BOYD BEAVERS

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Sept. 11—OPEN HOUSE!
Fundraiser Kick-Off & Book Fair 6:00-8:00
Sept. 18—Read to Succeed
4:00-5:00
Sept. 19—NO SCHOOL-ALL
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Sept. 22—NO SCHOOL-
ELEMENTARY ONLY
Sept. 23—Extra Specials 4:00
-5:00
Sept. 24—Extra Specials 4:00
-5:00

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:

MRS. O’LOUGHLIN, 4TH GRADE, RM. 5

I am so glad that September is here! Hopefully these cooler temperatures are here to stay. We all have a lot more energy and seem to have better focus on school when the weather cooperates.

I was happy to meet many of you at Safe Walk back in August. Our next chance to meet is for Open House on Thursday, September 11. The kids are excited for you to come and see our classroom and many other activities in the school that night. Open House is from 6 to 8 p.m.

Students have quickly settled into our classroom routines. We are busy working on building our reading stamina, under-standing place value and rounding in math, inquiry in science, and much more. We have welcomed quite a few students who are new to Boyd. They are all adjusting well and have made new friends. Thank you for your continued support and feel free to contact me at school with any questions.

Mrs. Margy O’Loughlin

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Beaver Parents & Students!
Please save your aluminum can tabs for one of our own 2nd grade students, Cooper Stiles. Cooper would like to take these with him on his next appointment at the Shriner's Hospital. The deadline is Oct. 17.

Thank you for your support!

COUNSELOR’S CORNER

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Daily school attendance is very important and an expectation of the Omaha Public School District. School starts at 9:05 a.m. and dismisses at 3:55 p.m. daily. When your child misses school, is late or picked up early for any reason, they miss out on valuable learning opportunities. Chronic absences or tardies can have a negative affect on your child’s school performance.

In addition to absences marked for full or partial days, students who arrive late to school, leave for a period of time during the day, or leave early from school for any reason, will be counted as absent for the instructional minutes missed that day. Reasons such as medical appointments or daycare pick-up prior to dismissal will be counted as time absent. Minutes missed will affect the 100% Attendance lists.

By law, all Nebraska schools are required to provide early interventions to prevent students from missing too many days of school. Additionally, schools are required to contact parents/guardians when students miss the equivalent of five, ten or fifteen days. The District notifies the County Attorney when a student misses the equivalent of 20 days, and then the County Attorney decides whether to dismiss, divert for counseling, or prosecute the case.

If your child must routinely visit the doctor, or has to be absent for any extended period of time due to extended or chronic illness, please bring a doctor’s notice of your child’s visit or required absence. These days are counted as a medically-excused absence but do count towards total days missed.

All of the teachers here at Boyd feel that attendance is very important to be successful in school and life. We want our students to work really hard to be in school “All Day, Everyday”. Please help us support our students by getting them here on time and daily.

If you need assistance with attendance issues, please contact Ms. Redinbaugh at 402-572-8928.
NOTES FROM THE NURSE!

Now that the school year has been going for a few weeks, and germs start spreading, we need to think about infection control and prevention of illness. Good health habits go a long way to help the body fight off any germs that are around. So adequate sleep, a well-balanced diet, and regular exercise are the basics to build that strength. But sometimes we forget how important the following habits can be in keeping us all healthy:

1. WASH YOUR HANDS! (Be sure to wash thoroughly and often.) This is the NUMBER ONE HABIT to PREVENT THE SPREAD OF INFECTION.
2. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with your hands, as this can be the entry point for many germs.
3. Cough/sneeze into a tissue when possible.
   - If a tissue isn’t readily available, cover your mouth and nose with the upper inner arm (not the hands).
   - Coughing/sneezing into the hands contaminates them and everything you touch!
4. Dispose of used tissues, and then wash those hands again!
5. Hand gels are a helpful addition to hand-washing, especially if water is not available.
6. If you (or your child) have ANY symptoms of illness, take a temperature. If it is 100 degrees or more, stay home!
7. Keep others healthy by staying home until you are fever and symptom-free for 24 hours WITHOUT a fever-reducing medicine. Fever-reducing medications (like ibuprofen or acetaminophen) may help the fever or comfort level, but do not take away the germs. Returning too soon can still spread germs. Also, if you are not over the illness, your body can be stressed and not recover as quickly.
8. If you do use medication be sure it is given at the correct dosage and frequency. More is not better! Medications can do harm if given at too high of a dosage or too often. Follow the directions of your health-care provider and read labels carefully!

THANK YOU for caring! We all need to work together to stay healthy and safe.

GET YOUR SPIRIT ON!

Welcome back Beaver families! The PTA is kicking off the school year with a Boyd Spirit Gear Drive. Items included for purchase will be t-shirts, hoodies, polos, zip up hoodies & much more! Please stop and look at the new Spirit Gear in the glass display case across from the library. Fliers will be sent home on Friday, Sept. 12. This sale ends Sept. 30, 2014. Monies raised by purchases help to pay for buses for field trips, offset admission costs on certain field trips and other school projects that help with our students' education.

Show your support! Order from our custom flyer or online and wear your spirit with pride!

Www.spiritgeardirect.com
Thank you Boyd PTA

Friendly reminders:

~~~~~~~ In the morning, all students enter the northwest door for breakfast (gym door). The school doors open at 8:40 a.m. daily for breakfast. Please be aware of the time your student is arriving to school, and adjust as needed. Supervision is not provided for students arriving prior to 8:40 a.m. unless they are enrolled in Kids Club.

~~~~~~~ Early dismissal: Whenever possible, doctor, dentist and other appointments should be made outside of school hours. It is the policy of Boyd Elementary that NO student will be dismissed as the result of a phone call. Students will remain in the classroom until they are checked out at the office by a parent or guardian. This is for the protection of your child.

~~~~~~~ Special occasions, parties, treats: There are two parties during the school year. They are the Harvest & Valentine’s parties. The PTA organizes these events. If a student wants to contribute something to the school in honor of his/her birthday, a Book Club has been established for the Media Center. The student’s name is recorded in the new library book for their contribution to the school’s collection. **No treats are permitted or to be brought from home by students.** Only nonfood items such as pencils, erasers, stickers, etc. should be brought. Food items take time from instruction and may trigger allergic reactions in some students. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.