UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb. 10 — PTA meeting 6:00
Feb. 10 — Math Club 4:00-5:00
Feb. 10 — Basketball game @ Boyd 4:30
Feb. 11 — Robotics 4:00-6:00
Feb. 11 — Tutoring 4:00-5:00
Feb. 11 — Basketball practice 4:00-5:00
Feb. 12 — Read to Succeed 4:00-5:00
Feb. 12 — Basketball game @ Adams Elementary
Feb. 13 — EARLY DISMISSAL @ 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

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:

MRS. PHILLIPS, 2nd GRADE, RM 19

Hello from Mrs. Phillips’ 2nd grade class! Second grade has had a busy start of the year. In math, we started the year learning how to add and subtract 3-digit numbers. We are now beginning to learn how to tell time and count money. In writing, we are writing realistic fiction stories. Students have brainstormed their own characters, settings, and problems. We are now working on writing good hooks to our stories. In social studies, we have been learning about historical people, places, and events that have helped create the country we live in today. In science we are learning all about physical science. We began by using our 5 senses to make observations, and now we are learning how to use a scale, a ruler, a measuring cup, and a thermometer. In reading, we used sequence words to help order the events in a story. We are also learning how character traits can help us better understand the character and the story we are reading.

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 > 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13.
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 that morning.

Looking for a volunteer opportunity? Want to support our school and our programs? If yes to either, you're in luck! The Boyd Robotics program will be hosting a CREATE Jr. tournament for the third time. We will be hosting a total of 26 teams from the Omaha area on Saturday, February 7, 2015 from 9:00-1:00. We are always looking for volunteers to ensure our tournament runs smoothly. In turn, it will help support our robotics program for the remaining of the year and for the future. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Katie Steele at kathryn.steele@ops.org for further details. We look forward to cheering on our teams Saturday! Go Beaver-Bots!
Measles vaccine is highly effective. The first dose provides immunity in 95 percent of the people who receive the shot. A second dose increases the effectiveness to 99 percent.

Those at most risk of being infected with the measles are those who have had only one dose or no doses of MMR vaccine, or who have not previously had the measles. Most people less than 40 years of age who followed school entry requirements and had two doses of MMR vaccine have a very low risk of developing measles. Anyone who failed to get the required two doses is at high risk if they were exposed to a person shedding the measles virus. If you or anyone in your family were at one of the locations announced, in the media, during the indicated times and have questions about your vaccination status, please contact your health care provider.

Symptoms of measles generally begin with 7-14 days after exposure and usually in about 10 days. A typical case begins with fever, cough, runny nose, watery eyes and sore throat. Two or three days after symptoms begin, tiny white spots may appear inside the mouth. Three to five days after the start of symptoms a red or reddish-brown rash appears on the face at the hairline and spreads downward to the neck, trunk, arms, legs, and feet.

Measles is a highly contagious viral illness. It spreads through the air by breathing, coughing or sneezing. It is so contagious that any person who is exposed to it and is not immune probably will get the disease.

About 30 percent of measles cases develop one or more complications including pneumonia, ear infections, diarrhea and in rare instances, encephalitis. These complications are more common among children under 5 years of age and adults over 20 years old. Even in previously healthy children, measles can be a serious illness requiring hospitalization. As many as one out of every 20 children with measles gets pneumonia, and about one in every child in every 1,000 who gets measles will develop encephalitis. For every 1,000 children who get measles, one or two will die from it. Measles also can make a pregnant woman have a miscarriage, give birth prematurely, or have a low birth weight baby.

People are protected against measles if they have been adequately vaccinated with measles vaccine or if they have had measles in the past.

Some points to remember about immunity to measles:

People born prior to 1957 are considered to be immune because of that time most people were infected with measles as children.

Two doses of measles-containing vaccine are considered evidence of adequate vaccination for school age children, college students, and adults born in or after 1957 who are health care personnel or frequent international travelers.

Preschool children one to four years of age should have had at least one dose of measles-containing vaccine. Preschool children who visited the locations at the designated times when individuals with confirmed measles visited, should receive a second dose of vaccine as soon as possible.

Infants less than 12 months of age should be monitored closely for symptoms if they were at any of the locations during the time listed in the media. The child’s health care provider should be consulted.

Other adults born in or after 1957 who are not healthcare personnel or frequent international travelers and cannot confirm that they have been vaccinated or had measles in the past should consider getting a dose of vaccine at this time to minimize their risk of acquiring measles in the future.

It is important that all of us pay attention to this information because of confirmed cases of measles across the nation. Parents need to be informed and proactive to protect their family from this preventable disease.

For more information:

Center for Disease Control

http://www.cdc.gov/measles/
http://www.cdc.gov/measles/about/faqs.html
On Wednesday, Jan. 28th, Boyd Elementary celebrated our 100th Day of School! We would like to share a picture of one of our student's, Cameron Coppa, in Mrs. Bemis' kindergarten class.