

MAY NEWS

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GREETINGS FROM SUPERINTENDENT GROND!

Greetings and Welcome to Spring

We have started the last month of the 2017-2018 school year, and a few changes will occur because of the snow days in April. Classes for students will now end on Friday, May 25 instead of Thursday. Teachers will [return](#) on Tuesday, May 29 for a full day of professional development time and the year will conclude with a half day for teachers on Wednesday, May 30. A quick snapshot looks like this:

Last day for students: Friday, May 25 with dismissal at 2:25.

Last day for teachers: Wednesday, May 30 completing their day at 11:45

Building Project

The building project is starting to pick up momentum. The General Obligation bonds sold on April 26. The price was slightly better than we had projected; as a result we will see the amount needed to repay decrease as interest rates are slightly lower. This should allow for slight decreases in future property tax levy rates as well. The bids for the first phase of the project are due on May 8. If everything goes well, construction will start the first week of June.

Fundraiser for Extra-Curriculars

We have been approached by Ver Hoef Auto in Sioux Center to see if we would be interested in a fundraiser test driving Buicks. This fundraising event will be held on Saturday, May 12 in the morning and afternoon by the high school theater entrance. Boyden-Hull could profit up to \$10,000 if we can get 500 people to come in and test

drive. Ver Hoef employees believe it would take less than 20 minutes to complete this fundraiser per person. Please consider attending – and encourage family members who live in surrounding towns to come as well!

Enjoy the Summer

This time of year is always bittersweet. School is a pattern of starts and stops. As we approach the end the school year, it is a reminder that we will be saying goodbye to our seniors as they transition from students to alumni. Each class carries a different personality and uniqueness, which makes working in education enjoyable as each year is different. We will miss this class for the talents that they brought to Boyden-Hull, and we are excited to see what the future holds for them.

We will also soon be saying goodbye to the rest of the students for the summer. It is always my hope that, even though the school year comes to a close, the learning does not stop. I hope each family finds time this summer to read a book, go fishing, play golf, or spend time together talking or playing board games. My wish for you this summer is that the days are long, the nights are short, the play is refreshing, and the spirit is renewed!

We will see you in the fall!

Open Enrollment Option

Parents/guardians considering open enrollment for their child(ren) into another school district in Iowa need to be aware of the following deadlines for filing the required paperwork.

March 1, 2018 - This is the last date for regular open enrollment requests for the 2018-19 school year. For incoming kindergarten students, the deadline is September 1, 2018.

Applications received after these deadlines will not be approved unless the reason for late filing qualifies for “good cause.” There are a number of state-approved reasons that qualify for “good cause,” including moving to a new district and change in the parents’ marital status.

Transportation Assistance - Parents are responsible for transporting children open enrolled to another district. This applies to all students including those with an IEP. If the need for transportation as a related service is stated in the IEP, as a general rule the parent is responsible for this obligation under open enrollment. If a child open enrolls to a district that is contiguous (borders) to the home district, and the parents’ income meets economic eligibility requirements, the family may receive a stipend for transportation or be provided transportation by the district. Income verification must be provided to the resident district.

Students that open enroll in grades 9 through 12, shall not be eligible to participate in varsity contests and competitions during the first 90 school days of transfer. Please contact the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union at (515) 288-9741 or the Iowa High School Athletic Association at (515) 432-2011 for questions regarding eligibility.

Contact the Superintendent’s Office if you have questions or need an open enrollment form.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

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by Tom Kerr
Elementary Principal

This year the Boyden-Hull Community School District will be saying, "Goodbye, but not farewell," to Mrs. Debbie Alexander. Debbie has served the past fourteen years in many important capacities in the elementary building. She plans to stay home and babysit the precious new baby that Nathan and Megan will have this summer. Mrs. Alexander has impacted the lives of many students over these years. Her commitment and dedication will not end when the last bell rings for the school year or with retirement.

Wow! It is hard to believe that this is the last newsletter of the 2017-2018 school year. Senior and kindergarten parents have echoed similar thoughts on how fast the academic calendar seems to travel right by us for just one or thirteen years. My parents were correct when they said, "Enjoy your kids because the time doesn't seem to stand still anymore."

The summer reading programs at Boyden or Hull Library can offer any student a fantastic experience in what many people believe is one of the most important skills in life. The gift and love of reading! The main theme for the 2018 summer reading programs, "Libraries Rock" should pique the interest of many children in the area. I strongly encourage parents to have their child or children participate in the summer reading program at the local libraries. We are blessed to have two wonderful public libraries in our communities for everyone to enjoy!

