UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sept. 2 — NO SCHOOL, LABOR DAY
- Sept. 10 — PTA meeting 6:00 PM
- Sept. 12 — Open House 6:00-8:00 PM, Fundraiser Kick-Off 4:00-8:00 PM, Book Fair 5:00-8:00 PM
- Sept. 20 — Curriculum Day NO SCHOOL ALL OPS
- Sept. 23 — Team Planning NO SCHOOL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ONLY

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:

MRS. ADAMS, 4TH GRADE

Pencils are sharpened, notebooks are pristine, and the students in room 6 are ready to learn. The beginning of the school year is always an exciting and fun time as we meet new people and become familiar with how our school day will run. I think we have made a smooth transition into fourth grade. We have done quite a few lessons on getting to know everyone and on the procedures for our classroom and school.

As we learn about each other’s strengths and share our own, we have been becoming more and more comfortable in our school year home. Great things are yet to come in grade four.

Academically, we have begun to learn how the Daily 5 reading block will flow and are working to build up our reading stamina. We have introduced the Writing Workshop routine and are preparing to get that framework rolling. Math will be different this year as we are learning together how our Go Math! series is set up and how this will affect the way that I teach math. My class will tell you, teaching math is one of my favorite things to teach and I can’t wait to get familiar with it. Our first experiment is coming up in science now that we have learned our safety rules and our science tools. Even history comes alive in 4th grade, since there is so much to learn and Nebraska history is such an interesting topic!

Every year I am excited to meet my new students and help instill a love of learning, and this year is no different. I feel that this year will be a success because there are so many great kids in this room and we have a strong foundation to build upon!

We would like to welcome our new security guard, Mr. DaLon Pittman to Boyd.

Mr. Pittman was born and raised in Omaha. Graduating from Omaha North High School. He served our country for 22 years in the military, retiring in 2010. Thank you very much for your service Mr. Pittman! 2010 is also the year he began working for Omaha Public Schools.

Mr. Pittman is the proud father of three daughters and is interested in many sports. One of the things he enjoys is seeing the smiles on the students faces when they come to school each morning.

Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.”
— Martin Luther King Jr.
Dear Boyd Beaver Family,

It is with great excitement to welcome you to the 2013-14 school year at Boyd Elementary. It seems like we just said “Have a wonderful and safe summer” and now we are greeting our students to the new school year. The staff at Boyd welcomes our students and families for another great year of teaching and learning. If your family is new to Boyd, we extend a special welcome to you and encourage your involvement and presence at school this year! PTA is an excellent opportunity to be involved. PTA at Boyd is a wonderful partnership that gives opportunity to get to know our staff, support our students and explore the many avenues of our school. The calendar events are included in each newsletter as well as on the Boyd Elementary homepage, http://www.ops.org/elementary/boyd/

The Boyd Elementary homepage also contains editions of the Boyd Beacon and other helpful links at the top left corner of the website-Links include- Parents, District, Quick Links, and En Espanol. These links provide connection to Infinite Campus Parent Portal, acuity and many more. If you have questions on how to join the parent portal, I would be happy to help you in the process.

Grades 2nd - 6th of Boyd will continue the use of Study Island, www.studyisland.com. In case you are new to Boyd, Study Island is a web based program that may be accessed from any web-enabled computer. Students have been provided their own username and password. Study Island is a practice and monitoring tool that aligns with our state reading and math standards.

Here are some reminders of our building wide routines. In the morning, all students enter the northwest door for breakfast (gym door). The doors for breakfast open at 8:40 a.m.. At dismissal please drive forward after I call your students name on the Mega phone. Our staff may ask you to “circle” our parking lot to keep our line of cars moving. After circling, I will call your students name again. Thank you for working with us to ensure a nice flow of traffic during dismissal. Staff members will direct your student down the sidewalk to your car.

I look forward to a great school year, and please feel welcome to stop by and visit with Mrs. Adams, and me.

Mr. Hilger
Assistant Principal

FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLE PROGRAM (FFVP)
The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program provides all children in participating schools with a variety of free fresh fruits and vegetables. It is an effective and creative way of introducing fresh fruits and vegetables as healthy snack options. The FFVP also encourages schools to develop partnerships at the State and local level for support in implementing and operating the program.

The Goal of the FFVP
Create healthier school environments by providing healthier food choices.

- Expand the variety of fruits and vegetables children experience
- Increase children’s fruit and vegetable consumption
- Make a difference in the children’s diets to impact their present and future health.

This program is seen as an important catalyst for change in efforts to combat childhood obesity by helping children learn more healthful eating habits. The FFVP introduces school children to a variety of produce that they otherwise might not have had the opportunity to sample.

Boyd is excited to be participating in this program once again. Our days for fresh fruit & vegetables are Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Be sure to ask your child what new fruit or veggie they had for a snack that day!