UPCOMING EVENTS:
Oct. 2 — Extra Specials 4:00-5:00
Oct. 2 — Read to Succeed 4:00-5:00
Oct. 2 — Math Team 4:00-5:00
Oct. 2 — 6th Grade Field Trip 11:15-1:45

Oct. 3 — PICTURE DAY!
Oct. 7 — Math Club 4:00-5:00
Oct. 7 — Math Team 4:00-5:00
Oct. 8 — Robotics 4:00-6:00
Oct. 9 — Read to Succeed 4:00-5:00
Oct. 9 — Math Team 4:00-5:00
Oct. 10 — PTA Smencil Sale 8:40-9:00 a.m.
Oct. 14 — PTA meeting 6:00
Oct. 14 — Math Club 4:00-5:00
Oct. 14 — Math Team 4:00-5:00
Oct. 15 — Robotics 4:00-5:00
Oct. 16 — Read to Succeed 4:00-5:00
Oct. 16 — Math Team 4:00-5:00
Oct. 16 — PTA night at Wenninghoff’s Farm 5:00-7:00
Oct. 17 — 1st Quarter Ends

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:
MS. WEST, 5th GRADE, ROOM S

The fifth graders in room S are off to a great start this year! It has been a stimulating year in Ms. West’s fifth grade class thus far. As the end of 1st quarter begins to approach we are already making progress. The fifth graders have just completed their fall acuity in reading and math. In reading, our focus has been on asking ourselves questions while we read books and identifying the theme in stories. In math, we are diving into long division and staying afloat. We are off and running to a fantastic school year and it is just the beginning!

Spooky Smencils Are Coming!
The Boyd PTA will be selling Spooky Smencils on Friday, Oct. 10, 2014 in the hallway outside of the gym from 8:45-9:00 a.m. Smencils are $1.00 each.
The scents are:
Goblin Grape, Slime Lime, Monster Mash,
Pumpkin Panic, & Trick or Treat
Please have your decisions on scents made ahead of time to help speed up the process. Also bring your money, your manners & wait patiently in a straight line!
Thank you! Boyd PTA

“The most influential of all educational factors is the conversation in a child’s home.”

William Temple
BUZZ FROM THE PTA!

Box tops have been an ongoing way to earn money for our school. Please register online at www.BTFE.com because there are many other ways to earn points besides cutting out box tops. By being registered you can see throughout the school year how many point/dollars we have earned. Ways to help with box tops would be to put them into bags of 50 and write 50 on the bag so we know they have been counted. Check expiration dates please. When we send sheets home, make sure the child on puts 10 per sheet, or if there is another amount listed, please follow that amount. Please make sure you are cutting them out and not including the entire package. Labels for Education is yet another way to earn point/dollars for our school. Register online at www.labelsforeducation.com. You can even click on the red square towards the bottom of their homepage that looks like the picture above and register your Baker’s card to earn a point. With the label points please clip them off the soup label and turn in. The entire label is not necessary.

Do you shop at HyVee? This year the Boyd Robotics program will be participating in the Hy-Vee CASH for STUDENTS program. Send in your HyVee receipts and turn them into the bucket by the office to help us raise money to buy parts and attend competitions. We will be collecting these receipts through December 31, 2014. Go Boyd Bots!

Ready to Learn!

Give your elementary schooler the tools needed for learning

A carpenter would never come to a job site without a box of tools. He knows that he can't do his best work without the proper tools for the task.

That's a good way to think about how your child can do her best in school. She needs to show up with the right tools to do the job. Here are a few:

- **Enough sleep.** Doctors say that children between the ages of 7 and 12 need 10 to 12 hours of sleep per day. Without proper rest, she won't be able to concentrate on the multiplication tables or her history lesson. So do some math yourself. When does your child need to leave for school in the morning? When does she need to get up to be ready at that time? Ten to 12 hours before that is when she needs to go to bed.

- **A healthy breakfast.** Cars can't run without fuel, and kids' brains are no different. Many studies show that children who eat breakfast do better in class, earning better grades and test scores. They are better able to focus. And they have fewer behavior problems. And don’t worry if your child doesn't like "breakfast food." Peanut butter on a tortilla or a slice of pizza will give her a great start.

- **High expectations.** When you believe your child can do her best, she'll believe it, too. So send her off with a big smile and she'll have the confidence she needs to tackle another day.