Nov. 22—Early Childhood workday. No Head Start or PK classes on this day.

Nov. 25—Picture re-take day

Nov. 25—Good News Club 4:05-5:30

Nov. 26—Girls basketball practice 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Nov. 27-29—Thanksgiving Recess

Dec. 3—Girls basketball practice 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Dec. 3—Book Fair 7:00-8:30 a.m. and 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Dec. 4—Girls basketball practice 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Dec. 4—Book Fair Breakfast 7:00-8:30 a.m. Book Fair 4:00-6:00 p.m.

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Dec. 5—Girls basketball game @ Sunny Slope 5:00

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:
Mrs. Phillips ~ 4th Grade

Our 4th grade class is off to a good start! The students are working on their division facts by using Fruit Loops. A fun way to understand the meaning of division. We enjoyed an exciting field trip to the SAC Museum this month. The students had the opportunity to complete hands-on activities and went on a tour.

In Social Studies we are learning about the Oregon Trail. The students are researching a topic about the Oregon Trail and completing a fun project! Our class also received a fun popcorn party for having a good attendance record!

Warm Heart Wednesday!
Student: Ajang Arok
Nominated by: Miss Porath 11/6/19

Ajang is always showing his manners by holding doors open for others, allowing others to go first, and offering to hold things for others.
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.
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.
Let’s NOT GET SICK!

It’s that time of year when many illnesses are making their rounds. No matter what the illness, there are ways to help prevent yourself and family from getting sick, and steps to take to prevent the spread to others.

If you or a family member feel sick:

1. 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. Feeling one’s forehead is only a reflection of the outside of the body and can be affected by many things. Thermometers measure the internal temperature of the body, which is an important number to know!

2. 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.

3. Seek medical attention /advice for any questions about medication or treatment.

4. Get plenty of rest, drink plenty of fluids, and remember to stay home another 24 hours AFTER your fever is gone. (This helps you feel stronger, can prevent relapses, and ensures you are well enough to resume your regular schedule.)

How to prevent illness:

1. Get a flu shot. The flu shot won’t prevent colds or stomach bugs, but it can prevent or lessen the severity of influenza. Influenza is a serious illness that is different from the “stomach flu”. Both are caused by viruses, but typically the stomach flu is a shorter illness. Influenza can make you extremely ill with fever and respiratory symptoms, and can result in serious complications. There is no current vaccination to prevent the stomach flu, but the “Flu Shot” protects against 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.)

5. 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!
Join us for a...
Book Fair Grand Event
Wednesday, December 4, 2019
7:00-8:30 A.M.
Boyd Media Center

Dear Parents and Families:

Grandparents are very important in grandchildren’s lives, and we are celebrating a morning just for them. Boyd’s Grand Event recognizes the important role this audience can play in a child’s education. Because learning to read is the most important skill a child can learn, we’ve scheduled a special time for grandparents to celebrate reading during our Scholastic Book Fair.

Book Fairs have always been about families and reading. We ask you to invite grands or other loved ones to visit our Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Cologne, School Librarian
Boyd Elementary School
helen.cologne@ops.org
531-299-1140

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Grandparents and grandkids are cordially invited to this GRAND event. Please let us know how many plan to attend by completing the form below.

Child’s name ___________________________ Teacher ___________________________

Number of Guests (including students) _______________________

Please return to Mrs. Cologne in the library by Monday, Dec. 2, 2019