UPCOMING EVENTS:
Dec. 4—Read to Succeed 4:00-5:00
Dec. 4—Basketball game @ Bancroft Elementary 4:30
Dec. 5—4th Gr. Field Trip 9:35-12:00
Dec. 8—ACP classes @ North Pole 10:30-2:30
Dec. 9—Math Club
Dec. 10—Winter Program 1:30 A-G
Dec. 10—Robotics 4:00-6:00
Dec. 10—Tutoring 4:00-5:00
Dec. 10—Basketball game @ Saddlebrook Elementary 4:30
Dec. 11—Winter Program 9:30 H-O
Dec. 11—Winter Program 1:30 P-Z
Dec. 11—Read to Succeed 4:00-5:00
Dec. 11—Basketball game @ Boyd 4:30
Dec. 13—Skinner Robotics Tournament 8:00 a.m.

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:
MS. PHILLIPS, ROOM 10, 2nd GRADE

It’s hard to believe that it is already the first week of December! Room 10 has been hard at work as the second quarter quickly comes to an end. In our weekly Journeys text, we are learning to identify main idea and supporting details while reading; as well as, answering critical thinking questions within and beyond the text. We are writing friendly letters to peers and adults within the building using all five letter components: heading, greeting, body, closing, and signature. In Math, we have mastered two digit addition and are beginning two digit subtraction problems. In Science and Social Studies, we are wrapping up a combined unit on our Earth including landforms, weather, pollution, and the 3 R's—reduce, reuse, recycle.

We are excited to see all of our families next week for the Winter Program! You won’t believe what a great performance we have in store for you!

WINTER PROGRAM
The highly anticipated Boyd Holiday program is next Wednesday and Thursday. As the students are hard at work preparing for the show, please look over this important information.

There are three show times. Please come at the assigned time for the student’s last name.

For students with last names beginning with A-G:
December 10th at 1:30

For students with last names beginning with H-O:
December 11th at 9:30 (Band & Strings performances)

For students with last names beginning with P-Z:
December 11th at 1:30 (Strings performance only, no Band)

Please feel free to park along the street around the school. Please, no parking anywhere in the driveway. We have buses arriving at various times daily and the driveways must be free of cars.
SCHOOL CHOICE FOR THE 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR

The Student Assignment Plan for the 2015-16 school year supports the direction of the Douglas-Sarpy County Learning Community as well as the priorities of the OPS Board of Education—every school should reflect the socioeconomic diversity of our greater community.

Under the Student Assignment Plan:

Elementary students may attend the Home Attendance Area (neighborhood) school assigned by residential address. To find your HAA or neighborhood school go to www.ops.org/Schools/Find My School. Current OPS students now in grades KG—5 may continue to attend their current schools (with limited exceptions). Families may apply for their child to attend any OPS school. Approval of a request depends on the availability of space at the student's grade level in the school and these priorities:

- The first priority for approval is for a student whose sibling now attends and will continue to attend the requested school. Approval requires available space in the student's grade level at the school and is not guaranteed.

- The next priority will be given to a student whose socioeconomic background will enhance the diversity of the requested school.

- A student who will not enhance the socioeconomic diversity of a school may be approved if space is available.

Parents of Kindergarten-eligible children who now attend Pre-K or Head Start programs that are not located in their child’s neighborhood school may apply for the child to attend the same school or another non-neighborhood school. Approval is based on the stipulations shown above and is not guaranteed.

Transportation:

Transportation provisions included in the Student Assignment Plan are designed to support the goal of increasing socioeconomic diversity in every school and to assist families whose children attend the neighborhood elementary school but live more than 1.5 miles from the school.

SCHOOL CHOICE APPLICATIONS will be distributed at school in January, 2015 to all incoming KG children now enrolled in Head Start or PK and to children in the last grade level of their school (GR 4, 5, or 6). Families of children now in other grades (KG—5) will receive a postcard by mail in December. Those wishing to participate in School Choice may return the postcard by December 12 to receive a School Choice Application in January. Generic School Choice Applications also will be available at every school and in the Student Placement office at TAC during the month of January.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL RECRUITMENT LETTERS will be mailed in December to families of students currently in the last grade level of their elementary school. The letter includes information about middle schools and their respective Open House dates. Children may attend the neighborhood middle school or parents may apply for their child to attend a middle school through School Choice. Approval of requests occurs as described for elementary schools.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UPS will be held in January, 2015. Please attend Round-Up at your home attendance area school based on your residential address. School Choice Applications will be available at Round-Up and throughout the month of January for families who wish to request a non-neighborhood school (s). Round-Up dates will be publicized or check the date with your neighborhood school.

SCHOOL SELECTION occurs by lottery. Results are mailed to parents by April 1, 2015.

If you have questions about the Omaha Public Schools Student Assignment Plan or School Choice, please contact the Student Placement Office at 557-2710.
Our congratulations to Charles Fielding who was the winner of the Boyd Spelling Bee. Charles will advance to the District Spelling Bee which is to be held in February at the TAC building.

APPROPRIATE ATTIRE:
The weather is changing, bringing the need for warmer coats, hats & gloves. Students will continue to go outside for recess as long as the weather permits. Be sure they are prepared for the outdoor temperatures during recess, and before & after school!

Thank you

Dear Parents,

Our Kindergarten Roundup for the 2015-2016 school year will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2015  6:00 p.m.

If you have a child or know of a child that will turn age 5 on or before July 31, 2010, please call the office at

402-572-8928.