I would like to welcome each and every family to the 2014-15 school year. We are proud to announce that we received the Omaha Public Schools Silver Award for the 2013-14 school year. We are so proud of all of the hard work of our staff and students as the reception of this award is not by accident or happenstance. We are appreciative that you have entrusted us with your child/children. Our number one goal is to increase student achievement, and let me encourage you to be an active parent at Boyd Elementary School. Communicate with your child’s teacher, monitor his/her grades, attend all scheduled parent conferences and send a message that your child’s education is important to you and him/her.

We at Boyd Elementary are looking forward to an upbeat, positive school year. We are committed to providing your child with the quality education that he/she deserves. We ask that you ensure that your child is at school daily, on time, and remain at school until the end of the school day, is properly dressed, and is focused and works to his/her full potential. With us working as a team, watch your child soar. For we know, “It takes a den of beavers to build a dam.”

As always, our doors are open and you are welcome. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Elaine Adams
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!

“Wisdom begins with wonder.”
~ Socrates
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!

Ms. Redinbaugh
Counselor

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**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.

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**Health Office Notes from Margie Bross, RN, Boyd School Nurse**

I am pleased to be assigned to Boyd this year, having been a School Nurse for many years. I’m looking forward to making some great relationships with students and families. I welcome your visits and calls, so we can work together to have a healthy year!

There are some very important reminders to take care of every year:

1. **Immunizations:** If you have a student in Kdg or PreK – or you are NEW to Omaha Public Schools, we must have a complete, updated immunization record on file for your child. This is a Nebraska State law, and students are not allowed to attend school until these are complete or on schedule. Even if you submitted a copy at enrollment, there may be additional shots required by law. Be sure these are up-to-date, and send them to school as soon as possible. **Students not in compliance will be excluded from school.**

2. **Physical Exams:** All students who are entering school for the first time or are new to the State of Nebraska, are required to have a Physical Exam within 60 days of entry into school. Please be sure to have these completed, and send a copy to school.

3. **Medications:** Students who need medications to be administered at school must have written orders from a Doctor/HealthCare Provider and written permission from the parent/guardian. **EVEN IF** your child had medication at school last year, we must have new permits EVERY SCHOOL YEAR. We are especially concerned about students who have asthma or severe allergies. We need to have emergency medications with current orders available to ensure your child is safe at school.

If you need assistance getting the above, please give me a call. Doctors can fax immunization records, physical exams, or medication permits to Boyd’ FAX at 402-572-9001 – Attention School Nurse.

I am at Boyd full-time, so please call for any questions, concerns, or just to chat about your child’s needs.

Ms. Nelsen, our Health Para is also still here, and together we want to work with you to ensure your child is healthy and safe at school.

HEALTHY CHILDREN LEARN BETTER! TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE BOTH HAPPEN!