The power of experiences

On Wednesday, October 29, 2014, Mrs. Hollendieck and myself took all twenty-four Boyd elementary sixth grade girls to “Lunch for the Girls” at the Century Link Center downtown Omaha. This particular lunch sponsored by Girls Inc. featured an elegant setting, upscale dining, and interviews with Barbara Bush and Jenna Bush Hager.

The elegant setting included dimmed lights, tablecloths, cloth napkins, full cutlery sets, and flower bouquets as centerpieces. A professional catering staff served our students an upscale dining meal of salad, chicken, macaroni and cheese, vegetables and a fancy dessert. The dessert may have been the most popular or students tasting coffee? Barbara Bush and Jenna Bush Hager provided examples of great character and leadership to the audience. The experience provided from this lunch was not one we could emulate at Boyd.

Experiences have potential to be very powerful for students and adults. Some of the truest learning is by doing. For example, students can see an elegant dinner on TV, read about one in a book, or see a picture of an elegant dinner, but to dress up comes from this lunch, but their words exceeded our intent.

Quotes from the Boyd 6th grade girls:

“I learned how to be proper at a fancy dinner, and how to be a role model”
– Annushka Adanlete

“I learned if you work hard and believe in yourself you can do anything you want to be.” – Jennifer D’Almeida

“I learned that when you’re in a fancy place you use your silverware from the outside in. And when your parents give you the opportunity to do something take it, because you might not get it again.” – Madison Hofmeister

“It was the nicest thing I have really done.” – Abbie Jelinek

Experiences transform our prior knowledge to action, and become our reference point for future instances. In my opinion, our experiences shape the people we become and can lead us to who we want to be. The more experiences we encounter, the greater we grow as people whether a student or an adult. If you have the opportunity to provide a positive experience to broaden the horizon of your student please take advantage of it. It doesn’t have to be an elegant lunch. Boyd Elementary offers experiences through “extra specials” our after school enrichment programs, along with PTA events, and much more. Also, I noticed free Creighton Men’s and Women’s basketball family passes available on the counter of the Boyd main office. Going for an evening walk with your student can provide great experience in noticing the surroundings. Enjoy an experience soon; no matter the size it shall always play an impact on learning!

Scott Hilger
Assistant Principal
Dear Parent/Guardian,

Winter is quickly approaching and the Holidays are around the corner. For many families, this can be a stressful time of year. Here are two opportunities that are available to help those families that might need a helping hand:

**St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Stores 10th annual Coat Give Away Saturday, November 8**

2101 Leavenworth St 402-341-1688

8:00am-1:00pm (First Come, First Serve)

Free coats, hats, scarves, gloves, winter boots and jackets

Must show proof of ID to receive free items

**Salvation Army Holiday Assistance Program**

Sign up November 4, 5, 6, & 7 from 9 am - Noon & 1-4 pm, November 8 9 am- noon

(Or sign up Saturday, November 2 from 9 am - Noon). Because of limited space, please do not bring children to sign up.

**Who:** Families with children, 17 and under, or persons 60 and older. You must be at least 19 years of age to sign up.

**Requirements:** Social Security cards, Medicaid cards or Birth Certificate for each person. Proof of Income - Must meet income guidelines. Proof of Address. *Current phone bill or receipt If signing up for Adopt-a-Family.* (NO PHOTOCOPIES or HAND WRITTEN nor Past Due)

**Where:** Gym at The Salvation Army at 3612 Cuming St.

**IMPORTANT:**

Persons will either sign up for *Toyland* or *Adopt-a-Family*. Not both. Single individuals, couples without children, families with children 18 and older will only receive a Grocery food voucher. If the person decides to sign up for the *Adopt-a-Family*, there is no guarantee that the sponsor will follow through with gift delivery.

**TOYS FOR TOTS:**

Applications are accepted November 1- December 5. This program provides toys for children ages 0-14

Various Application sites throughout the Metro area. Call 2-1-1 for information on specific application sites.

Mrs. Wixon

Vocal Music K-6

Boyd Music Notes:

It seems early, however the students just started practicing for the Holiday Program. The program is on Wednesday December 10 at 1:30 p.m., Thursday December 11 at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. This is an exciting time for the students to show off their talent!

The auditorium holds only a certain number of people. We ask that if the students’ last name starts with letters A-G, those families attend the December 10th 1:30 p.m. show time. If the students’ last name starts with letters H-O, those families attend the December 11th 9:30 a.m. show time. If the students’ last name starts with letters P-Z attend the December 11th 1:30 p.m. show time. Hopefully this will help to alleviate any over-crowding.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Holiday Program!

Mrs. Wixon

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