UPCOMING EVENTS:
Mar. 6—“B” Basketball @ Joslyn 4:30
Mar. 6—Chile Cook-off/Silent Auction 6:00-8:00
Mar. 8—Morton Chess Tournament 9:00-1:00
Mar. 10-14—SPRING BREAK
Mar. 18—Tutoring 4:15-5:00
Mar. 18—PTA meeting 6:00
Mar. 18—Math Club 4:00-5:00
Mar. 19—Tutoring 4:15-5:00
Mar. 20—Read to Succeed 4:00-5:00
Mar. 25—Tutoring 4:15-5:00
Mar. 25—Math Club 4:00-5:00
Mar. 26—Tutoring 4:15-5:00
Mar. 27—Read to Succeed 4:00-5:00

NOTES FROM THE COUNSELOR’S OFFICE:

MS. REDINBAUGH

Happy March! This school year has seemed to just fly by, but we are not done yet! State testing for grades 3-6 is just around the corner. Here is one helpful strategy to teach your students and yourself!

Tip: What to eat (and what NOT to eat)

As you may have guessed, sugar is a bad thing to eat before a test. Sugar substitutes, like what you would find in diet soda, are even worse. Both decrease your productivity and make memory recall more difficult. Also, if you want a sandwich, avoid turkey—you will get tired fairly quickly.

Be sure to have a balanced breakfast before a test, consisting of healthy carbohydrates and ideally some fruits and/or vegetables. Also, lemon, peppermint, and cinnamon are great flavors to include because they boost your memory. Studying while smelling and/or ingesting those flavors will help as well—then, when you take the test, you can suck on a lemon, peppermint, or cinnamon mint/hard candy and improve your test performance.

Chili Cook-Off

Thursday, Mar. 6, 2014.
6:00-8:00 in the gym
Come join us for our chili cook-off and silent auction!
$1.00 per person
($5.00 max per family) to sample all chili and vote for your favorite!
1st place—$75.00, 2nd place—$50.00, 3rd place—$25.00
Hot dogs, chips, soda or water will be available for purchase. $3.00 for the entire meal. Push-ups $1.00

Silent Auction

Bidding begins at 6:00 and ends at 7:45. All items must be paid for after auction closing Thursday night.
Cash or credit card ONLY. No checks will be accepted.
If you would like to bid on auction items only and not sample chili, there is no admission fee.

These are some of the types of baskets up for auction:

- Beach, Sundae/Ice Cream, Chocolate Lover’s, S’mores, Tailgating/Grilling,
  Girls, Boys, Gardening baskets.
- Signed Chicago Cubs baseball
- Omaha Symphony (2 tickets to MasterWorks concert of your choice in 13/14 season.)
**NOTES FROM THE NURSE!**

The health office continues to screen students for vision or hearing difficulty. Please be attentive to any written referral from school. After the follow up is completed, please provide the health office with a written note from the provider with school directions. If you ever have any questions or concerns please call 402-572-8928 or email lisa.kafka@ops.org. Healthy Children are better learners!

Spring and warmer weather are right around the corner. Please remember safety when playing outside. Teachers, staff, parents and students can make safety a priority. Here are some suggestions to remember:

- Wear a bike helmet when riding your bike
- Take turns on the slide and go down facing front ways
- Wear properly fitting sturdy shoes
- Keep your hands, feet and objects to yourself

Have a fun, safe and happy spring recess.

Mrs. Kafka, RN

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**Dismissal Notes / Early Check-Out**

If you have a change in directions for your child’s dismissal, please make sure your student is aware of these changes before the start of the school day. Due the amount of calls at the end of the day, we cannot guarantee that messages will be delivered. All calls to the office regarding dismissal changes should be made prior to 3:00 PM.

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**Pennies for Patients**

Thank you to all who participated in our Pennies for Patients drive. Our penny drive raised approximately $2000.00 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Thank you to the students, parents and teachers that helped showcase the generous nature of the Boyd Beavers!

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.