CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:

Miss West ~ 5th Grade

The fifth graders in room 105 are wrapping up another quarter! We cannot believe second quarter is almost over. It has been an enjoyable year in Ms. West’s fifth grade class thus far. The fifth graders are gearing up to complete the winter MAP testing in reading, math, and science. We have been working hard in all areas so we can see the growth we have made. All students have made their own personal growth goals to reach. In reading, our focus has been on cause and effect relationships between and among literary elements. In math, we are diving into dividing decimals and staying afloat. As scientist, we are reviewing the scientific method and working on experiments. In social studies, we started at the very beginning of the history of our great nation. Our writing community is full of fantastic writers. We are excited to see what next semester brings, as we start preparing for middle school!
Warm Heart Wednesday!
Student: Thang Lian
Nominated by: Mrs. Dotzler 11/13/19
Thang uses his hands and words for helping by always using such good manners and being polite. He has a wonderful work ethic which shows by the quality work he does. He uses his hands to help others when they do not know how to do something. Thang always sets a good example of how to be an awesome Boyd Beaver!

SAVE THE DATE!
BOYD’S WINTER PROGRAM

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

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

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

**Chorus will sing at all performances**
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.

Visit: sap.ops.org to determine 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.
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, 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