CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:

Ms. Taylor, 5th Grade

I can’t believe we are sliding into second semester already. Ms. Taylor’s 5th grade class has been so busy learning this school year. We have been working on decimals in math, and text structure in reading. In writing we have just finished up with personal narrative and we are now using our skills to write fiction. What an imagination this group of students have. We are working hard as a learning team. I want to thank the parents too for being such an important part of this learning team and for all of your support.

Book Fair 2018!

You are invited to our Scholastic Book Fair, an exciting, fun-filled event for students and families, scheduled from December 3-7th. Please stop by anytime between 7:00 A.M.- 8:30 am and 4:05-6:00 P.M. to find great books in an atmosphere of fun and literacy!

DONUT delay…shop our preview today! On Tuesday, December 4th, 7:00-8:30, enjoy a donut and be the first to preview the bookfair. You will be among the first to buy our great books. RESERVATION ONLY! (There will be a separate flyer with a reservation form.)

A special Family Event is planned for Thursday, December 6th, 4:05-7:30 P.M. which you won’t want to miss! We will have hourly drawings for prizes and other contests, a visit from Clifford, and Gingerbread Houses.
Warm Heart Wednesdays!

Student: Chloe Nodskov
Nominated by: Miss Bluell 11/14/18

Chloe always uses her hands and words for helping. She is kind and caring to everyone! She helps others clean up even if she didn’t make the mess. Chloe always has a smile on her face and is eager to learn!

APPROPRIATE ATTIRE:

The weather is changing, bringing with it the need for warmer coats, hats and gloves. Students will continue to go outside for recess as long as the weather permits. Be sure they are prepared for the outdoor temperatures during recess, and before and after school!

Thank you

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

-Nelson Mandela

“Every student can learn just not on the same day or in the same way.”
Boyd PTA
Gingerbread House Family Night
Thursday, December 6
6:00-7:30 pm

We hope you can find time during the hustle and bustle this time of year brings for a night of Gingerbread House-making fun! There is no cost, however to ensure enough supplies, a reservation is required to build each gingerbread house. To reserve your family’s spot, complete the RSVP slip below and return it with a bag of candy to use for decorating. All candy donated will be combined and shared with all participating families. Please bring a can or two of frosting that night to use when constructing your house. The PTA will be providing graham crackers. Additionally, a base for your house will be provided free of charge.

The Boyd Book Fair will also be open that evening from 4:05-7:30 pm, featuring great books to purchase, drawings, prizes, and a visit from Clifford the Big Red Dog.

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To reserve your spot, please complete and return the RSVP slip below by Monday, December 3rd, along with a bag of candy. Don’t forget to bring your frosting that night!

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The __________________________ family will attend the Gingerbread House Family Night on Thursday, December 6 from 6:00-7:30 pm.

Attached is our bag of candy.

In order to ensure enough supplies, you must return this completed reservation slip by Dec. 3rd. There will be a check-in station at the entrance to Cafeteria A the evening of December 6th.

Number of kids participating _______________________

Number of adults participating _______________________
## 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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*Note: Wilson Focus will continue as a District wide Specialty School.*
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.
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