CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:
Miss Miranda, Kindergarten

December has been a wonderful month for Ms. Miranda’s kindergarten class! We have been working on decoding CVC words using reading strategies like Stretchy Snake and Lips the Fish! We’ve been talking with our classmates to retell stories, discuss the main ideas, and determine the author’s purpose for writing. In our own writing, we have been building our writing stamina as we work on writing personal narratives. The authors in our class have been working hard to stretch our stories over many pages to make books! We have been working on using cubes, fingers, and drawing pictures to add and subtract and explain our thinking. Addition and subtraction are no challenge for these determined kindergarteners! We are also growing our appreciation for unique holiday celebrations around the world while also sharing our own holiday traditions— including our new classroom elf, Jack!

IMPORTANT NOTICE!
Please note that Boyd’s (402) area code phone numbers are not currently following us to the Mills building. You may contact the school by calling 531-299-1140 at any time. Our technical support staff is working to resolve this issue. Thank you for your patience and understanding!
It’s Kindergarten Round-Up Time!!

Boyd Elementary School
4301 N. 30 St.
531-299-1140

Tuesday, January 22, 2019
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Please allow additional time for completion of enrollment forms if you have not already done so.

All children who will be five years old on or before July 31, 2019, are eligible to attend kindergarten for the 2019-20 school year. If you reside in the Boyd School attendance area, you and your child are invited to attend our Round-Up session.

Please bring:
1. Your child’s certified birth certificate (it will have a raised seal)
2. Proof of Address (M.U.D., O.P.P.D., COX Cable, Proof of purchase or rental agreement only)
3. Immunization records.
4. Completed enrollment forms if you registered prior to January 22.

All physicals and immunizations must be completed before the start of the school year.

Pre-Kindergarten parents whose children currently attend Boyd’s Pre-K do not need to update paperwork unless there have been changes.

You may register by calling 531-299-1140 and the enrollment forms will be mailed to you prior to January 22 registration date.
Warm Heart Wednesdays!

Student: Sophia Hernandez
Nominated by: Miss Garnett 10/17/18

Sophia is always picking up after others, especially in the girl’s restroom. She always greets you with a big smile and warm hugs.

Way to use your hands and words for helping Sophia!

Looking for a job? Apply for a position with Omaha Public Schools!
OPS is now hiring for the following positions:
Bus Driver
Bus Aide
Nutrition Services

Apply Online Now!
District.ops.org/careers

Family Dining

In our busy lives with hectic schedules and electronic interruptions, the family meal time has too often been disrupted. In the past, it was expected that families eat together and talk over the day. Children learned manners, how to eat balanced meals and try new foods, and they gained important insights into the rest of the family’s days and feelings. Strong family bonds were developed and nurtured.

Live Well Omaha Kids has some great suggestions to help families have some of those meaningful and healthy meal-time habits.

- Everyone helps to make the meal and set table.
- All screens turned off - TV, phones, and tablets.
- Sit down together and talk!

Ask:
- “What was the best part about today?”
- “What was the worst part about today?”
- “What is one nice thing about the person sitting to your left?”
- “What are five healthy things you ate this week?”

As we celebrate family time, think about how your family can make memories around the table!
SCHOOL CHOICE FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

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.

### 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.

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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 402-733-1785.

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January, 2019, starts the annual school choice application process for the 2019-20 school year. Students enrolled in a transition grade (last grade at the current school), will receive a school choice application.

Visit: sap.ops.org to determine your Partner Zone and transportation eligibility.

SCHOOL CHOICE UNDER THE PARTNER PLAN

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, 2019)

- 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 2019-20 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.

KINDERNARTEN ROUND-UPS will be held in January, 2019. 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.

If you have questions about the Omaha Public Schools Partner Plan or the School Choice process, please contact the Student Placement Office at (531) 299-0302.
WINTER RECESS SPIRIT WEEK!
DEC. 17-21

It is time to have some fun before Winter Recess!

Monday: Festive Winter Socks!
- Wear festive winter socks

Tuesday: Deck Your Neck!
- Wear a winter scarf and hat

Wednesday: Warm Your Winter Heart!
- Wear your Warm Heart shirt or blue and red

Thursday: Festive Winter Sweater!
- Wear your favorite festive winter sweater

Friday: Polar Express Pajama Day!
- Get cozy and wear your favorite pajamas