UPCOMING EVENTS:
Feb. 6—“A” Basketball @ Boyd 4:30
Feb. 6—Read to Succeed 4:00-5:00
Feb. 8—Boyd's 2nd Annual Robotics Tournament @ Boyd 9:00-1:00
Feb. 11—“B” Basketball @ Boyd 4:30
Feb. 11—District Spelling Bee @ TAC 6:00
Feb. 11—Extra Specials 4:05-5:00
Feb. 11—Tutoring 4:15-5:00
Feb. 11—Math Club 4:00-5:00
Feb. 11—PTA meeting 6:00
Feb. 12—Extra Specials 4:05-5:00
Feb. 12—Tutoring 4:15-5:00
Feb. 12—Robotics 4:00-6:00
Feb. 13—“A” Basketball @ Boyd 4:30

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:
MRS. HOUSH, 2nd GRADE, RM. 19

Mrs. Housh's second grade, room 19 is learning so many new things. Learning is such fun!

First of all, we are learning all kinds of new strategies to add and subtract. We can now regroup the tens and hundreds in addition and subtraction. We can draw quick pictures and prove our answers. Also, we can write in words what our brain is doing for each step of the process. GO MATH! In addition, we are practicing to make our math facts automatic. Stop by the hall to see how many stars we have earned in Rocket Math.

Reading is always fun! We have been practicing comprehension skills. For example cause and effect, sequencing, comparison and contrast to name a few.

In social studies we have been studying the past. We even got to try on some pioneer and Native American clothes. Plus we saw some artifacts that the early Americans used. Wow, how our world has changed.

In science we are studying the three states of matter. Gas, Solid, and Liquid.

Our most recent realistic fiction story is on display in the hall. Stop by and enjoy our stories.

Second grade is Awesome!!

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS
February 10 - 21

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.

NOTES FROM THE NURSE:

Head Lice Information for Schools
Students diagnosed with live head lice do not need to be sent home early from school; they can go home at the end of the day, be treated, and return to class after appropriate treatment has begun. Nits may persist after treatment, but successful treatment should kill crawling lice. Head lice can be a nuisance but they have not been shown to spread disease. Personal hygiene or cleanliness in the home or school has nothing to do with getting head lice.

Both the American Association of Pediatrics and the National Association of School Nurses advocate that "no-nit" policies should be discontinued. "No-nit" policies that require a child to be free of nits before they can return to school should be discontinued for the following reasons:

- Many nits are more than ¼ inch from the scalp. Such nits are usually not viable and very unlikely to hatch to become crawling lice, or may in fact be empty shells, also known as casings.
- Nits are cemented to hair shafts and are very unlikely to be transferred successfully to other people.
- The burden of unnecessary absenteeism to the students, families and communities far outweighs the risks associated with head lice.

Misdiagnosis of nits is very common during nit checks conducted by nonmedical personnel.

CDC.gov
If lice are found on a student the entire class room will be checked weekly until no live lice are found.
NEWS FROM THE COUNSELOR’S OFFICE:
MS. REDINBAUGH

SUMMER CAMP

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Summer is just around the corner! We have had a cold winter, so it’s hard to think that now is the time to be thinking about activities for your kids this summer. If you aren’t sure about what activities are out there for your child, the OPS Elementary school counselors are sponsoring “Summer in the City” on Thursday, March 20 from 6-7:30 at Monroe Middle School located at 5105 Bedford Ave. There will be many agencies present to provide information about their programs.

Boyd will also be a pick up sight for Hummel Day Camp. Dates for camp are June 2-6, 2014. Children are picked up and returned to Boyd Elementary. Registration fee is $95.00. This fee includes bus transportation, 4 meals, snacks, nature and recreational activities. There is a reduced fee for students receiving free or reduced lunch. Children will have the opportunity to practice or learn archery, wilderness skills, hiking, nature identification, camp crafts, outdoor cooking, camp songs and lots more fun! This year registration for Hummel Day Camp will be online from March 17-19 at CityOfOmaha.org/parks. You will need to create a user account and password to use the site for registration. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Redinbaugh at 402-572-8928 or Jamie.Redinbaugh@ops.org.

ATTENDANCE:

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Daily school attendance is very important and an expectation of the Omaha Public School District. School starts at 9:05am and dismisses at 3:55pm daily. When your child misses school, is late or picked up early for any reason, they miss out on valuable learning opportunities. Chronic absences or tardies can have a negative affect your child’s school performance.

In addition to absences marked for full or partial days, students who arrive late to school, leave for a period of time during the day, or leave early from school for any reason, will be counted as absent for the instructional minutes missed that day. Reasons such as medical appointments or daycare pick-up prior to dismissal will be counted as time absent. Minutes missed will affect the 100% Attendance lists.

Each quarter, we recognize those students who have had Perfect Attendance. Perfect Attendance for Boyd School is defined as 100% perfect attendance, no tardies or absences for any reason. Knowing that school attendance is important and perfect attendance can be difficult, we are going to start recognizing those students who have had Outstanding Attendance for 3rd and 4th Quarter. Outstanding attendance will be defined as having no more than 1 medically excused absence for less than 60 minutes per quarter and/or no more than 2 tardies that equal less than 15 minutes out of class. Tardies are defined as any time a student is late to school or picked up early.

If your child must routinely visit the doctor, or has to be absent for any extended period of time due to extended or chronic illness, please bring a doctor’s notice of your child’s visit or required absence. These days are counted as a medically-excused absence but do count towards total days missed.

Ms. Redinbaugh
Counselor

Parents:

With the extremely cold temperatures we have experienced lately we wanted to remind you that students are not to be dropped off prior to 8:40. Be sure they are prepared for the outdoor temperatures before and after school and during recess. Please make sure your children are dressed appropriately with coats, hats, gloves or mittens. On the days temperatures allow, recess will be held outside.

School begins at 9:05. The doors open for breakfast at 8:40. Students will not be allowed into the building before then and students are not supervised outside of the building. The students must be enrolled in Kid’s Club if you are going to drop them off prior to 8:40. Contact Tara Bell here at Boyd between 7:00-8:30 AM and 4:00-6:00 PM for more information on Kids Club registration.

Thank you