UPCOMING EVENTS:
Dec. 19—Extra Specials 4:05-5:00
Dec. 19—Read to Succeed 4:00-5:00
Dec. 23—Jan. 6, 2014 WINTER BREAK. STUDENTS RETURN ON TUESDAY, JAN. 7, 2014
Jan. 7—Tutoring 4:15-5:00
Jan. 7—Math Club 4:00-5:00
Jan. 8—Tutoring 4:15-5:00
Jan. 8—Robotics 4:00-6:00
Jan. 9—Read to Succeed 4:00-5:00
Jan. 14—Tutoring 4:15-5:00
Jan. 14—PTA meeting 6:00
Jan. 14—Math Club 4:00-5:00
Jan. 15—Tutoring 4:15-5:00
Jan. 15—Robotics 4:00-6:00
Jan. 16—Read to Succeed 4:00-5:00
Jan. 16—Family Night/Book Fair
Jan. 17—Regional Spelling Bee @ TAC
9:00 AM in auditorium (2nd floor)
Jan. 21—Tutoring 4:15-5:00
Jan. 21—Math Club 4:00-5:00
Jan. 23—Kindergarten Round-up! 6 PM

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:
Mrs. Richter, 1st Grade, Rm. 15

First Grade Students from Room 15 hope you are having a wonderful holiday season! We can’t believe how fast the year has gone already!

Writing: We have a special visitor in our room! He is an Elf and we named him Buddy. He flies back to the North Pole every night and tells Santa how hard we are working in class! Every day we journal about Buddy and the silly things he does in class.

Reading: We have been working so hard on memorizing our sight word flash cards and reading, reading, reading! We have learned that practice makes perfect! We have also been working on improving our comprehension skills. Remember, we need to be reading on a level J by the end of the year!

Math: We have been working hard on addition and subtraction! COUNTING ON or COUNTING BACK is our best tool. We really look forward to taking our Math Timed Tests to show Mrs. Richter what we know. We love MATH!

Our hard work is really paying off and we are becoming Little First Grade Einstein’s! Mrs. Richter has never been more fond of a class as she is this year. We work so hard on treating each other with respect, following directions, and we have become a tight knit little family! (We have 80 “All Classes!” YAYY YAYY YAYY)

We hope the rest of your year is as wonderful as ours has been!

BOYD BEAVERS

BOYD'S SPELLING WONDERS!

It is with great pleasure that we announce the OPS Spelling Bee Finalists from Boyd.
These students are:
Back row: Bailey Herrley-4th grade (alternate), Zach Hansen-6th grade, Emma Carey-6th grade, Kaylin Larson-5th grade.
We are very proud of these “star students” and wish them well at the Regional Spelling Competition which is to be held Friday, January 17, 2014 at 9:00 AM in the auditorium (2nd floor) of the TAC building which is located at 30th & Cumings Street.
Good luck Boyd Beavers!
Dear Boyd Beaver Family,

The winter program performances were wonderful, and it was great to see so many of you! Thank you to Mrs. Amador, Mr. Braun, Mrs. Wixon, and the Boyd Winter Program committee for all of their hard work preparing the students and atmosphere.

The winter recess is rapidly approaching and it is important students keep their mind and body active. If internet is available, students in grades 3-6 shall access their study island accounts! If you are unable to access internet at home please check out Milton R. Abrahams branch Library. The Library is located at 5111 N. 90th St. and is an adopt-a-school partner of Boyd Elementary. The Library is open Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m.-6 p.m.. The Milton R. Abrahams branch library would be a great place utilize the internet, visit, read and/or journal.

Study Island is a great resource for preparing our students for the State NeSA testing. Teachers in grades 3-6 have created assignments for their students to complete. If students have completed all assignments given by the teacher they may independently have the opportunity to choose math or reading and choose assignment or a topic. Students “pass” a topic once they have answered at least ten questions and are over 70% correct. When this happens a blue ribbon appears next to that topic on the topic list. Let’s achieve many Blue Ribbons! Students should also look on Study Island for encouraging messages from Mrs. Adams & Mr. Hilger during Winter Break!

To access study island please follow the instructions below:
Visit [www.studyisland.com](http://www.studyisland.com)

Click “login” (in blue)
Enter username and password.
Username is FirstnameLastname@Boyd (for example: ScottHilger@Boyd)
Students should know their password, if not please contact their teacher or myself.
Select teacher assignment, or choose math/reading & choose assignment or topic.

Have a fantastic, restful and safe Winter Recess,

GO BEAVERS!
Scott Hilger
Assistant Principal
Scott.hilger@ops.org

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PTA NEWS!

This year the auction and chili cook-off will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2014. This is a wonderful fundraiser for the school and is also quite entertaining with the bidding wars for baskets. Entry forms for the chili cook-off will be coming home late in January or early February. Prizes for winners to be determined.

CLASS AUCTION BASKETS:

It is time to start thinking about the class auction baskets. Find your students teacher’s name to see what theme their classroom has for a basket this year. After the holidays there are many great sales and hopefully you can find some of these items at discounted prices!

Head Start > Ms. Shafer - Ice cream
Pre-K > Mrs. Benes AM - Tailgating/Grill Mrs. Benes PM - Kids (anything for kids)
KDG > Mrs. Bemis - Snack, Ms. Froien -Chocolate Lovers, Mrs. Bullard - S’mores
1st Grade > Miss Heater - Games, Mrs. Jaeke - Gluten Free/Healthy, Mrs. Richter -Pampering (women’s)
2nd Grade > Miss Hanson-Art, Mrs. Housh-Wild World of Sports, Miss Phillips-Get Well
3rd Grade > Mrs. Phillips-Birthday, Miss Steele-Holiday, Mrs. Streeter-Baby
4th Grade > Mrs. Adams-Exercise/Health, Mrs. O’Loughlin-Movie night, Miss Sullivan-Creighton Sports
5th Grade > Miss Henderson-Adrenaline Rush (coffee/tea), Mr. Waller-Handy Man (men’s), Miss West-Picnic
6th Grade > Mrs. Farrington-Gardening, Mrs. Hollendieck-Cooking, Mr. Urban-Fishing/Outdoors
ACP > Mrs. Prentis & Mrs. Wellendorf-Day at the Beach