UPCOMING EVENTS:
Oct. 4 — PICTURE DAY!
Oct. 8 — PTA meeting 6:00
Oct. 10 — Final day for United Way
Oct. 10 — Read to Succeed 4:00-5:00
Oct. 11 — Author Visit: Jim Aylesworth
Oct. 15 — Math Club 4:00-5:00
Oct. 17 — Read to Succeed 4:00-5:00
Oct. 17 Wenninghoff’s Pumpkin Patch 5:00-7:00
Oct. 18 — 5th & 6th grades to Morton for RESPECT 2 play 9:15-12:15
Oct. 22 — Math Club 4:00-5:00
Oct. 23 — Parent/Teacher Conferences
Oct. 24 — Parent/Teacher Conferences, NO SCHOOL Elementary
Oct. 25 — NO SCHOOL Elementary
Oct. 29 — Math Club 4:00-5:00
Oct. 31 — Read to Succeed 4:00-5:00

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:
MS. WEST, 5th Grade

I am very excited to join the Boyd staff this year! It has been a superb year in Ms. West’s fifth grade class so far. The summertime blues have been replaced with eagerness and enthusiasm. We have just completed our fall acuity tests in math and reading. In math, we are beginning to dig our heels into long division in the new Go Math series. Our focus on reading has been on the elements of a story, narrative texts, and character motives. If you see one of Ms. West’s students be sure to ask them what an active reader does while reading?

The Fantastic Fifth graders are off to a great start!

The Omaha Police Department will be conducting speed checks on Boyd and 83rd streets the next few days. With so many children at Boyd school, it is imperative that we all watch our speed in the residential areas.

Fines are DOUBLE in construction areas & school crossing zones!

6-10 mph over posted speed limit is a $50.00 fine.
11-15 mph over posted speed limit is a $150.00 fine.
16-20 mph over posted speed limit is a $250.00 fine.

SLOW DOWN!

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

William Temple
Greetings Boyd Beaver Family,

As you enter the Boyd office area please notice our updated data board. The Boyd data board displays “Summative testing” results from NeSA (3-6th State testing) and K-2 Assessment. “Summative tests” may be given at the end of a content unit, or year. One could think of “Summative” tests, as testing students on a summary of the content that was taught.

On the data board, the NeSA chart represents results during the school years of 09-10, 10-11, 11-12, and 12-13. The percentage indicates percent of students who met or exceeded standards. Grades 3-6 test in NeSA-R(reading) and NeSA-M(ath). Grade 5 tests in NeSA -S(ience), and Grade 4 in NeSA-W(riting). Please note that scoring procedures for the 2012-13 NeSA-W(riting) test have changed from previous years. The K-2 Assessment chart displays success rates in Math and Reading for the 2012-13 school year. The percentage indicates percent of students proficient.

Boyd displays this information to reflect where we are as a school and identify our future path to meet the needs of our student population.

In order to prepare for the “Summative tests” which are given at the end of the content unit, or year, we use “Formative tests”. “Formative” tests are regular checks to see if students are absorbing the information and may be given multiple times a day to steer instruction.

We encourage you to ask questions about how your child's performance plays a part in the Boyd Data Board. Please see the list of questions below that may drive a conversation with the classroom teacher to help you learn more about the assessments.

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<th>K-2 Assessments (Involves students in Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and 2nd Grade)</th>
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<td>When does Acuity testing occur during the school year?</td>
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<td>Would you share my students Acuity Growth Report?</td>
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Thank you for all you do to help our students come to school with a mindset for learning.

Go Beavers,
Mr. Hilger
Assistant Principal
scott.hilger@ops.org

PICTURE DAY IS FRIDAY, OCT. 4!

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. Go Boyd Bots!