February 6—Boys basketball game @ Dundee 5:00 p.m.
Feb. 10—Good News Club 4:05-5:30 p.m.
Feb. 11—Boys basketball practice 4:15-5:15 p.m.
Feb. 12—Boys basketball practice 4:15-5:15 p.m.
**Feb. 13—Boys basketball game @ Boyd 5:00 p.m.**
Feb. 14—Early Childhood work day. No Head Start or PK classes on this day.
Feb. 14—Valentine’s Day parties 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Feb. 17—No school in honor of President’s Day.
Feb. 18—Boys basketball practice 4:15-5:15 p.m.
Feb. 19—Boys basketball practice 4:15-5:15 p.m.
**Feb. 20—Boys basketball game @ Boyd 5:00 p.m.**

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**CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:**

**Mrs. Dotzler ~ 4th Grade**

Boy has this school year flown by!! Mrs. Dotzler’s fourth graders are learning so much. We have spent all year learning about Nebraska’s pioneer history in Social Studies class and we will be attending a field trip to the Durham Museum on April 9th to continue our study of this fun topic. We will get to be pioneers for a day and experience what it was like to be a Native American or a settler on the Nebraska plains. Our Math lessons have included productive struggle in learning all about fractions including simplest form, mixed numbers, and improper fractions as well as number talks to help us build number sense. In Science, we are doing some fun labs to aid our learning about the properties of energy. In Writing, we have been researching countries to write a non-fiction report. Like most Boyd Beavers, we are looking forward to Spring and being able to play outside more. Bring on the sun!!

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Dear Boyd Parents/Guardians,

Just in time to wash the road salt off your car and get ready for spring, we have teamed up with Rocket Car Wash located at 3711 N. 90th Street, to raise money for our school! Students can sell car wash coupon cards to family members and friends for the "Works Wash" for $10.00 each. The "Works Wash" (valued at $13.99) includes Underbody Wash, Wheel Washer, Bug Prep, RainX, Wheel Bright, Clear Coat, Spot Free Rinse, and Fresh Scent. The coupon cards do not expire. But best of all, our school will receive HALF of the total sales! Please note, you cannot buy this discounted wash at the Rocket Car Wash! It is only valid by ordering through the school. Simply, track orders on the form provided, and return it to school with all of the payments by March 4. Students will receive the car wash coupon cards on Monday, March 16, in a sealed envelope to take back to those who ordered.

Boyd Elementary PTO
Rocket Carwash Fundraiser
February 24 – March 4
**THANK YOU!!**
A big part of my job is teaching skills and strategies for students to use in every-day life. This is a proactive or preventive approach to help defuse situations before they occur and teach students life skills needed to be successful.

Over the last month we have been working on steps to calm down and steps to solve conflict. In class we discuss, give examples, and role play the steps. The hope is students carry it over to real life situations when they arise. I have included the steps and encourage parents to take opportunities to use them whenever situations may arise.

I tell students to use the calm down steps before solving a conflict. It is important to get our emotions under control before attempting to solve a conflict. When we are angry we do not think rationally and tend to do or say things that are not productive and are hurtful.

**STEPS for CALMING DOWN**

1. STOP (use a signal word to help you stop)
2. NAME YOUR FEELING (how is the situation make you feel)
3. CALM DOWN- (use calming down strategies like breathing, counting, and positive self-talk)

**PROBLEM SOLVING STEPS**

S- Say the problem without blame (establish the problem without using blaming words)

T- Think of solutions- (think of different ways to solve the problem)

E- Explore the Consequences- (what are the consequences to the solutions)

P- Pick the best solution- (which solution works the best?)