Greetings Boyd Beaver Family,

What a wonderful start to the 2013-14 school year at Boyd Elementary! It’s joyful each morning to see the students arrive to obtain their formal education. The formal education being mastery of academic curriculum of reading, math and other content areas as well as the development of skills in special areas of Art, Music, PE and library skills.

Throughout the school year we gather student data through “Formative” measures to monitor and appraise student-learning gains. Formative data is obtained through a variety of sources which include: Acuity Diagnostics Tests, Imagine Learning usage reports, electronic grade book reading benchmarks for guided reading levels, Kindergarten through 2nd Grade (K-2) assessment in addition to teacher developed classroom assessments.

Recently, the Kindergarten through 2nd grade students have completed their formative K-2 Reading assessments. Currently, the 3rd grade through 6th grade is performing the Acuity Prescreen tests in Math and Reading. Acuity is aligned to the state standards, which are represented on the NeSA tests (State Summative test). The K-2 Assessment and Acuity provide data to guide instructional planning. All of these assessments through the year are in preparation for overall tests which we call “Summative” tests to determine mastery for the year, which provide individual and group student data to let us know how we as a school are doing based on student mastery of curriculum.

Summative assessments include NeSA-R(eading), NeSA-M(ath) for grades 3-6, NeSA-W(riting) for grade 4, NeSA-S(ience) for grade 5, Special Education Alternative Assessment for our Alternative Curriculum students, English Language Development Assessment (ELDA) for our ESL students, Final K-2 assessment for grades K-2. Finalized checkpoints for Teaching strategies (GOLD) assessment system developmental scale for our PreK and Head Start students. The charts below show recent results of Boyd Elementary K-2 Assessment and NeSA “Summative” assessments to show how we are doing as a school.

This chart represents K-2 Assessment Success rates for the 2012-13 school year. The percentage indicates percent of students Proficient.

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Thank you, parents for all you do to help our students come to school with a mindset for learning. Never hesitate to ask questions about how your particular student is growing academically in his/her academic pursuit. Please stop by my office if you have any questions regarding this data, testing, or how to utilize the parent portal! I look forward to seeing everyone at Open House!

Reminder: 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..

Mr. Hilger
Assistant Principal

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:
Mrs. O’Loughlin, 4th Grade

It is so hard to believe that by the time Open House comes around, we will have been in school for a month. The early start and the extreme heat have been a challenge, but the students have handled it very well.

Room 5 is off to an excellent start with our daily routines and procedures. Our Grab n’ Go breakfast is running smoothly as well. Students are all getting to know one another and helping out with classroom responsibilities.

Our new Go Math series does have the kids bringing more math homework home. You can plan on seeing homework in math about 3 times per week. Please ask your child about it and take a peek at what they are working on each time. They love to show off their skills. It would be great if they would practice math facts and read for 15 minutes each night as well.

Though I have met many of you already, I look forward to seeing you at Open House on Thursday, September 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. As always, it is nice to have former students and parents stop in too. See you then.

FRESH FRUIT & VEGIES PROGRAM (FFVP)
SEPT. 12 ……………..RED GRAPES
SEPT. 17……………..CUCUMBER SLICES
SEPT. 19……………..CHERRY TOMATOES

“Excellence in education is when we do everything that we can to make sure that they become everything that they can.”

Carol Tomlinson