NEWS FROM THE NURSE!

On February 20, 2015, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced a special enrollment period (SEP) for individuals and families without health coverage in 2014 who are now subject to the "shared responsibility payment" fee when they file their 2014 taxes. This special enrollment period will last from March 15 to April 30. This year’s tax season is the first time individuals and families will be asked to provide basic information regarding their health coverage on their tax returns. This SEP was established to "help make sure consumers understand the new requirement to enroll in health coverage and to provide those who were not aware or did not understand the requirement with an opportunity to enroll in affordable coverage this year," according to CMS Administrator Marilyn Tavenner.

Those eligible for this special enrollment period live in states with a Federally-facilitated Marketplace and:
- Currently are not enrolled in coverage through the FFM for 2015,
- Attest that when they filed their 2014 tax return they paid the fee for not having health coverage in 2014, and attest that they first became aware of, or understood the implications of, the Shared Responsibility Payment after the end of open enrollment (February 15, 2015) in connection with preparing their 2014 taxes.
- Individuals who could not afford coverage or met other conditions may be eligible to receive an exemption for 2014. To help consumers who did not have insurance last year determine if they qualify for an exemption, CMS launched a health coverage tax exemption tool on healthcare.gov.

Those who do not qualify for an exemption and went without health coverage in 2014 will have to pay a fee – $95 per adult or 1 percent of their income, whichever is greater – when they file their taxes this year. The fee increases to $325 per adult or 2% of income for 2015. For more information, you can access the press release HERE.

NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS
RED-WHITE SPRING FOOTBALL GAME
SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2015
KICK-OFF AT 1:00 P.M.

During the half-time of the Red-White Spring Football Game, youth (Grade 8 and younger) in attendance are invited to come down from the stands to the football field and recite a pledge in unison to be drug free. Adults are then asked to stand and recite a pledge in unison to support youth to be drug free.

Each adult who purchases a regular price ($10.00) ticket online at Huskers.com may obtain two complimentary tickets for youth (Grade 8 and younger). If additional complimentary youth tickets are needed, call the ticket office at 1-402-472-3111 or 1-800-8BIGRED (1-800-824-733). There is a $1.00 handling fee per adult ticket ordered online or over the phone plus there may be extra charges depending on the delivery method.

Tickets went on sale February 3rd and a sell-out crowd is anticipated so orders should be placed as soon as possible.
**Parent-Teacher Conferences Wrap-Up**

Thank you to all the parents who have attended conferences for ensuring that once again we have a high rate of participation in this incredibly important event. It was so wonderful hearing the great conversations being held and the important questions being asked. If you have not yet had your scheduled, face-to-face conference with your child’s teacher, please call the school to set one up. We would like to once again reach our 100% goal.

**Spring Break**

Spring Break is once again upon us. Please help your student keep their brain razor sharp by ensuring that they read and write every day. This small step will reap huge benefits for the rest of the school year.

**PTA**

Show your child how much you value their education by helping out at one of the many great events that the PTA has planned for this spring. Volunteers will be needed for the 6th Grade Recognition and Track & Field/BBQ day.

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**REMINDER!**

Boyd Families & Staff;

March 26, 2015 the PTA will be having our Annual Chili Cook-Off & Silent Auction. To make this a GREAT success, we need the entire Boyd Family’s help and you can help with items to be auctioned. A few weeks ago you should have received a letter stating what your child(ren) class basket theme is. Anything you can donate would be greatly appreciated. Don’t have anything for your class theme? That’s ok—listed below are all the themes and you can donate to ANY of them!

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**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.