Jan. 15 — PTA meeting
6:00-7:00 PM

Jan. 21—No school in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. day

Jan. 22—Kindergarten Round-Up!
9:30-10:30 AM

Jan. 25—Early Childhood Work day. No Head Start or PK classes

Jan. 30—Band/Strings students @ Concerts for Youth

Feb. 5—Early Childhood Application Day @ Edison Elementary
12:30-3:00 PM

Feb. 8—Early Childhood Work day. No Head Start or PK classes

Feb. 12—PTA meeting
6:00-7:00 PM

Feb. 15— Valentine’s Day parties 2:45-3:45 PM

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:
Mrs. Wellendorf
Intermediate Alternative Curriculum Program

Mrs. Wellendorf’s Intermediate ACP students hope you are having a great start to the new year! This 2018-2019 school year, we have embarked on an adventure as we have new curriculum for our program.

Our classroom studies current events with a program called News to You. With this program we are able to read about our community, our country and our world. Exploring science, geography and language are all part of each week’s lesson. We are also able to practice our Reading, perfect on our Math skills and refine our Handwriting.

Eager to learn, we use our voices, picture cards, symbols and communication devices to communicate while working. Our math has dots on it to help us learn to count numbers and to understand the values of each coin. Our reading is special because we use our ears, eyes, voice and TOUCH in order to help us remember each word better. Every part of our day involves learning about the world around us.

Let us start this New Year off with a safe environment where we are respectful of others, we are responsible for our actions, we cooperate with our school family, and we are honest in order to nourish our love of learning here at Boyd Elementary.

Go Beavers!
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: Ava Pinkelman
Nominated by: Mrs. Rosenthal 12-5-18
Ava has been caring, helpful, and kind all year long! She was recently asked by another student to explain a math problem, and has also helped new students at dismissal so they don’t get lost! Way to go, Ava!

INFLUENZA

It’s that time of year when many viruses are making their rounds. Remember- Influenza is not the same as the stomach “flu”. Influenza is a serious illness that can last many days and can result in serious complications. Many people confuse it with a stomach bug, which, while difficult, is usually less severe and shorter in duration. But no matter what- you can feel very sick.

If you or a family member feel sick:

• CHECK BODY TEMPERATURE: Every home should have a working thermometer readily available. If the temperature is 100 degrees or higher, it is considered a fever- a sign of a contagious illness. Note: if you take fever-reducing medication, the temperature will no longer be accurate. Take the temperature before taking fever-reducing medication.
• STAY HOME/AWAY FROM OTHERS if running a fever- or for other symptoms of contagious illness such as bad coughing, diarrhea, or vomiting. Taking fever-reducing medication can aid in comfort, but it does not destroy the germs. You can still be contagious and spread the germs even if you feel OK, but have a fever or other symptoms.
• Seek medical attention or advice for any questions about medication or treatment.
• Get plenty of rest, drink plenty of fluids, and remember to stay home another 24 hours AFTER your fever is gone.

How to prevent illness:

• Get a flu shot. The flu shot won’t prevent colds or stomach bugs, but it can prevent or lessen the severity of influenza. You can NOT get the virus from the shot. It does take awhile to build up resistance in your system, so sometimes people get sick because they already have a virus in their body- before the shot takes effect. But the shot itself cannot cause the illness. Talk to your health care provider about getting the shot, and make a yearly plan to get it each autumn.
• Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue and then toss it. If you don’t have a tissue, use your inner elbow to cover your mouth and nose.
• WASH HANDS COMPLETELY with soap and water (20 seconds: palms and backs of hands, fingers, between fingers, and wrist) and often- especially after a cough or sneeze. If water is not near, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
• Keep hands away from your mouth, nose, and eyes. Everything you touch can pick up germs, and then get into your body through the openings on your face. Teach children to keep hands and fingers AWAY from the face. (Clean hands before eating or other needs to touch the face.)
• Practice good health habits: exercise, a balanced diet, staying hydrated with plenty of water, and adequate regular sleep (10 hours/night for children; 7 to 8 hours/night for adults). Healthy habits build strong bodies which help to fight illness.

LET'S ALL DO OUR BEST TO STAY HEALTHY- AND TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS!
The Omaha Public Schools’ 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.
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.

**KINDERGARTEN 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.