, Happy Mardi Gras, Happy St. Paddy's Day, Happy Spring, and Happy Wanderings!

**SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025**

**PHILLIPSBURG MARDI GRAS PASSPORT**

*Taste & Shop Your Way Down S. Main Street (10am-6pm)*

**SAMPLES & RETAIL DISCOUNTS**

**SURPRISES ALONG S. MAIN**

**LIVE MUSIC, ART, AND VENDORS**

**Masquerade Ball at 6pm**

**163 S. MAIN STREET**

*Dazzle in your Mardi Gras best - krewes, beads, masks and all! The more festive, the better!*

**60 NORWESCAP**  
BANK OF AMERICA  
1965-2025

**PAA**  
Phillipsburg Arts Association

**PHILLIPSBURG**

**FAKE IS REAL**  
FENTANYL AWARENESS

**FAKE PILLS KILL.**

Fake Is Real is a fentanyl awareness campaign whose mission is providing straightforward, fact-based information that reduces harm from fentanyl-laced drugs and counterfeit prescription pills. We do it by giving users the information necessary to survive and save a life.

**LEARN THE SIGNS OF AN OVERDOSE**  
ANYONE CAN SAVE A LIFE. BE PREPARED TO ACT IN THE EVENT OF A FENTANYL OVERDOSE OR POISING

**STOP THE STIGMA**  
**84%** SAY THAT COPING WITH STRESS AND ANXIETY IS A REASON THEY TURN TO PILLS

**Real Help Against Fake Pills.**

**FAKEISREALORG**  
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## SLATERS Bangor Area School District 2025-2026 Kindergarten Registration

**Do you know a child who will be 5 on or before August 25, 2025? If so, register for kindergarten and follow these three steps:**

**A complete registration must be submitted by Monday, August 18, 2025 to guarantee a first day start on Monday, August 25, 2025.**

1 Gather Your Documents	2 Register	3 Attend Screening Appointment
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent/Guardian Photo Identification</li> <li>Proof of child's birth date</li> <li>Two Proofs of Residency</li> </ol> <p><b>One proof from List A:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mortgage agreement</li> <li>Lease agreement</li> <li>Rent payment receipts (with address)</li> <li>Property tax payment receipts</li> <li>Moving permit</li> </ul> <p><b>One proof from List B:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utility bill with current address (dated within the last 3 months)</li> <li>Paycheck stub with employer and employee's address</li> <li>Current voter registration with Bangor residency address</li> <li>PA Driver's license with Bangor residency address</li> <li>PA vehicle registration with Bangor residency address</li> </ul>	<p>Visit <a href="http://www.bangorslaters.com">www.bangorslaters.com</a> OR <a href="#">Register Online Here</a></p> <p>If you do not have access to a computer or cell phone, please call District registration at 610-588-2163 to schedule a time to complete it at the District office.</p> <p>To complete registration all documents must be:</p> <p>Uploaded online OR Submitted to the registration secretary.</p> <p>Once online registration is complete and approved by the registration secretary, Five Points Elementary School will contact you to schedule a kindergarten screening appointment.</p>	<p>Kindergarten screening appointments for the 2025-2026 school year are in June.</p> <p>All screenings are by appointment only, and are only scheduled when the online registration process is complete and approved by the registration secretary. Completed packets must be received and approved no later than May 15, 2025 to guarantee a June screening appointment.</p> <p>When attending the appointment be sure to bring...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your child(ren).</li> <li>Photo identification to verify parent/guardian identity.</li> <li>Any other updated documents.</li> </ul>