UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb. 2 — Math Club 4:15-5:15
Feb. 2 — Basketball (1) game @ Adams Elementary 5:00
Feb. 3 — Robotics 4:30-6:30
Feb. 3 — Basketball practice 4:15-5:15
Feb. 4 — Basketball (2) game @ Boyd 5:00
Feb. 6 — Boyd Robotics tourney @ Boyd 9:00-1:00
Feb. 9 — Math Club 4:15-5:15
Feb. 9 — PTA meeting 6:00
Feb. 9 — Basketball (2) game @ Boyd 5:00
Feb. 10 — Robotics 4:30-6:30
Feb. 10 — Basketball practice 4:15-5:15
Feb. 11 — Basketball (1) game @ Benson West 5:00
Feb. 12 — Valentine’s parties 10:00 a.m.
Feb. 12 — Early dismissal 1:15
Elementary schools only
Feb. 12 — No Head Start or Pre-K classes
Feb. 15 — No School President’s Day

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:
Mrs. Lee, Head Start, P05

It’s hard to believe we are already a few weeks into second semester. The children in Head Start came back ready to learn from winter break. Since being back from break, students in P05 have been busy reviewing expectations in the classroom, learning how to problem solve on their own, and engage with their peers in small groups effectively.

The children in Head Start are continuing to learn a letter from the alphabet, social/emotional skills from our Second Step curriculum, experiment with new activities during free choice time, and engage in new reading material each week. Students in P05 have several opportunities throughout the day in large group, small group, and individually to grasp a hold of all these new concepts.

Several of my students are preparing for kindergarten next year by attending kindergarten round up and completing the kindergarten readiness test this semester. While these students are eager to take the next step in their education, my younger students are excited about being role models in my Head Start classroom next year. Early Childhood is such a crucial time in their lives and with the partnership of the school, teachers, and parents these children will grow to be lifelong learners.

REMINDER!
The elementary school hours are from 8:50 a.m. to 4:05 p.m.

In the morning, all students enter the northwest door for breakfast (gym door). The school doors open at 8:35 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 8:35 a.m. unless they are enrolled in Kids Club.

PLEASE NOTE IF YOUR STUDENT IS A HEAD START OR PRE-K STUDENT THERE WILL BE NO CLASSES FOR THOSE STUDENTS ON FRIDAY, FEB. 12, 2016.
The Have a Heart Campaign was introduced to students upon their return from Winter Break. The Have a Heart Campaign includes the Pledge, “I use my hands and words for helping.” To inform the students about the Have a Heart Campaign an all school assembly was held on January 11, 2016. With the help of the sixth grade students’ skits during the assembly, students learned how to honor the pledge through their words and actions and got excited about the positive effect the pledge will have on our school.

To keep the Campaign and Pledge alive staff and students recite the Have a Heart Campaign Pledge: “I use my hands and words for helping,” during the morning announcements. Staff will wear Have a Heart Campaign tee shirts on what we now call, Warm Heart Wednesdays. Warm Heart Wednesdays are special because we recognize one or more students that have displayed using their hands or words for helping. Staff is keeping their eye out for kind acts by students for special recognition on Warm Heart Wednesday. When a student is recognized a description of their kindness is read on the intercom by the principal, included in the Boyd Beacon and posted in the hallway on the Have a Heart bulletin board.

We invite you to stop by and read our collection of heart-warming stories from our Boyd students. They are sure to bring a smile to your face.

**Boyd’s Have a Heart Campaign Pledge**

“I use my hands and words for helping.”

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Boyd PTA hosted an Academic Family Night on January 21, 2016. Families had the opportunity to play math games tailored to each grade level, peruse a Book Fair and enjoy a cookie. The math games were sent home in a packet for families to play at home as part of the event, as well. We will be sending home packets to families that were not able to attend. Be sure to look for them. The games included in the packet are a fun way to support the math instruction that happens at school while having fun at the same time!

Congratulations to the three classes with the highest attendance by percentage. The primary class with the highest attendance was Ms. Austerman’s third grade. The intermediate classes with the highest attendance by percentage were Mrs. Adams’ fourth grade class and Mrs. Farrington’s sixth grade class. These classes won a math game for their classroom.
UP COMING JAM EVENTS

Leadership Retreats

* JAM is holding our 2nd Annual Service Learning Leadership Retreat for incoming 6th graders through outgoing 8th graders. The cost of attending the Leadership Retreat is $30. If you would like to attend Service Learning Leadership Retreat on Saturday, January 30th at Creighton University, use the following link to registration [http://www.launchleadership.org/services/leadership-retreats.html](http://www.launchleadership.org/services/leadership-retreats.html). Need-based scholarships are available and can be applied for while registering at [http://www.launchleadership.org/scholarships.html](http://www.launchleadership.org/scholarships.html).

* JAM will also hold a Leadership Retreat on Communication in March in Omaha. Please watch the website for the date and place of the Leadership Retreat.

If you have any questions please contact Amye Aggen at amyeye@launchleadership.org.

Workshop

* Launch's biggest event: a 5-day, 4-night immersive leadership development experience in Wayne, Nebraska, with hands-on activities, student leaders from across the state and instruction from the Launch Volunteer Staff. You will learn personal, interpersonal and group leadership skills that you can take back to the organizations that you belong to. You will learn so much about yourself and make friendships that will last a lifetime. Summer Workshop is on June 28th – July 2nd, 2015. For more information use the following link: [http://www.launchleadership.org/services/workshop/](http://www.launchleadership.org/services/workshop/).

* Pricing for Workshop is:
  - October 27th – April 30th: $275
  - May 1st – June 17th: $300

Need-based scholarships are available and can be applied for while registering at [http://www.launchleadership.org/scholarships.html](http://www.launchleadership.org/scholarships.html).

If you have any Workshop questions you can email Kalissa Holdcraft at workshop@launchleadership.org.

FIFTH GRADE RECOGNITION

This year will be the end of an era at Boyd Elementary! This will be the last year for 6th grade. To that end, this year’s 5th grade class is going through their LAST year at Boyd Elementary! In year’s past, there has always been a 6th grade recognition event, which there will be this year. But now, we need to start a new tradition---5th grade recognition. We are beginning plans for this event, to be held mid-May. We are looking for volunteers to help in planning this new tradition. Tentative date for planning meeting to be Tuesday, February 9 at 5:30, before the PTA meeting at 6:00. We’ll meet in the school library. If you can’t make the meeting, but have idea/suggestions/want to participate, please contact Mrs. Larsen at school or Amy Avila at 402-515-1572 or at arjavila@msn.com

Thanks to everyone who turned out for Family Night last Thursday. The math games and book fair were a big hit!

We now turn our attention to Valentine’s Day. The PTA will be selling Valentine Grams for $1. Order forms will be coming home soon. Please be sure to fill one out and return it by Tuesday, Feb. 9. Valentine Grams will be distributed later that week.

PTA Meeting: Save the date for the next PTA meeting – 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9 in the school library. All are welcome to attend. If you cannot join us but are interested in volunteer opportunities, please email boyd_pta@yahoo.com. Your support is appreciated!

Box Tops/Labels: The PTA collects Box Tops and Labels for Education as an additional source of income to support its programs. There is a collection box near the front desk. Box Tops and Labels can also be given to your child’s teacher. Please check the expiration date on these clippings before turning them in.