Reading is a skill that needs to be practiced by everyone in order to see gains, or the maintenance of what we have already acquired throughout our years in school. However, the summer is long enough for students to fish with

grandparents, swim at the pool, ride bike with friends, play ball on a team and read as well. Have a safe and enjoyable summer ☺

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION by Deb Te Slaa, Kindergarten Teacher

Kindergarten graduation will be Wednesday, May 16 at 3:00 p.m. in the Boyden-Hull Elementary Gym in Boyden. There will be 38 kindergarteners graduating. We will be wearing hats with tassels. We will also be singing some songs and getting a diploma. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to attend!

Used Tennis Shoes for Elementary PE Mrs. Hofmeyer

Elementary PE is in need of some extra pairs of tennis shoes for kiddos who forget or do not own tennis shoes. If you have any used pairs that are in pretty good shape and you are willing to donate them, please have your child drop them off in the box by the gym door. Any size is welcome!
Thanks a lot!

TREES FOR 3rd GRADERS by Ruth Kleinwolterink 3rd Grade Teacher

Nelva Huitink will be presenting trees to the 3rd grade in May. Trees are donated by the Sioux County Soil & Water Conservation District & Sioux Prairie Pheasants Forever Chapter. Mrs. Huitink will discuss the steps of planting, watering, weeding and the importance of care for the young trees. Students were given order forms in December to choose two trees. They were able to choose any two of the following trees: Sugar Maple, Hackberry, Balsam Fir or Black Hills Spruce. Students are excited to receive

their trees and look forward to caring for them in the coming months.

Sixth Grade Math Bee By Nathan Alexander Sixth Grade Math Teacher

On March 13th, the sixth grade math bee team competed in the Northwest AEA Math Bee. Many teams from area schools went to the New Life Church in Sioux Center to participate. This year Boyden-Hull sent one team to the competition. The teams consisted of Taiten Den Besten, son of Mark & Angie Den Besten; Ashtyn Kelderman, daughter of Beth and Shaun Kelderman; Trey Van Roekel, son of Brad & Lorinda Van Roekel; Christian Buyert, son of Brianne and Daniel Buyert; Reece Koele, son of Jamie and Vicki Koele; These students met several weeks to practice and review tests from previous years.

At the math bee, the teams took a series of five individual tests before competing in a group round. Boyden-Hull students were a few points away from placing in the top 20 individuals. The students competed very well and learned a lot. Congratulations to everyone involved and thanks to all the parents that have helped and supported their students.

POP CAN DRIVE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 10 & 11, 2018

A special "thank you" to all those that contributed to our third pop can drive in March. The final drive will take place May 10 & 11. We would greatly appreciate your plastic pop bottles and aluminum cans. If you have containers to donate but do not know an elementary student, please call the school at 725-2381.

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THIRD GRADE ATTENDS CIRCUS

by Ruth Kleinwolterink,
3rd Grade Teacher

On Friday, April 13, the third grade class had the opportunity to enjoy the Abu Bekr Shrine Circus in Sioux City.

They watched many different acts such as the flying trapeze, stuntmen, tigers, ponies, elephants, dogs and the clowns. The next school day the students wrote about their favorite part of the circus. Everyone enjoyed the fun filled day.

Sanford, Sheldon Medical Center

by Cheri Meyn,
3rd Grade Teacher

The third grade students from Boyden-Hull will tour the Sanford, Sheldon Medical Center on Friday, May 18.

National Healthcare Week is observed May 14 through May 18, 2018.

This is an excellent opportunity for the students to see the hospital in a non-threatening situation. The tour will include the following departments: laboratory, x-ray, dietary, pharmacy, radiology, Wellness Center, respiratory care, health information, emergency, newborn nursery, and a patient room.

OMAHA ZOO

by Sara Kleinwolterink
4th Grade Teacher

The class will be viewing many of the plants and animals in exhibits, such as Expedition Madagascar, the Butterfly/ Insect Pavilion, the Cat Complex, the Cheetah Valley, the Desert Dome, the Bear Canyon, the Lied Jungle, the Scott Aquarium, the Hubbard Orangutan Forest, Hubbard Gorilla Valley, Simmons Aviary, and the Kingdoms of the Night. These are just a few of the neat places that students will be visiting on this exciting day.

