BOYD BEAVERS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct. 21—Conferences 4:30-8:00
Oct. 22—No school for elementary students. Conferences 4:30-8:00
Oct. 23—No school for elementary students
Oct. 27—Math Club 4:15-5:15
Oct. 28—Robotics 4:30-6:30
Oct. 28—Basketball practice 4:15-5:15
Oct. 29—Read to Succeed 4:15-5:10
Oct. 30—Harvest Parties & Parade 2:30
Nov. 3—Math Club 4:15-5:15
Nov. 4—Robotics 4:30-6:30
Nov. 4—Basketball practice 4:15-5:15
Nov. 5—Read to Succeed 4:15-5:15
Nov. 10—PTA Meeting 6:00
Nov. 10—Math Club 4:15-5:15
Nov. 11—Robotics 4:30-6:30

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:
Mrs. Korth, Resource, P08

Hello Boyd Families! Miss Brown and I provide academic, personal management, and behavioral support to 50 students in grades K-6. Please contact me with any questions about the resource program (Stephanie.carr-korth@ops.org).

Resource Parents: First Quarter Progress Reports will be handed out with report cards during conferences. Miss Brown and I will make every effort to attend as many conferences as possible, however, please keep in mind that many of the conference times are double or triple booked. Please contact the office if you would like to speak with one of us during conferences. Thank you!

Mrs. Stephanie Carr-Korth

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 know that all of your responses will remain anonymous to protect your privacy and they will help your child's school choose the right technology for their classrooms. It will take approximately 5 minutes to complete.

The last day to complete this questionnaire is Friday, November 6, 2015.

This survey is taken online. Please visit the Boyd computer lab during conferences to participate in the questionnaire. Or, feel free to access the questionnaire at home. Please use a web browser to type in: www.BByt.es/JD33P

Thank you for taking part in this important initiative!

Sincerely,
Boyd Elementary

*Shall you have any questions please contact, Mr. Hilger

REMINDER!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

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

Thursday, Oct. 22
12:00-8:00 p.m.

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

BrightBytes
HARVEST PARTIES & PARADE

The “Harvest Parade and Party” will take place Friday, October 30, 2015 from 2:30 to 4:05 p.m. The school parade will start at 2:30 p.m. within the school building and extend into the community. (Please see the parade route below) Though it is a “Harvest Parade and Party”, students are allowed to bring costumes to school and/or dress for Halloween. Keep in mind no weapon-like props are allowed and students are requested not to have blood and gore make-up. It’s preferred and encouraged that costumes be easy to slip over clothing. We anticipate the parade will conclude at 2:50 p.m. Students will enter the building after crossing the blacktop, and return to their classrooms to begin their harvest party. Feel welcome to join your student’s classroom for the party. In order to keep all of our students safe please do not send additional treats or candy. The PTA will provide treats and water for all students. Students who do not celebrate harvest time or cannot witness Halloween like regalia will be with Ms. Steele in the media center.

We have also included the path of the parade so you may observe it in route. This parade also supports our Drug-Free, Red Ribbon theme of the day on October 30, 2015 “Drugs are Scary” and will serve as our culminating Red Ribbon week event, “Walk Away from Drugs Walk”.

[Diagram of parade route]
Boyd Elementary Red Ribbon Week
October 26th – 30th

10/26 Monday: Red Day
Put a STOP to Drugs—wear something RED!

10/27 Tuesday: Mismatch Day
Don’t get Mixed up in Drugs—wear Mismatched clothes

10/28 Wednesday: Bright Day
Too Bright to do Drugs—wear neon or bright colors

10/29 Thursday: TEAM DAY
Team up Against Drugs—wear team shirts or jerseys

10/30 Friday: Boo Day
Drugs are Scary—wear black and orange & bring costume to wear for the Harvest Party
Thanks to everyone who came out for Boyd night at Wenninghoff's Pumpkin Patch. It was a great evening!

As we continue to celebrate fall, the PTA will be selling Pumpkin Packs – grab bags of fall surprises – for just $1. Order forms have been sent home. Orders and payment will be taken through Wednesday, Oct. 28. Pumpkin Packs will be distributed on Friday, Oct. 30, the day of the classroom harvest parties.

**Dine Out Night:** There will be no “dine out” night in October due to there being no school today (Thursday, Oct. 22). We plan to resume in November, partnering with an area restaurant to help support the PTA.

**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.

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**COUNSELOR'S CORNER**

**Responding to Progress Reports and Grades**

It’s that time of year again. Progress reports were sent home a few weeks ago and Parent-Teacher Conferences are today from 4:30-8:00 p.m. and tomorrow from 12:00-8:00 p.m. It can be frustrating when trying to decide how to respond to grades that are not as good as you would like your child to have or don’t represent their ability. When talking to your child about their grades or progress, remember the following tips:

**We cannot learn for our child.** We need to first remember that the grades on the progress report or report card are not our grades, but those of the child. We can model responsibility for completing tasks and encourage our child to do well on assignments or turn them in on time. We can demonstrate excitement for learning. We can provide a safe and quiet environment for learning, but the learning is up to them.

**We can’t control every action or decision they make.** It is important to remember that not every successful adult got good grades or mastered every test in school. What is important to remember is that children are developing curiosity, good character and problem-solving skills with each decision that they make.

**We can respond with empathy.** Showing your child empathy rather than anger or frustration increases the odds that they will overcome this difficulty. Research is showing us that by responding in a warm and loving manner greatly increases a child’s academic achievement at school and better behavior choices.

Ms. Redinbaugh
Counselor

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**Basic Math Facts**

**A great opportunity for parent help!**

Parents often ask their teachers what they can do with their children to help. A great place to start is with basic math facts. Boyd’s goal is that all students will have mastered their addition and subtraction facts by the end of second grade. By the end of fourth grade all students should have their multiplication and division facts mastered.

There are many fun ways to practice these skills with your child. Roll two dice and ask your child to add, subtract or multiply the two numbers. Use a deck of cards. Split the deck between the two of you, each flip a card. If the cards are the same color, add them, if they are different colors, subtract.

Helping students identify groups of ten is another way you can help. Students who can quickly recognize that 7 and 3 go together to make 10, can more easily solve more difficult problems.