Welcome returning and new Boyd Beavers!

It is with great honor that I lead the Boyd Elementary Family for the 2015-2016 school year. While working with the staff, meeting parents and my daily interactions with students, I can see and feel that there is something special about the learning environment at Boyd and I am thrilled to be a part of it! The school year is off to a great start and it’s good to be settling into routine. I look forward to getting to know everyone better and watching the student achievement thrive as the year progresses.

Join me in welcoming the new faces to the Boyd Staff:
Sara Lee          Head Start Teacher
Allison Domsch    Kindergarten
Erin Loehr        First Grade
Jessica Stungis   Third Grade
Amanda Good       Art
LeAnn Stoltenberg Band
Judith Fuller     Strings
Dana Rouch        Music Therapy
Katie Bullard     Paraprofessional-Kindergarten
Shelby Larson     Paraprofessional-Kindergarten
Elisabeth Morton  Paraprofessional-Kindergarten
Jessika Williams  Health aide

Go, Beavers!
Briana McLeod-Larsen, Principal
Welcome back to school! It is so nice to see so many familiar faces and exciting to welcome many new students to Boyd Elementary this year. I am looking forward to a wonderful school year ahead.

After a nice and relaxing summer, sometimes it is hard to get back into a routine. Here are some ways to make adjusting into a school schedule a little easier:

- **Set the rules.** Make sure your kids know what you expect now that they are back in school. Set a specific time and place for homework completion. Limit television time and encourage more time for reading a book each day. Determine an appropriate bedtime, elementary children need 8-10 hours of sleep daily. Create a chart or checklist for the first few weeks of school until your routines become habits. Give your child a sticker on the days he or she does everything on the list without being asked.

- **Manage communication from school.** At the beginning of the school year, there is a lot of paper coming home from school; some often needs to be returned. Determine a specific place where your child can put those papers so that you can look at them or have a specific time that you and your child go through the backpack together.

- **Keep track of schedules.** Use a calendar to keep track of everyone’s activities, including school events. This will help you plan ahead and know what is coming up. Nothing is more frustrating than coming home from work and realizing that you forgot all about a school event that your child is just now reminding you about.

Wishing you a happy and successful school year!

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