Dear Boyd Beaver Family,

Please mark your calendars for Parent-Teacher conferences on February 26th & 27th. Parent-Teacher conferences are a wonderful opportunity for positive interaction with your student’s teacher. Along with the detailed information provided by the teacher we encourage you to ask questions about your students education. Here are some suggestion questions you may want to ask during Parent-Teacher conferences:

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<td>What skills can my child improve on?</td>
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<td>How can I support my child at home to improve these skills?</td>
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<td>What are some of the upcoming subjects my child will be studying?</td>
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<td>What can I do at home to compliment what is going on in the classroom?</td>
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<td>Ask questions you may have after reviewing your child’s 3rd quarter progress report.</td>
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Please do not feel the need to wait until Parent-Teacher conferences, as you are welcome to ask at any time! Teachers contact information is located on the Boyd website (website link listed below) or you are welcome to call the school.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Family Literacy Night on February 20, 2014. Check out the evenings events!

~The Pancake man will be in the gym from 5:00-7:00 p.m., come enjoy all you can eat pancakes and sausage for $4.00!

~Book fair in the gym from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

~I, Mr. Hilger will give a special presentation(s) for families and students in the auditorium at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.. At the end of my presentations students will receive a $5.00 voucher to redeem at the book fair.

~Omaha Public Library-Milton R. Abrahams Branch will have a display, and representatives to help your student sign up for a library card!

~Lastly, **students shall stop in their grade level** classroom to receive a free book from The Links Incorporated, and participate in a literacy activity.

GO BEAVERS!
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SILENT AUCTION / CHILI CONTEST

Next week is the last week for auction basket donations. Please send your donation by Feb. 21, 2014.

Head Start: Ms. Shafer-Ice cream
Pre-K: Mrs. Benes AM - Tailgating/Grill and Mrs. Benes PM - Kids (anything for kids)
KDG: Mrs. Bemis: Snack, Miss. Froien-Chocolate Lovers, Mrs. Bullard- S'mores
1st Grade: Miss. Heater- Games, Mrs. Jaecke-Gluten Free/Healthy, Mrs. Richter- Pampering (women's)
2nd Grade: Miss. Hansen- Art, Mrs. House- 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

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS

For the next 2 weeks, the Boyd Student Council will be collecting money that will be donated to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.
From February 10 - 14, bring in any type of money and place it in your classroom box to ADD towards your classroom total.
From February 18 - 21 bring in only pennies to add to your classroom total OR bring in silver to battle other classrooms of your choice, which will subtract from their total.
The winning class will win an Olive Garden Pasta Party.
Last year, Boyd Elementary raised approximately $1,500 towards the cause of fighting cancer.

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:
MS. SULLIVAN, 4th GRADE, RM. 1

Greetings from Ms. Sullivan’s Fourth Grade Class! It is so hard to believe it is February and that we will have a bit of warm weather in store for us. We have been working hard all year learning many new skills and making our brains stronger.

Currently fourth graders (as well as 3rd, 5th and 6th graders) are completing Acuity tests in reading, math, and science (5th grade only). The Acuity tests will help the teachers and students collaborate to enhance skills in preparation for the NeSA tests coming up in April.

Finally, fourth graders are working on life cycles in preparation for our early March field trip to Fontelle Forest. At the forest we will complete a webology session in which the students will learn about energy moves through the food chain, as well as take a hike through the forest.

BUILDING CONFIDENCE WITH A SPLASH OF FUN
Maple Street YMCA Swim Lessons
With the generous funds from the United Way we will be able to help many children learn to swim during the Winter 1 session of Swim Lessons in 2014.

Winter 2 Session Dates: February 23-April 12
Registration Start Dates:
  Members: February 3 Non members: February 7

Bring in this flyer to get the tiered pricing**.
How does the pricing work? You pick the price that works for your families income at this time in your life. We know money gets tight and time are tough and other times they are a little better. This is on the honor system.

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** Limited Funds available. First come first serve.
Maple Street YMCA  . 7502 Maple Street, Omaha, NE 68134 . 402-393-3700