Classroom Spotlight

Mr. Cosby, 5th Grade Band

Band lessons at Boyd are off to a great start this year! Band students are working on creating a quality tone on their instruments, learning how to read rhythms and note names, learning how to take care of and be careful with their instruments as well as working on listening to other students play in the band. Our band achievement program (The Principal’s Own) is in full swing with students earning advancing ranks, much like in the US Marine Band’s The President’s Own. In addition to earning higher ranks, students can also earn special achievement awards for practice, remembering their instruments, attending concerts in the community and much more. More information can be found on the Boyd Band webpage (www.tinyurl.com/opsboydband).

I thank you for being supportive of your child’s efforts to learn a musical instrument this year! I hope your child is enjoying the experience and I look forward to making even more music with them as the year progresses. Excitement is building for the band’s first performance at the Boyd Winter Program on Thursday December 14th at 1:30 pm. I hope to see you there!

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Wednesday, November 8th, 4:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 9th, 1:00 p.m. —8:00 p.m.

If you have not scheduled a conference at Open House, please contact your child’s teacher.
Warm Heart Wednesdays!
Student: Teagan Meadows
Nominated by: Mrs. Prentis 9-06-17

Teagan invited her friends from the ACP classroom to come into her first grade classroom to make introductions and a “Get to Know You” activity so that the would feel a part of the class. They loved it and were so excited to meet their new friends.

Notes from the Nurse:

As a reminder to parents of new Kindergarten and PreK students, and all students who have come to Nebraska this year from out-of-state: Nebraska State School Law requires a physical exam and a vision evaluation by November 1st.

Please be sure these are completed and turned in to the Health Office soon!

Health Screenings will be ongoing throughout the school year, as each class is scheduled. Screenings are not comprehensive exams, so they do not take the place of regular checkups or exams from your doctor/healthcare provider, but they can pick up some developing health issues which can affect learning or health. Parents will receive a Health Report Card to let you know the results, and if further evaluation is needed. All PK through 4th grade students will have confidential health screenings for hearing, vision (distant and near), dental, and height/weight. Please let the nurse know if you have any questions.

OPS to Implement Adjusted Grading Scale for 2017-18 School Year

Over the last two years, Omaha Public Schools staff have been working to evaluate the grading practices across the district. Under the previous grading scale, teachers had expressed concern that some students could achieve a “proficient” grade in a course even though they have only completed minimal work in the course. OPS is committed to providing students and families with an accurate representation of students’ learning. OPS field tested an adjusted grading scale throughout the 2016-17 school year. After analyzing field-test data and gathering feedback from parents, students, and staff, there was strong support for the more rigorous field-tested grading scale. Therefore, OPS will implement the adjusted grading scale at the beginning of the 2017-18 school year. The new grading scale is bel

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To learn more about the adjusted grading scale, [click here](#).
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