This is a perfect opportunity for the students to apply what they have learned about plants and animals and learn more about the plant and animal kingdom at the same time. It should be a fun trip with their classmates that they remember for a lifetime!

Elementary Band/Vocal Spring Concert

The 5th-6th Grade students will present a vocal concert called "Motivated" with the band concert on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. Non-band 5-6 students should meet in their respective classrooms by 6:50 p.m. The vocal portion of the program will follow the band performance. Students have been asked to dress appropriately for the performance.

The 5-6 Spring Concert is a required event for all 5th-6th Grade students.

Please contact the school or notify Mrs. De Ruyter as soon as possible if your student will be absent from this performance. A phone call, note, or email is required for your absence.

5-6 Spring Concert (Vocal) by Mrs. De Ruyter

The B-H 5th-6th Band students will be presenting their Spring Concert in the Elementary Gym on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 PM. 5-6 Band students should arrive at 6:30 PM to warm-up in the band room. Students are to dress-up for the performance.

This is a required performance. If your student is ill or there is an emergency that causes their absence, please contact the elementary school or Ms. Eulberg.

PTO News Elementary Yearbook

We would like to thank Mrs. Carney and the 6th Grade TAG students for

working on the 2017-18 yearbook.

The order forms will be sent home with your elementary students soon. The yearbooks will be distributed in May. We would like to thank all the parents who have supported the PTO throughout this year.

GENERAL MILL BOX TOPS

Thank you again for your support saving the General Mill Box Tops for our school. The fall collection was \$176.70 and the spring collection was \$183.90 for a total of \$360.60 for the school year 2017-18. This money is used for our students' field trips. A big thank you to Katie Boender who cuts & counts the box tops for us.

PIZZA RANCH WAGON WHEELS

We want to thank the Pizza Ranch for donating to our elementary school. We receive a refund from the Pizza Ranch for each wagon wheel collected. Please save those wagons wheels from the boxes when you order pizza. This money is used for the students' field trips.

JH/HS NEWS

by Dan Pottebaum
High School Principal

LAPTOP CHECK IN:

As we head down the final weeks of school, we will begin the preparation for the collection of the MacBook Aires the 7th-12th grade students were issued at the beginning of the school year. We encourage students to save any materials that they want to save off their laptop to their Google Drive. Each of the students laptops will be inspected and examined for damages as they are returned. In preparation, please help your child and check the following:

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1. Check for loose or missing screws on the bottoms of the laptop.

2. Any keys loose or missing.

3. Are there any straps or pouches that have broken hooks.

4. Any other abnormalities or damages that need to be addressed during the summer months.

5. Does the Asset TAG on the Laptop and Charger the same?

6. Do you have your duckbill (little attached that has the flip out prongs to plug into the outlet)?

If your child has any of the issues listed above, please have them stop in and visit with Mr. Kuecker as soon as possible to resolve these issues. This will eliminate a lot of headaches as we take inventory of the computers on Friday, May 18th and Monday, May 21st. Your attention to these issues prior to the check in the last few days of school will save your child a lot of time during the check in process. We would also encourage cleaning the laptop using the microfiber cloth in each of the classrooms. A easy and quick way to clean your child's laptop bottom is a "magic eraser." Please have your child shut down their laptop prior to cleaning the screen, keyboard, and bottom of their laptop.

If your child has had any laptop damages that fines were assessed as a result of their care, the payment or plan for payment needs to be established before the student will be allowed to check out for the summer.

DRIVER'S EDUCATION REMINDER

Due to limited number number of registrations, we are only going to offer one session in June this year. We apologize for this inconvenience, but due to a couple of different opportunities, we have only have the

number of students that we normally have and we need to offer two sessions. The Drivers Education course will run the following dates:

Monday, June 4th and Wednesday, June 6th

Monday, June 11th and Wednesday, June 13th

Monday, June 18th, Wednesday, June 20th, and Friday, June 22nd

Monday, June 25th, Wednesday, June 27th and Friday, June 29th

All courses will run from 8 am - 11 am at the Boyden-Hull JH/HS. We will provide a shuttle bus to Hull from the Boyden Elementary that will leave Boyden at 7:45 a.m. and return students at the conclusion of the class at 11 a.m. Final registration forms are being mailed out and will need to be returned by Friday, May 4th. All students are required to complete the 30 hours of the classroom instruction. Students are allowed one absence before they are dropped from the course. If they happen to miss a class due to an excused absence (bereavement or illness), the student is required to make up that time on a make-up day established by the instructor. In addition to the classroom instruction, students are required 6 hours behind the wheel and equal to or more hours of observation while another student is driving. The instructor will plan the driving schedule with your child on the first day of the class. In addition, we ask that your child brings a pen or pencil and a notebook with them to the first day of class. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to call the school.

