CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT: MR. WALLER, 5th GRADE, P04

Although the school year is coming to an end, the students of PO-4 continue to learn and prepare for the sixth grade. Over the school year we have worked diligently on building and enhancing our reading and math skills. The students spend quality time in the classroom reading books from our extensive library. Over the school year, the students have also added over 200 plus words to their vocabulary word bank through classroom instructions. In math we continue to work on multi step math equations such as adding and subtracting mixed numbers and reducing the sum or difference of said math expression to its simplest form. We will also be conducting a science experiment in which they will create a makeshift tornado out of soda bottles.

As I mentioned earlier in this passage, we are also preparing for sixth grade. As future sixth graders I believe the students will go into their sixth grade careers not only equipped with the necessary tools needed to be successful in the next grade, they will also enter sixth grade with the power of resiliency. This year the students we have been tested and proven strong. We have experienced a challenge (Portable Catching Fire) that could have slowed us down. Through the support of the greatest staff on earth, here at Boyd, the students were able to thrive academically and rise above the challenges sent their way. The students were able to get a first hand account of the infamous phrase I say once a month in the classroom and that is “Teamwork Makes the Dream Work.” The staff here at Boyd and in the district did an awesome job modeling for the students, how teamwork does indeed make a dream work, which translates into being successful in school.

I am proud to say that the values you’ve instilled in your children were magnified to the 10th power this year. One of my favorite poems written by Rudyard Kipling is titled If. One of the lines in his poem states, “Watch the things you gave your life to, broken, and stoop and build ‘em up with worn-out tools.” The students did not complain about their situation, they stooped down, picked up what they had, and began the process of rebuilding and moving forward toward success. This is one of the hardest working fifth grade classes I have come to know well and respect. This will be a year that they will never forget because in a challenging situation they pulled together rather than pull themselves apart. This is the year that they were tested mentally, supported by those they did not know (Materials from other schools), and because of that, they were better able to move forward and continue their educational success.

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April 24, 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Apr. 24—5th & 6th Gr. @ Henry Dooley Zoo 9:15-2:30
Apr. 24—Volleyball game @ Boyd 4:30
Apr. 24—Read to Succeed 4:00-5:00
Apr. 24—Book Fair/Family Night 5:00-8:00
Apr. 24—Extra Specials 4:00-5:00
Apr. 25—NO SCHOOL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS
Apr. 26—Keystone Spring Clean-up 9:00-2:00 Boyd parking lot
Apr. 28—NO SCHOOL ALL OPS
Apr. 29—Volleyball @ Highland Elementary 4:30
Apr. 30—2nd Gr. @ The Rose Theater 9:15-11:30
Apr. 30—Volleyball practice 4:00-5:00
May 1—Extra Specials 4:00-5:00
May 2—All ACP @ Pizzahut 11:15-1:30
May 2—4th Gr. @ Fontenelle Forest 9:10-12:45 & 10:45-2:15
May 6—Student Council 4:00-5:00
May 6—Band & Strings @ Morton 12:00-2:30
May 6—All ACP @ Fontenelle Forest 11:00-2:30
May 6—Northwest Area Concert @ NW High School 7:30
May 7—Volleyball practice 4:00-5:00
May 8—Volleyball game @ Boyd 4:30
May 9—All ACP @ Young Athletes
May 9—Talent Show Grades KDG – 2nd @ 9:30, Grades 3rd-6th @ 1:30
May 12—Strings trip to Abraham’s 9:10-11:00
May 13—3rd Gr. @ Arbor Day Farm 9:30-2:00
May 14—Volleyball practice 4:00-5:00
May 14—BBQ / Track & Field Day!

BOYD BEACON
Invites You to Join Us on
April 24th from 5pm-8pm to

*Family Fun Night*
-There will be a Mother/Daughter Nail Station. Volunteers can do your nails or you can do your own nails
-Challenge your parents to a Basketball Shoot Out or Air Hockey Game

*Book Fair*
-Buy 1 Get 1 Free

*Pizza Man*
-Make your own pizza $4

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2014 Plant Sale & Fundraiser at Wenninghoff Farm
10% off all plant purchases made between April 21-May 9 will be donated to our school.
Stop by the office for flyers & don’t forget to give a flyer to family & friends too!
HAPPY SPRING!

BOYD’S ANNUAL BBQ & TRACK & FIELD DAY!
Wednesday, May 14, 2014
Lunch Times:
11:15—Kindergarten
11:30—1st Grade
11:45—2nd Grade
12:00—3rd Grade, Mrs. Prentis & Mrs. Wellendorf
12:15—4th Grade
12:30—5th Grade
12:45—6th Grade
1:15—P.M. Pre K

BOYD’S ANNUAL TALENT SHOW!
Friday, May 9, 2014
Show Times:
Primary KDG-2nd gr. 9:30 A.M.
Intermediate 3rd-6th gr. 1:30 P.M.
Where: School Auditorium
Come share in the fun & entertainment with our amazingly talented Boyd students!
Don’t forget your cameras!

We would like to recognize our Adopt-A-School partners at this time. Please make sure to Patronize these businesses who give back to our community and our schools.
Thank You!

SILVER HAMMER CARSTAR
Auto Body Repair Experts
Mapleton
Marriott
Premier
Baker’s
First National Bank
Godfather’s PIZZA

KEYSTONE CLEANUP
SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2014
9:00-2:00
BOYD SCHOOL PARKING LOT

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