BOYD BEAVERS
UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nov. 5—Read to Succeed 4:15-5:15
Nov. 10—PTA Meeting 6:00
Nov. 10—Basketball game @ Boyd 4:30
Nov. 11—Robots 4:30-6:30
Nov. 11—Basketball game @ Prairie Wind Elementary 4:30
Nov. 12—Read to Succeed 4:15-5:10
Nov. 13—Mrs. Prentis’ & Mrs. Wellendorf’s class field trip 10:00-1:00
Nov. 17—Math Club 4:15-5:15
Nov. 17—Basketball game @ Joslyn Elementary 4:30
Nov. 17—Basketball game @ Boyd 4:30
Nov. 18—Robots 4:30-6:30
Nov. 18—Basketball practice 4:15-5:15
Nov. 19—“Dine Out Night” @ Don & Millie’s 4:430 Farnam St. 5:00-8:00
Nov. 19—Read to Succeed 4:15-5:10
Nov. 19—Basketball game @ Boyd 4:30
Nov. 23—Picture Re-take Day
Nov. 24—Spelling Bee 9:30 in the auditorium
Nov. 25—Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 1—Math Club 4:15-5:15
Dec. 1—Basketball game @ Saddlebrook Elementary 4:30
Dec. 2—Robots 4:30-6:30
Dec. 2—Basketball practice 4:15-5:15
Dec. 3—Read to Succeed 4:15-5:15
Dec. 3—PTA Bingo/Pancake Man 6:00-8:30
Dec. 3—Basketball game @ Boyd 4:30
Dec. 7—Mrs. Prentis’ & Mrs. Wellendorf

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:
MRS. WIXON, MUSIC

It seems early, however the students just started practicing for the Holiday Program. The program is on Thursday December 10 at 1:30 p.m., Friday December 11 at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. This is an exciting time for the students to show off their talent!

The auditorium holds only a certain number of people. We ask that if the students’ last name starts with letters A-G, those families attend the December 10th 1:30 p.m. show time. If the students’ last name starts with letters H-O, those families attend the December 11th 9:30 a.m. show time. If the students’ last name starts with letters P-Z attend the December 11th 1:30 p.m. show time. Hopefully this will help to alleviate any over crowding.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Holiday Program!

Mrs. Wixon
Vocal Music K-6

On-Line Meal Payment Communication

On-line meal payment is available for all OPS families through eFunds at https://eps.mvpbanking.com/cgi-bin/efs/login.pl?access=55201 or a link is available at http://district.ops.org/ By using eFunds, parents can eliminate the worry that their children could lose checks or cash for payment of school meals. Payments can be made 24 hours a day from either a checking account or from a credit card. The two options allows flexibility of payment and gives the parent alternate payment choices. Automated payments are also available preventing a child’s meal account from being short of funds. The cost for using a credit or debit card is $2.45 for up to each $100 transaction and there is no charge for using a check. Questions? Contact Nutrition Services at 402-557-2259 or sharon.saigh@ops.org

Dear parents and/or guardians of students at Boyd Elementary School,

We are partnering with BrightBytes, an educational research and analytics company, in order to learn more about our students’ school and home technology use for learning. We are reaching out to ask you to take part in our Boyd Elementary, Omaha Public Schools questionnaire. Your participation is essential in helping us form a more complete picture of technology use for learning in our students’ lives. Please click the following link to participate. www.BByt.es/JD33P

The last day to complete this questionnaire is Friday, November 6, 2015.
The second fundraiser of the school year begins this week. Students will be bringing home information on the Scentsy sale, which runs through Nov. 20. Scentsy is a home fragrance collection, and the sale will feature a selection of scent circles and related items. There are many incentives for participating!

All proceeds from the fundraiser support PTA-sponsored activities. If your family decides not to participate, a donation to PTA would be welcome.

**School Store:** The PTA will offer the next “school store” on Friday, Nov. 6. The store will feature Boyd-branded merchandise, including shirts for $11, water bottles for $2, and wrist bands, pen/pencil set, Smencils and Smickers (scented stickers) for $1 each.

**PTA Meeting:** Save the date for the next PTA meeting – 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10 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!

**Dine Out:** Boyd is partnering with area restaurants for “dine out” nights that benefit the PTA. The next one will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18 at Don & Millie’s, 4430 Farnam St. Mention Boyd Elementary School and 20 percent of your bill will be donated to the PTA. We look forward to seeing you there!

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**St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Stores 11th Annual Winter Coat Give Away**

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**Saturday, November 7, 2015**

**Located at 2101 Leavenworth St.**

**Hours are from 8:00am to 1:00pm**

**Free Coats, Hats, Scarves, and Boots**

First Come First Served
One Coat Person

No ID Is Required
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For Additional Information Call
402-341-1688

“Help Us Help Others”
Thanksgiving Programs
A listing of holiday programs in Douglas, Sarpy, and Pottawattamie Counties

Heartland Hope Mission Thanksgiving Food Pantries
2021 U St, South Entrance, Omaha (402) 733-2077
Thanksgiving food pantries are available during the following dates and times:
Nov 17 - 6:30 pm-7:30 pm
Nov 19 - 1:30 pm-4 pm
Nov 21 - 9:30 am-10:30 am and 1:30 pm-4 pm
Nov 24 - 6:30 pm-7:30 pm
Must be eligible for a normal food pantry. Clients who receive a Thanksgiving pantry from another location will not be served a Thanksgiving pantry.

