BOYD BEAVERS
UPCOMING EVENTS:
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—Basketball game @ Boyd 4:30
Nov. 11—Robotics 4:30-6:30
Nov. 11—Basketball game @ Prairie Wind Elementary 4:30
Nov. 12—Read to Succeed 4:15-5:10
Nov. 13—PTA Family Night 6:00-8:00
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—Robotics 4:30-6:30
Nov. 18—Basketball practice 4:15-5:15
Nov. 23—Picture Re-take Day
Nov. 24—Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 1—Math Club 4:15-5:15
Dec. 1—Basketball game @ Saddlebrook Elementary 4:30
Dec. 2—Robotics 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

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October 29, 2015

To: All Parents of Boyd Elementary School
From: Briana McLeod-Larsen, Principal
Subject: Emergency Relocation Information-Evacuation Site

We hope at Boyd Elementary that we never have to relocate students from the building due to either a manmade or natural emergency situation. However, due to a variety of situations that might occur in a school building, it is possible that this may become necessary. In our planning for a variety of school emergency situations, we have tried to anticipate every possible type of event that can occur at school.

Should we have a need to evacuate the school and move students to another temporary location, we want you to know in advance that we will relocate to Faith Covenant Church, 8333 Fort St, or if that building is unavailable, we will move students to Atonement Lutheran Church, 4530 N. 85th St. The location of the evacuation site will be announced by the media as well as via the OPS Parent Notification System.

If we have to move students to another location, please understand that it will be very hectic. Consequently, we would ask that you not call or come to the school building. Instead, please go to the alternate site(s) to pick up your child. You should also be aware that to ensure the utmost safety of all involved, we will require you to show your picture ID and sign your child out in much the same way that you do during a regular school day. This will allow us to account for the whereabouts of all students, and it will be crucial that this be done as accurately and systematically as is possible.

Your patience will be greatly appreciated in the event that this ever becomes necessary.

In preparation of such an event, the entire school will be walking to Faith Covenant Church for an evacuation drill on November 2, 2015 at 9:45 a.m.

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.
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”.

![Parade Route Map]
Special thanks to everyone who contributed to the baked potato bar for teachers and staff on Oct. 22. With your food donations and some volunteer support, the PTA was able to provide a nice dinner during parent-teacher conferences.

**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!

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**CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:**

**MR. URBAN, 6th GRADE, P03**

As we fall into a beautiful autumn, the sixth grade is busy moving throughout our curriculum on Ancient Egypt. The Egyptians are always a fascinating culture that provides an in-depth look at the old world and early civilizations. As we near towards our Harvest party and cultural celebrations this time of year, it’s always quite spooky to discuss mummification and the Egyptian afterlife!

As writers, we continue to challenge one another in the writer’s workshop to build stamina and confidence in our writing. How often do we sit quietly and reflect upon the experiences we have? What stories need to not only be told in your life but also be written down as a memoir, poem, or amazing tale? Take time to write something every night and record those memories forever on the page.

Finally, we are seeking to utilize fractions in our daily lives. Remember that every single pizza delivery is a chance to embark on a fractional conquest! Every beautiful autumn sweet potato or pumpkin pie is begging to be served up only after an extensive lesson on numerators and denominators! The more we utilize the tools we learn at school, the more permanent retention of abilities will occur for the success of your student!

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**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.