BOYD BEAVERS

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Oct. 30—Read to Succeed 4:00-5:00
Oct. 30—Math Team 4:00-5:00
Oct. 31—Harvest Parties 2:30-3:55
Nov. 4—Math Club 4:00-5:00
Nov. 4—Math Team 4:00-5:00
Nov. 5—Robotics 4:00-6:00
Nov. 5—Tutoring 4:00-5:00
Nov. 6—Read to Succeed 4:00-5:00
Nov. 6—Math Team 4:00-5:00
Nov. 6—ACP (both classes) @ Abraham’s Library 11:15-3:00
Nov. 11—PTA meeting 6:00
Nov. 11—Math Club 4:00-5:00
Nov. 11—Extra Specials 4:00-5:00
Nov. 11—Math Team 4:00-5:00
Nov. 13—Read to Succeed 4:00-5:00

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:  MR. URBAN, 6th GRADE, P03

It’s all Greek to me! As sixth grade gets ready to enter November we have been working hard on the ancient Greeks and their influences upon us today. From the philosophers such as Socrates and Plato to the warrior culture of Sparta, we are able to make meaningful connections, even today! Did you know that the Nike we see in shoes is named after the Greek goddess Nike; the goddess of victory.

Where else do the ancient Greeks affect our lives? Every four years we happen upon the Olympics, a series of modern games inspired by a test of ancient Greek athleticism. Originally, the games were held in honor of Zeus and his home of Mt. Olympus; hence the name “Olympics!”

As we continue studying Greece and move onto other ancient cultures, we have to remember our linkage to them and their contributions. Without Greece, where would we have derived the idea of democracy? Where would we be without the Socratic method as a means to solve mysteries using reason? How different would medicine be without the Hippocratic oath? Be sure to take a moment and enjoy the Greek mythology, contributions, and history with your child.

Memo to Parents from “The Big Tooth” (aka Mrs. Adams)

The annual “Harvest Party” will take place this Friday, October 31, 2014 from 2:30 to 3:55. The PTA will provide treats that can be eaten at school. Per the Boyd Elementary handbook: No food treats are permitted to be brought from home by students in the Omaha Public Schools. Only nonfood items such as pencils, erasers, trinkets, etc. should be brought to celebrate as food items take time from instruction and may trigger allergic reactions.

Though it is a Harvest Party, students are allowed to bring costumes to school which they may change into before the party. However, no weapon-like props are allowed and students are requested not to have blood and gore makeup.

Students who do not celebrate harvest time or cannot witness Halloween-like regalia will be in the computer lab working on engaging learning programs.
NOTES FROM THE NURSE!

In previous newsletters we've talked about preventing germs from spreading. But, germs are not the only “bugs” we want to keep away. There are actual bugs, like lice- that can be a real nuisance. Nobody wants lice on their heads – or in their homes, but fortunately they do NOT transmit any diseases. They are gross, and cause itching, but the public health disease impact is negligible. The biggest problem with head lice is the emotion attached to the condition. They can cause fear and anger which can ultimately affect a child’s self-esteem. Anxiety can also result in inappropriate treatments that can cause hazards to the child or household. So, take a deep breath, and learn some facts about head lice:

♦ They do not jump or fly. They can only crawl short distances- from very close head to head contact.
♦ They are much harder to get than a cold or the flu.
♦ Hygiene is not a factor where head lice are concerned. They like clean hair as well as dirty hair.
♦ You cannot get head lice from animals. You can only get lice from close personal contact with a person who has head lice.
♦ The transmission of head lice at school is rare. Most cases come from the sharing of hairbrushes, pillows and sheets, or from close head to head contact, which is minimal in a school setting.
♦ Head lice cannot live for very long away from a person’s head. Live lice must have a blood source to live. Survival for those lice that may fall off a head is usually only a few hours. Under certain conditions (low temperature and high humidity) they can live a few days, but this is rare.

What can you do if you are concerned about head lice?

♦ NEVER treat unless active lice or viable eggs are present. If live lice or viable eggs (fresh and close to the scalp) are present, treatment is needed. When directions are followed, the products are safe and effective. But remember, lice shampoos are insecticides, and can be dangerous if used incorrectly or too frequently. Just like antibiotics, overuse of these chemicals can result in resistance.
♦ Likewise, insecticide sprays are NOT recommended, as they may be harmful if used in a poorly ventilated area – and they are not that effective.

♦ DO comb through your child’s hair on a regular basis to see the condition of the hair and scalp- and so you will note any problems promptly. Then follow recommended treatment procedures for ONLY the person(s) who have the problem.
   1. Removal of eggs (nits) is the most important lice control measure. It takes time and patience, but it is well worth the effort.
   2. Teach your child to not share personal items like hats, helmets, brushes, combs, etc. - and to avoid head-to-head contact with others. Be vigilant to monitor your child’s hair after a sleep-over or slumber party.
   3. Vacuuming of furniture and the washing (using hot water) of bedding, clothing, and anything touching one’s head are very effective ways to remove lice from the environment.
   4. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to discuss them with your school nurse.

For more information, check this web site:

http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/treatment.html

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Grandfriend’s Luncheon Schedule:

**Thursday, Nov. 13 : Pre-K—2nd Grade**
- 11:25 Kindergarten
- 11:40 First Grade
- 11:45 Second Grade & Mrs. Prentis’ class
- Pre-K will eat in the classroom at normal time
- Head Start eats at 12:30

**Thursday, Nov. 20: 3rd—6th Grade**
- 12:15 Fifth Grade & Mrs. Wellendorf’s class
- 12:25 Third & Fourth Grade
- 12:35 Sixth Grade

Reservations forms are being sent home today. Check your child’s backpack.

Primary forms are due by Nov. 11th and the Intermediate forms are due back by Nov. 18.