Open Door Mission Turkey ‘N Fixins Box
Garland Thompson Men’s Center, Open Door Mission, 2705 N 20th St E, Omaha
Registration is Saturday, November 7, 8:30 am-5 pm. Must bring Photo ID for adult registering and proof of current residency. One registration per household (address); for your convenience and due to lack of space, please do not bring children. Turkey and box of food will be delivered to the home on Saturday, November 21 between the hours of 9 am-1 pm; one adult must be home to receive the box; volunteers cannot leave boxes outside. Clients not home forfeit their box.

Bellevue Christian Center Community Thanksgiving Dinner
1400 Harvell Dr, Bellevue
Wednesday, November 25, 5:30 pm-8:30 pm. No reservations needed. Provides bus pick-up for homeless at shelters and other designated areas throughout the city – call for information on pick-up times and places.
Meals may be delivered to specific Bellevue local areas, e.g. Meals on Wheels, low-income sites, etc.
Meals will not be available for pick-up. For questions, call (402) 291-0616.

Salvation Army Turkey-fest
Omaha (402) 898-6023
FREE meal delivered to persons 55 and older on Thanksgiving Day. Meal consists of turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberries, roll, butter, banana, and cookie.
Reservations accepted November 4-24 or until program is full. Must speak with someone to make a reservation, no voice messages.
Delivery Area: Omaha, Bellevue, La Vista, Ralston, Millard, Papillion, Elkhorn
(Sorry, can NOT deliver to Ft. Calhoun, Valley, Council Bluffs, Waterloo, Blair, Fremont, Gretna, Plattsmouth)

FaithWorks Pantry Place Turkey Dinner Giveaway
Faith-Westwood Church, 4892 Oaks Lane, Omaha (402) 895-3394 x1012
Turkey Dinner giveaway Saturday, November 21, 10 am; includes turkey voucher, stuffing, vegetables, pie/crust, and more while supplies last
No documents are required for the Turkey giveaway; the regular pantry food will be available as well - picture ID and proof of residence is required for that.
(Located next to Central Middle School across the road from Sam’s Club. Go to 120th and L, turn right at Famous Dave’s (Anne St). Head west, turn left at the church. We are located in the house just south of the church.)

(Several food pantries also provide Thanksgiving food items to their regular pantry clients)
The information listed may change at any time. Please call 2-1-1 or (402) 444-6666 for the most current information.
Christmas Programs

A listing of holiday programs in Douglas, Sarpy, and Pottawattamie Counties

Toys for Tots

Applications accepted November 1 – December 4 Provides toys for children ages 0-14

Douglas County Application Sites:

- EduCare of Omaha @ Kellom 2123 Paul St. 68102 (402) 898-1783
- Dirty Dozen 5345 N. 60th St. 68104 (402) 943-9682
- M.O.R.E. 5620 Ames Ave. 68104 (402) 999-8344
- UNMC Center for Reducing Health Disparities 519 S. 40th Plaza, 1011H 68105 (402) 559-9660
- Children’s Square Foster Care 5132 Leavenworth 68106 (402) 556-6765
- Boys & Girls Club of the Midlands – South Unit 5051 S. 22nd St. 68107 (402) 733-8333
- Ponca Tribe of Nebraska 2602 J St. 68107 (402) 734-5275
- Heartland Hope Mission 2021 U St. 68107 (402) 733-2077
- Together We Achieve Miracles 2505 N. 24th St. 68110 (402) 451-4459
- Charles Drew Health Center 2915 Grant 68111 (402) 457-1208
- Family Housing Advisory Services 2401 Lake St., Ste 201 68111 (402) 934-7926
- Sharon Seventh Day Adventist Church 3336 Lake St. 68111 (402) 453-4079
- Boys & Girls Club of the Midlands – Westside 1414 Robertson Dr. 68114 (402) 932-6477
- Kids Can Community Center 4860 Q St. 68117 (402) 731-6988
- Refugee Empowerment Network (SSCA) 3610 Dodge St., Ste 100 68131 (402) 554-0759
- Boys & Girls Club of the Midlands – North Unit 2610 Hamilton St. 68131 (402) 342-2300
- St. Matthew Baptist Church 1001 N. 30th St. 68131 (402) 345-5607
- New Hope Apostolic Temple 6124 N. 99th St. 68134 (402) 715-4368
- KVC Nebraska 11550 I St., Ste. 100 68137 (402) 498-4700

Pottawattamie County Application Sites:

- Community of Christ 17 N 2nd St, Council Bluffs (712) 328-8122
- New Visions Homeless Services 1435 N. 15th St., Council Bluffs (712) 322-7570

Sarpy County Application Sites (must reside in Sarpy County*): (402) 339-2544

Thursday, October 29 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- Heartland Family Service, 302 American Parkway, Papillion

