Ms. Hanson

2nd Grade, Room 18

As the year is coming to a close, we have not stopped working hard in Second Grade! Students are challenging themselves to improve their reading level and become stronger mathematicians. Rocket Math is one of our favorite parts of our day in my classroom. The motivation the students have to master basic addition, subtraction, and even multiplication facts is exciting to see!

Second Graders will be taking the MAP test over the next few weeks. Each student takes a reading and math test on the computer. This test shows how much content they have mastered throughout the year. It also prepares them for the NeSA next year in Third Grade. We are excited to see how much every student has grown this year!

5th Grade Recognition will be held Friday, May 26 at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Family & friends are welcome for this very special occasion. We ask that the siblings of 5th grade students remain in their classrooms due to limited seating in the auditorium.

~Thank you~
Warm Heart Wednesdays!
Student: Alima Adekunle
Nominated by: Ms. Austerman 04/26/17
Alima uses her hands and words for helping everyday! She is very kind and respectful to whomever she interacts with throughout the day. She helps her peers when she sees they need assistance and encourages them whenever she can!

PTA Officers Needed
The PTA is in need of volunteers to serve as secretary and treasurer for the 2017-2018 school year. If you are interested or would like more information, please email the PTA at boyd_pta@yahoo.com.

Field Day
The PTA is taking orders for class T-shirts for Track & Field Day. Each class is assigned a color to wear. The shirts cost $6.00 each, and orders are due May 5. Order forms have been sent home.
Also, volunteers are needed to help with food service during the school barbecue held on Track & Field Day, Friday, May 19. If you can help, please email the PTA at boyd_pta@yahoo.com.

KEYSTONE CLEAN-UP
SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017
9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
BOYD SCHOOL WEST PARKING LOT
Spring is peaking around the corning and the nicer weather means it's time to lug your bicycle out of storage and go on a bike ride. Before you saddle up, Children's Hospital & Medical Center would like to remind you to use your brain, wear a helmet! Don't have one? Here's what you need to do:

1. Fill out this voucher
2. Call to make a helmet fitting appointment at Children's
3. Receive a helmet

Children's Hospital & Medical Center is pleased to present you with:

1 free bike helmet and helmet fitting

Call Children's Injury Prevention team at 402.955.8951 to schedule an appointment. Please present this voucher at the time of the appointment.

Department giving voucher: Trauma Department, La Risa McLemore

Child's Information
Name: ____________________________
Birthday: ________________________

Signature of release by parent or guardian
I certify that my child was given a helmet and taught the proper helmet fitting techniques. Children's Hospital and Medical Center will not be held responsible for any improper use or wear of the helmet.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________
Bike Safety Tips
Everything you need to know to keep your kids safe when biking.

There are so many great reasons to ride your bike: It offers fun, freedom and exercise, and it’s good for the environment. Here are a few tips so that you will be as safe as possible while you’re doing it.

Wear a Helmet
- We have a simple saying: “Use your head, wear a helmet.” It is the single most effective safety device available to reduce head injury and death from bicycle crashes.

Find the Right Helmet Fit
- Make sure the helmet fits and your child knows how to put it on correctly. A helmet should sit on top of the head in a level position, and should not rock forward, backward or side to side. The helmet straps must always be buckled, but not too tightly. Safe Kids recommends kids take the Helmet Fit Test.
- EYES check: Position the helmet on your head. Look up and you should see the bottom rim of the helmet. The rim should be one to two finger-widths above the eyebrows.
- EARS check: Make sure the straps of the helmet form a “V” under your ears when buckled. The strap should be snug but comfortable.
- MOUTH check: Open your mouth as wide as you can. Do you feel the helmet hug your head? If not, tighten those straps and make sure the buckle is flat against your skin.

More children ages 5 to 14 are seen in emergency rooms for injuries related to biking than any other sport. Helmets can reduce the risk of severe brain injuries by 88 percent — yet only 45 percent of children 14 and under usually wear a bike helmet.

For more information visit safekids.org.
Use Appropriate Helmets for Different Activities

- Children should always wear a helmet for all wheeled sports activities.

- A properly-fitted bike helmet is just as effective when riding a scooter, roller skating or in-line skating.

- When skateboarding and long boarding, make sure your child wears a skateboarding helmet.

Proper Equipment and Maintenance Are Important

- Ensure proper bike fit by bringing the child along when shopping for a bike. Select one that is the right size for the child, not one he or she will grow into.

- When children are sitting on the seat of the bicycle, their feet should be able to touch the ground.

- Before the ride, make sure the reflectors are secure, brakes work properly, gears shift smoothly, and tires are tightly secured and properly inflated.

- Long or loose clothing can get caught in bike chains or wheel spokes. Dress young kids appropriately to ensure a safe ride.

Keep an Eye Out

- Actively supervise children until you’re comfortable that they are responsible to ride on their own.

- Every child is different, but developmentally, it can be hard for kids to judge speed and distance of cars until age 10, so limit riding to sidewalks (although be careful for vehicles in driveways), parks or bike paths until age 10. No matter where you ride, teach your child to stay alert and watch for cars and trucks.

- Children should be able to demonstrate riding competence and knowledge of the rules of the road before cycling with traffic.

Model and Teach Good Behavior

- You’d be surprised how much kids learn from watching you, so it’s extra important for parents to model proper behavior. Wear a helmet, even if you didn’t when you were a kid.

- Teach your kids to make eye contact with drivers. Bikers should make sure drivers are paying attention and are going to stop before they cross the street.

- Tell your kids to ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, not against it. Stay as far to the right as possible. Use appropriate hand signals and respect traffic signals, stopping at all stop signs and stoplights.

- Stop and look left, right and left again before entering a street or crossing an intersection. Look back and yield to traffic coming from behind before turning left.

Be Bright, Use Lights

- When riding at dusk, dawn or in the evening, be bright and use lights — and make sure your bike has reflectors as well. It’s also smart to wear clothes and accessories that have retro-reflective materials to improve biker visibility to motorists.

- Most states require a front light but allow the use of a rear reflector. Headlights aren’t so much for bicyclists to see where they are going but for others to see them. Riding without a headlight means drivers won’t see you, and surprising