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BOYD BEAVERS
UPCOMING EVENTS:
Sept. 18—Read to Succeed 4:00-5:00
Sept. 19—NO SCHOOL-ALL OPS
Sept. 22—NO SCHOOL- ELEMENTARY ONLY
Sept. 23—Extra Specials 4:00-5:00
Sept. 23—Math Club 4:00-5:00
Sept. 24—Extra Specials 4:00-5:00
Sept. 25—Extra Specials 4:00-5:00
Sept. 25—Read to Succeed 4:00-5:00
Sept. 26-- Meal applications for Free & Reduced Lunch are due.
***Students who have not filled out a NEW 2014-2015 application prior to date above will become full price paid lunches.

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:
MISS AUSTERMAN, 3rd GRADE, ROOM 2
The 3rd graders in room 2 have been busy beavers during our first month of school! While learning the many procedures and expectations of the classroom, we’ve enjoyed getting to know each other and building our classroom community. We’re discovering new ways to learn that challenge us and assist us in becoming critical and creative thinkers.

Thus far we’ve worked on mastering addition and subtraction facts, understanding the different elements of a story, discovering the many components of our community, and examining the role of a scientist. We’ve been tackling the rigorous curriculum by employing higher levels of thinking and working collaboratively. Collaborative work is a valuable method of learning that will play a major role in our classroom throughout the year.

Students are also becoming proficient at taking assessments on the computers. Technology is a powerful educational tool and we are using it as much as possible to aid us in accessing our curriculum.

In room 2 we strongly believe that self-assessment and reflection is a key element in the learning process. On weekly progress reports, students assess and evaluate the growth they are making with fundamental life, work, and citizenship skills. This practice has been beneficial in creating and pursuing meaningful goals that help us develop academically, emotionally, and socially.

The responsibilities of a third grader are plentiful, but beavers in room 2 are rising to the occasion!

EXTRA SPECIALS REMINDER: MAGIC!
3rd—6th Grades
Sept. 23, 24, 25, & 30
Oct. 1, 2
(Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday)
4:05-5:00 p.m.

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 Shriners Hospital. The deadline is Oct. 17.

Thank you for your support!
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. Flyers 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!

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WITH OUR CUSTOM SPIRIT GEAR DRIVE

FRESH FRUIT & VEGIES PROGRAM (FFVP) SEPTEMBER
SEPT. 18..................CUCUMBER SLICES
SEPT. 23..................GALA APPLE SLICES
SEPT. 25..................JICAMA SLICES
SEPT. 30..................BLUEBERRIES

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.

Basic Math Facts

A great opportunity for parent help!

Parents often ask their teachers what they can do with their children to help. A great place to start is with basic math facts. Boyd’s goal is that all students will have mastered their addition and subtraction facts by the end of second grade. By the end of fourth grade all students should have their multiplication and division facts mastered.

There are many fun ways to practice these skills with your child. Roll two dice and ask your child to add, subtract or multiply the two numbers. Use a deck of cards. Split the deck between the two of you, each flip a card. If the cards are the same color, add them, if they are different colors, subtract.

Helping students identify groups of ten is another way you can help. Students who can quickly recognize that 7 and 3 go together to make 10, can more easily solve more difficult problems.

Students today are asked to be proficient in some very difficult math concepts. When students become confident in their basic math facts more of their mental effort can be devoted to higher-level processes.