CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:
Miss Bluel ~ 1st Grade

The First Graders in room 132 have been working hard all year long. We cannot believe that it is almost Winter Break, the school year seems to be flying by! We have been working hard to learn our related addition and subtraction facts within 20. The First graders have loved using connecting cubes to make numbers to 20, and using a balance to see if equations are equal or not equal.

This week in writing, we have been reading animal stories. Students are writing their own silly animal story. We are working on being able to tell more and add more details to our pictures.

In science, we have been learning about the sky, the earth and the moon phases. Students were able to experiment with flash lights to discuss what objects we can see in the daytime and what objects we can see at night.

Kindergarten Round-Up!
Thursday, January 30, 2020
10:00 a.m.

Items necessary for registration are birth certificate, immunization records, proof of address (M.U.D., O.P.P.D., Cox Cable or lease/purchase agreement).
Warm Heart Wednesday!
Student: Nga Meh
Nominated by: Miss Bratka 12/11/19
Nga Meh is such a kind and polite student. She is always the first to follow directions and offer to lend a helping hand. I really enjoy having Nga in my class!

SAVE THE DATE!
BOYD’S WINTER PROGRAM

Wednesday, December 18 ~ 2:00 p.m.
Families with student last names beginning A-H are asked to attend.
Band will perform.

Thursday, December 19 ~ 9:30 a.m.
Families with student last names beginning I-Q are asked to attend.
Strings will perform.

Thursday, December 19 ~ 2:00 p.m.
Families with student last names beginning R-Z are asked to attend.
Band will perform.

**Chorus and all grade levels participate at every performance.**
SCHOOL CHOICE FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

January 2020, starts the annual school choice application process for the 2020-21 school year. Students enrolled in a transition grade (last grade at the current school), will receive a school choice application.

The Omaha Public School’s Student Assignment Plan for elementary and middle school students called the Partner Plan (grades K-8) consists of eight (8) elementary partner zones and four (4) middle school partner zones within the district. Your residential address and corresponding neighborhood school determine your partner zone. A student’s residence and distance to school determines transportation eligibility. If you have had a change of address, please contact your child’s school immediately as this could impact your Partner Zone and transportation eligibility.

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Wilson Focus will continue as a District wide Specialty School. Families may apply to Wilson Focus starting in grade three. Applications available through the website at wilsonfocus.ops.org or by calling the school at 531-299-2260.

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Middle School Partner Zones
Zone 1: Davis (6-8), Hale (6-8), King Science* (5-8), McMillan (6-8)
Zone 2: Alice Buffett (5-8), King Science* (5-8), Monroe (6-8), Morton (6-8)
Zone 3: Beveridge* (6-8), King Science* (5-8), Lewis & Clark (6-8), Norris (6-8)
Zone 4: Beveridge* (6-8), Bryan (7-8), King Science* (5-8), Marrs (5-8)

*King Science is a district magnet school and is therefore a partner school in each zone; however, students who live in the King Science neighborhood are in partner Zone 2 and only eligible for transportation to schools in that zone.

*Beveridge is a shared partner school in zones 3 & 4; however, students who live in the Beveridge neighborhood are in partner zone 3 and are only eligible for transportation to schools in that zone.

Visit: sap.ops.org to determine your Partner Zone and transportation eligibility.
Families may apply for their child to attend any OPS school. Approval of a request depends on the availability of space at the student’s grade level in the requested school and these priorities:

Neighborhood school (guaranteed placement).

Siblings residing within the Partner Zone are selected first, followed by siblings residing outside the Partner Zone (not eligible for transportation).

Students residing in the Partner Zone. OPS remains committed to diversity in our schools. Applications are prioritized within the Partner Zone between schools with significantly different neighborhood characteristics.

Students residing outside the Partner Zone (not eligible for transportation). Applications are prioritized for any remaining space between schools with significantly different neighborhood characteristics.

TRANSPORTATION ELIGIBILITY (The school choice application must be received by January 29, 2020)

Students are eligible for transportation IF they attend their neighborhood school and reside more than 1.0 mile from their elementary school or more than 1.5 miles from their middle school.

Students are eligible for transportation IF they attend one of their Partner Zone schools and reside more than 1.0 mile from the elementary school or 1.5 miles from the middle school.

Students are NOT eligible for transportation IF they attend any school outside of their Partner Zone.

EARLY CHILDHOOD INFORMATION

If your child is currently enrolled in an early childhood program and will be age-eligible for kindergarten for the 2020-21 school year, she/he will be enrolled at the neighborhood school. If you would like to be considered for placement at a non-neighborhood school, you must complete the school choice application that will be provided by your child’s current school.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UPS will be held in January 2020. Please attend Round-Up at your neighborhood school based on your residential address. School Choice Applications will be available at Round-Up and throughout the month of January for families who wish to request a non-neighborhood school(s). Round-Up dates will be posted on the OPS Web page or check the date with your neighborhood school.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RECRUITMENT LETTERS will be mailed in December to families of students currently in the last grade level of their school. The purpose of the letter is to provide information about middle schools and their respective Open House dates.
Winter SPIRIT WEEK
December 16-20
Let’s have some fun our last week before winter recess!!

Monday- Baby it’s Cold Outside
  • Wear festive winter socks, hat, and scarf

Tuesday- Feliz Navidad
  • Wear your favorite festive winter sweater

Wednesday- Winter Wonderland Wednesday
  • Wear your fanciest winter attire to sing in the Holiday Program

Thursday- Deck the Halls
  • Get all decked out in your winter’s best clothing

Friday- Silent Night
  • Get cozy and wear your favorite winter pajamas