BOYD BEAVERS

UPCOMING EVENTS:
- Oct. 1—Read to Succeed 4:15-5:10
- Oct. 6—Math Club 4:15-5:15
- Oct. 7—Mrs. Prentis’ & Mrs. Wellendorf’s class field trip
- Oct. 7—Robotics 4:30-6:30
- Oct. 8—Read to Succeed 4:15-5:10
- Oct. 8—Fundraiser Pick up 3:15-5:30
- Oct. 13—PTA meeting 6:00 p.m.
- Oct. 13—Math Club 4:15-5:15
- Oct. 14—Robotics 4:30-6:30
- Oct. 15—PTA night at Wenninghoff’s Farm 5:00-7:00
- Oct. 15—Read to Succeed 4:15-5:10
- Oct. 19—Picture Day

REMINDER!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, Oct. 21
4:30-8:00 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 22
1:00-8:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars!

If you have not scheduled a conference at Open House please contact your child’s teacher.

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Omaha Public Schools

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Dear Boyd Families:

In February 2015, OPS families were invited to participate in community discussions regarding grade level configuration. The district is now in the implementation phase, and we want to make sure you are informed about important changes coming for Boyd Elementary in the 2016-17 school year.

While these changes will not take effect this school year, we want to keep you informed well ahead of time. This change will impact the grade configuration at Boyd which will become a PK-5 school with 6th grade transitioning to middle school after this, 2015-16, school year.

We invite you to attend one of the informational meetings scheduled at implementing middle schools listed below. I personally will be in attendance at the Morton meeting, as Morton is our home attendance area middle school. However, if this meeting does not work for your schedule, feel free to attend any of the other meetings.

Implementing middle schools will be hosting community meetings on the following dates:

- Morton – Tuesday, October 6th (6:30 – 7:30) – In the Auditorium
  o 4606 Terrace Drive, Omaha, NE 68134
- Nathan Hale – Thursday, October 8th (6:30 – 7:30) – In the Cafeteria
  o 6143 Whitmore Street, Omaha, NE 68152
- Monroe – Thursday, October 15th (6:30 – 7:30) – In the Cafeteria
  o 5105 Bedford Avenue, Omaha, NE 68104
- McMillan – Thursday, November 5th (6:00 – 7:00) – In the Auditorium
  o 3802 Redick Avenue, Omaha, NE 68112

At the meeting, you’ll have the chance to hear a presentation by district officials on the specifics of the transition. Staff will also be onsite to assist families in determining: 1) your home attendance area middle school; and 2) your eligibility for district provided transportation.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at the meeting!

Thanks for your support of Boyd Elementary.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Briana McLeod-Larsen
Principal
The delicious pizzas, cookie dough and other frozen food products sold last month for the PTA fundraiser through Red Wheel foods will be ready for pickup next week. Items will be pre-sorted by child’s name and ready to go between 3:15 and 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8.

As many items come frozen, all orders must be picked up at this time. If you are not able to pick up your order, please designate a friend or family member to do so.

School Store: There was a great response for the first “school store” featuring Boyd-branded merchandise. The PTA will offer this again on Friday, Oct. 9. Items for sale include 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, Oct. 13 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!

Pumpkin Patch Night: The PTA will be hosting a family event from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15 at Wenninghoff’s Pumpkin Patch, 6707 Wenninghoff Road. Admission is $6; children 2 and under are free. A meal of a hot dog, chips and soda will cost $4. There will be free marshmallow roasting. We’d love to see you there!

News from the Nurse!

Fall Health Office Reminders:
We are still missing a great deal of information needed to provide the health care our students deserve.

If your child has asthma, severe allergies, seizures, diabetes, or any other health need that may require care in school, please double check the following:

a) Are the needed medications or supplies at school – ready for use, if needed? Any medications left at the end of the previous school year are to be destroyed, so each year we need a fresh supply, to ensure they are not outdated, and have adequate doses available.
b) Is there a plan in place – signed by your Health Care Provider and You, and reviewed with the School Nurse? (Remember - a new plan/set of orders is needed each new school year.)
c) If your child has a health emergency, we follow the plan in place. If a plan is not available, we have to call 911. Prevention is always better than cure, and an individualized plan for each student with a health need can prevent the need for an emergency.

For Kindergarten students AND students moving to Nebraska from another state: Nebraska Law requires a Physical Exam and a Vision Exam (which can be part of the physical exam) upon entry into school. This is due November 1st. If you have not completed both, please make an appointment to complete this now. If you have forgotten to turn in the papers, please do so as soon as possible. If your child has been immunized for Kindergarten, it is often done at the Physical Exam. Some people have turned in the immunizations, but not the Physical Exam, so please double check.) Many of the physical exams turned in do not include a vision evaluation, so that may be needed.

Pre-K Students: Nebraska Law requires a Physical Exam upon entry into school. This is due November 1st. Please turn in the papers as soon as possible. If you have not yet made an appointment, please do so.

We want to provide the best care possible to ensure our students can do their best in school. Healthy students learn better, and together, we can work toward this goal. Please call me for any questions or concerns.

Margie Bross, RN
Boyd Elementary School Nurse