Greetings Boyd beaver family,

I would like to welcome each and every family to the 2014-15 school year. It’s with great honor to share with you that Boyd Elementary received the Omaha Public Schools Silver Award for the 2013-14 school year. The staff and students at Boyd received the Silver Award for improving two NeSA state assessments by 5% or greater. The NeSA state assessments are taken annually by our students in grades 3-6. The two assessments we improved 5% or greater are NeSA-Science with a 10% increase and NeSA-Writing with a 21% increase. Our school also saw improvements in NeSA-Mathematics with a 4% increase and NeSA-Reading with a 1% increase. We are so proud to display the Silver Award plaque and NeSA results chart near the main entrance. Currently, the 2012-13 NeSA results chart is on display while the 2013-14 NeSA results chart is processed. Our 2013-14 NeSA results chart (please see below) will show our improvements in all four NeSA assessments.

Way to go staff, students, and parents of Boyd Elementary, every person is a piece of the puzzle!

Go Beavers!
Scott Hilger
Assistant Principal, Boyd Elementary School

First PTA meeting of the school year: Tuesday, September 9th at 6 PM in the Boyd Library. Help your child’s class have the highest attendance!

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CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:

MRS. BENES, PRE-K P06

We are off to a FANTASTIC start in Pre-K! We have been making lots of new friends and learning how to play and share together. We have also learned all about how to keep our classroom germ free! Every Pre-K student can tell you how to wash your hands the correct way; first we get our hands wet, then add soap and scrub them for 20 seconds out of the water, finally we rinse off all of the bubbles in the water.

We will learn so many new and exciting things this year; how to write our name, the letters of the alphabet, numbers and lots of songs and nursery rhymes. We use Creative Curriculum in Pre-K and it is broken in to six hands on, investigative studies; Beginning of the Year, Trees, Clothing, Buildings, Balls, and the 3 Rs (reduce, reuse and recycle). Each study comes with exciting investigations that the students will get to experiment with, books and many other activities.

I am so fortunate to be able to teach my students at the beginning of their education and get them excited for all the possibilities to come! It is awesome to see their excitement everyday when the classroom door opens.
FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLE PROGRAM (FFVP)

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program provides all children in participating schools with a variety of free fresh fruits and vegetables. It is an effective and creative way of introducing fresh fruits and vegetables as healthy snack options. The FFVP also encourages schools to develop partnerships at the State and local level for support in implementing and operating the program.

The Goal of the FFVP

Create healthier school environments by providing healthier food choices.

- Expand the variety of fruits and vegetables children experience
- Increase children’s fruit and vegetable consumption
- Make a difference in the children’s diets to impact their present and future health.

This program is seen as an important catalyst for change in efforts to combat childhood obesity by helping children learn more healthful eating habits. The FFVP introduces school children to a variety of produce that they otherwise might not have had the opportunity to sample.

Boyd is excited to be participating in this program once again. Our days for fresh fruit & vegetables are Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Be sure to ask your child what new fruit or veggie they had for a snack that day!

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. unless they are enrolled in Kids Club.

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!

PICTURE DAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3rd, 2014!

Gearing Up for Robotics

Boyd is gearing up for another successful and thrilling year of robotics! The program is sponsored through the CREATE Jr. Foundation and this will be Boyd’s fifth year. The coaches have really taken the time to build this amazing program over the years and have been so grateful for all the administrators, staff, and parent support!

An introductory assembly will be held on Friday, Sept. 12 for grades 4th-6th (a flyer was sent home). Those students and parents who are interested in learning more about the program will need to attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 in the Boyd Library at 6:00 pm. Since we only take 12 students total, an application is required by all perspective students. We look for students who truly show an interest, along with academics and classroom behavior. This after school program is a big time commitment both for the students and parents, but well worth it in the end. It is very much a student-led and team oriented program, which encourages problem solving, leadership, collaboration, and creativity. The coaches are looking forward to another great year and seeing what our Boyd students can create next!

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