UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb. 12—Read to Succeed 4:00-5:00
Feb. 12—Basketball game @ Adams Elementary
Feb. 13—EARLY DISMIS-SAL @ 1:15 ELEMENTARY ONLY
Feb. 13—Smencil Sales 8:30-9:00
Feb. 13—6th grade field trip 9:30-11:45
Feb. 16—NO SCHOOL > PRESIDENT'S DAY
Feb. 17—Math Club 4:00-5:00
Feb. 17—Basketball game @ Saddlebrook Elementary 4:30
Feb. 18—Robotics 4:00-6:00
Feb. 18—Tutoring 4:00-5:00
Feb. 18—Basketball practice 4:00-5:00
Feb. 19—Read to Succeed 4:00-5:00
Feb. 19—Basketball game @ Boyd 4:30
Feb. 19—6th Gr. Recognition Committee meeting 6:00 in the library.
Feb. 24—Math Club 4:00-5:00
Feb. 25—Tutoring 4:00-5:00
Feb. 25—Basketball practice 4:00-5:00
Feb. 25—Picture Day 9:15-11:00

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:

MRS. QUEDENSLEY, 4th Grade, Room 1

Greetings from Mrs. Quesdensley’s 4th grade class….where our class motto is DO YOUR JOB! We have been busy beavers learning many new concepts that have challenged us this school year. Even during the tough times of learning challenging concepts the students in room 1 continue to stay focused and do their jobs every day.

Students in grades 3rd-6th are currently completing Acuity testing in Reading and Mathematics. This will show the teachers how much progress the students have made this year and what concepts the students may still need more practice with. This will also help prepare our students for the Nebraska State Assessment that begins after spring break.

Fourth graders in room 1 are set to begin a new reading theme next week in which we will read several selections in which characters will find a new home or community to live in. In math, we are working hard to find equivalent fractions, place fractions in simplest form and find common denominators. In writing, we are working on writing friendly letters. In social studies, we are focusing on Native Americans in Nebraska and in science we will begin a new unit on electricity.

Please feel free to stop by room 1 any day to see what these busy beavers are up to, as we continue to do our jobs!

VALENTINE’S DAY PARTIES:

Friday, Feb. 13 is an early dismissal day for our students. The day ends at 1:15 p.m. for those students in grades KDG—6th grades. Feb. 13 is also a non-student day for Head Start & Pre-K children. The Valentine parties schedule is as follows:

KDG—5th grade > Friday, Feb. 13, 10:30 a.m.
Head Start—Thursday, Feb. 12, 2:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.
A.M. Pre-K—Thursday, Feb. 12, 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
P.M. Pre-K—Thursday, Feb. 12, 2:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.
6th grade will be going on a field trip on Friday morning, Feb. 13th.
Dear Boyd Beaver Family,

It’s my hope this week’s edition of the Boyd Beacon finds you well. Life for everyone seems increasingly busy as the school year progresses and is no different for our Boyd Beavers. Recently, students in grades 3-6 began “Acuity Mid-Year Predictive C” assessments.

Acuity is an online testing system that is aligned to the Nebraska State Reading, Math, and Science standards. Students in grades 3-6 took an Acuity assessment in September called Acuity Pre-Screen Predictive A. Please see the table below to note the difference between “Acuity Pre-Screen Predictive A” and “Acuity Mid-Year Predictive C.”

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<td>Two-thirds of the Acuity Pre-Screen Predictive A assessment is based on the previous grade's standards. (For example: An Acuity Pre-Screen Predictive A assessment for a 4th grade student contains two-thirds material from third grade. The remaining assessment material is composed of 4th grade content.)</td>
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Remember, acuity assessments serve as predictors to how students may achieve on the NeSA (state) reading, science and math tests in March/April. More importantly, they provide teachers with valuable information about what skills students need additional instruction and support with. Please ask to see your student’s acuity growth report at Parent Teacher Conferences, February 26th & 27th. The acuity individual growth report connects the results from Acuity Pre-Screen Predictive A to Acuity Mid-Year Predictive C. Please see a reading sample individual growth report below. Acuity individual growth reports are available for grades 3-6 in reading, math and science (science-grade 5 only). Each acuity growth report displays results from student’s last three acuity assessments. Feel welcome to contact myself or your student’s classroom teacher shall acuity questions arise.

Sample: Student Reading Growth Report

Thank you and Go Beavers!

Mr. Scott Hilger,
Omaha Public Schools
Early Childhood Program Application Days
OPS Head Start, Educare Early Head Start and Head Start, and OPS Prekindergarten,
Will be taking applications at:
Boyd Elementary - Wednesday, March 25, 2015 9:30-11:00 a.m. & 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Bring the following items with you to apply:
- Bring your child with you to be screened if applying for prekindergarten
- Certified copy of child’s birth certificate
- Immunization record (up to date for age)
- Documentation of residence (OPPD, MUD, or Cox bill OR lease/purchase agreement)
- Income Verification: Proof of Family Income for the previous 12 months, such as TANF/ADC, SSI, Child Support, 1040, W-2s, 8453, Self Declaration, 12 months of check stubs, employment letter, etc. if applying for any Head Start program.

- Thursday, Feb. 26 is our PTA Conference Dinner for teachers & staff. We will be hosting a baked potato bar. Please consider donating items for this event such as grated cheese, sour cream, bacon bits, chili, and other assorted toppings. Paper goods are needed as well. Paper plates, napkins, plastic silverware etc. What is dinner without a desert?! Desert donations will gladly be accepted! If possible, please donate these items Tuesday, Feb. 24 or Wednesday, Feb. 25 at the office during school hours.
- The PTA Committee would like to thank Kelli & Art Limones and Best Buy (7520 Dodge St.) for supplying our kindergarten and first grade classroom's cd players. Next time you are in Best Buy give them a thank you for their generous support! We would also like to thank the parents for supporting our PTA by going to book fairs, dine out days/nights and purchasing Smencils. Without your support, we would not be able to give the classroom's what they need.
- We would also like to Thank Jose Munoz for sponsoring a Boyd PTA dine in/out night at Club Mex. There were lots of faces there! Thank you to everyone who participated in this event.
- Please keep saving those Box Tops and Labels for Education. They really do make a difference for our school!