Thursday, November 5 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- First Baptist Church Gymnasium, 23rd & Hancock St, Bellevue (1 block south of Mission)
- Saturday, November 7 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Bellevue Christian Center by appointment only, (402) 552-7073

*Sarpy clients not attending one of these registration events must choose another holiday program or Toys for Tots site*

Applicants must bring:

- Proof of residency: current utility or phone bill, letter from Health and Human Services, vehicle registration or driver’s license
- Proof of children: children's birth certificates or current Medicaid card and Social Security card
- Proof of household income: pay stub for the last 30 days, current Medicaid letter, current food stamp card, current ADC eligibility letter.
Heartland Hope Mission Christmas for South O
2021 U Street, South Entrance, Omaha (402) 733-2077
Provides 2 to 3 toys for children ages 0-17, including registration for Toys for Tots. Social Security card preferred but not required, birth certificates, passports or ID cards for each member of the household (school ID cards accepted). Parent or legal guardian must be present to register children to receive gifts.

November Registration Dates
Tuesday, November 3 - 6:30 pm-7:30 pm
Thursday, November 5 - 1:30 pm-4 pm
Saturday, November 7 - 1:30 pm-4 pm
Tuesday, November 10 - 6:30 pm-7:30 pm
Thursday, November 12 - 1:30 pm-4 pm
Saturday, November 14 - 1:30 pm-4 pm (Also 10:30 am-11:30 am at Millard Lord of Hosts, 139th & Q)
Tuesday, November 17 - 6:30 pm-7:30 pm
Thursday, November 19 - 1:30 pm-4 pm
Saturday, November 21 - 10 am-11 am & 1:30 pm-4 pm
Tuesday, November 24 - 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

Last Chance Registration Date
Saturday, December 12 1:30 pm-4 pm
Toys will be distributed December 19 at the Christmas for South O party. To attend, families must be preregistered and provide the ticket that was given at the time of registration.

Council Bluffs Goodfellows
535 W Broadway, Council Bluffs (712) 328-1811
Food or gift certificates at Christmas at Christmas as donations permit; watch for details in the Nonpareil around November 1.

Open Door Mission Project Santa
Garland Thompson Men’s Center, 2705 N 20th Street E, Omaha
Registration Saturday, December 5, 8:30 am-5 pm
To register, an adult must bring photo ID, proof of current address, and SS card for each child being registered. Only one adult per household needs to register; for your convenience and due to limited space, please do not bring children.

Operation Others
(402) 548-6236 English
Registration Saturday, November 7, 9 am-12 noon
Christmas food baskets available to families in need – must register.

Salvation Army Toy Shop Distribution and Food Vouchers Sign Up
715 North 16th Street, Council Bluffs (712) 328-2088
November 19, 20, 23, 24, 30 and December 1, 2, 9:30 am-11:30 am and 1 pm-3:30 pm
Must have current picture ID for Pottawattamie, Mills, or Harrison County, Social Security cards for everyone in household, proof of household income (including child support, FIP, SSI or SSD) for the last 30 days, utility bill in their name within the last 30 days, birth certificates for all children 16 and under, and proof for everyone else over age 16. Must apply in person. Gifts provided for all children 16 & under and food for the entire family.

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Salvation Army Toyland or Adopt a Family Programs
(402) 898-6031
Applications accepted at two locations:
Salvation Army Kroc Center, 2825 Y Street
November 2-3, 9 am-12 noon and 1 pm-3 pm
November 4, 9 am-12 noon
Salvation Army North Corps, 2424 Pratt Street
November 5-6, 9 am-12 noon and 1 pm-3 pm
November 7, 9 am-12 noon
Toyland is for families with children up to 17 years of age; clients will receive food vouchers and toys. Adopt-a-Family is for families with children up to 17 years of age and senior citizens age 60 and over; families will be adopted through radio-a-thons in early December; those who adopt families will be asked to provide toys for children 17 and younger and a meal for the family. Food voucher program is for families that have children over age 17, or senior citizens. Must apply in person and bring the following: documentation of income; Social Security cards, birth certificates, or other official document required for everyone (no copies); applicant’s picture ID; and verification of address dated less than 30 days (current mail). If applying for Adopt-a-Family Program, must present a phone bill in applicant’s name dated within 30 days (no disconnect notices accepted). Due to limited space, please do not bring children.
The information listed may change at any time. Please call 2-1-1 or (402) 444-6666 for the most current information.

P.I.E. Pathway Event
The Omaha Public Schools (OPS) is partnering with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Engineering to host the Third Annual Partners In Engineering (P.I.E.) Pathway event. OPS students, teachers and PLTW alumni from Nebraska Engineering will provide hands-on learning opportunities, school showcases, and engineering-related demonstrations.
Schedule of Events
Hands-On Projects, Displays & Tours: 1 - 2:30 p.m. (outside PKI 158)
School Showcases / Door Prizes: 2:30 - 3 p.m. (PKI 158)
For more information:
http://go.unl.edu/pltw-pie-day
Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015 11 - 3 p.m.
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