2018 COST: Resident Student \$270 , non-resident student \$375

LUNCH BALANCE REMINDERS

PLEASE take care of any negative lunch balances as soon as possible. Students will not be allowed to check out at the end of the school year until their negative lunch balance is paid. E-mail reminders are sent out daily of low or negative lunch balances. Students also receive paper reminders in their lockers. Please speak to your son or daughter about their lunch balance as we approach the end of the school year. You can estimate your cost by multiplying the number of days left in the school year with the cost of \$2.50 per meal. This will give you an estimate as we wind down the school year.

Also, as the year ends, we often do not refund balances because of the accuracy of the program. Balances will be able to roll over into next year's account for you. We therefore, we will not refund lunch money at the end of the year unless the student is in the exit grade of the building they attend. This means only 6th graders and seniors will have their lunch money refunded to them at the end of the year. All others will have the balances in their accounts rolled over into their lunch accounts for next year. If you have any questions about this, contact your respective building Principal.

STUDENT COUNCIL BLOOD DRIVE

The Boyden-Hull Student Council will be hosting a blood drive for the Life Serve Blood Center out of Sioux City. This event will occur on Friday, May 11th from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Community members are welcome to sign up in the office in the week prior to this event. The Student Council will also be hosting a breakfast in which Donuts, Belgium Waffles, milk and juice will be served

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for \$3 per person. This event encourages students to eat a healthy breakfast on the day of the Blood Drive. We also want to remind students to drink plenty of fluids 24-28 hours prior to their donation. We do require that a parent sign a permission slip in order for students to give blood for students who are 16 & 17 years of age. There is an age & weight requirement to meet to qualify as a potential donor. Seniors that have donated a minimum of 5 times during their high school years will be honored at the Commencement Ceremony on May 20th and will also have a red chord that they will wear to recognize them as a "Donor of Distinction. Remember that donating blood is a gift of life.

SEMESTER EXAMS – FINAL REPORT CARDS

The high school students will have a special semester test schedule on Friday, May 19th & Monday, May 21st. This also means there will be open campus for them. The high school students only have to be in school when they have tests. The library will be supervised as a study area for those students who wish to use it. We do recommend that all students stay in school until they have finished their last test of the day. Any undue "cruising" around town will cause open campus to be immediately terminated.

ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-11 MAY NEED TO TAKE THE SEMESTER EXAMS IN ALL CLASSES except G/T & PE. THE SCHOOL EXPECTS NO ABSENCES DURING THE TEST DAYS UNLESS EXCUSED BY THE PRINCIPAL beforehand! There is little time available for getting makeup work done at this point in the year.

The junior high will NOT have semester tests and their class schedule will be pretty routine. They will be going on their annual trip to Newton Hills on

Friday, May 25th. A JH student may not have this opportunity IF all other academic, discipline, and attendance requirements have been met by the students. These requirements include finishing up all work that is due, serving all detention time that has been assigned, turning in all school materials, and meeting the behavior/discipline code as set by the school administration.

AGAIN-The junior high DOES NOT have open campus the last two days of school. They must attend the full day of school each day as well as attend any final day activities that are scheduled. Friday, May 25th is the last day of school for grades 7-11. School will be dismissed at 2:25 that day. Buses will run accordingly.

The final REPORT CARDS, for the year, will tentatively be ready on, or about, June 1st. We will be e-mailing the report cards out for the summer. If you do not have an e-mail address, we will mail the report card.

MAY TERM AND JH MINI COURSES:

The 9th-11th grade students will be participating in May Term Courses on Tuesday, May 22nd through Friday, May 25th. We will be having a 5 period block schedule on those 4 days where students have signed up for their May Term Courses. Each day, they will have 5 classes that will give them an opportunity to try a course they have not had during their normal class schedule. The JH students will also be having Mini-courses on Tuesday, Wednesday, and the first half of Thursday. They will be turning in their

laptops and going through the check out process in the afternoon on Thursday. The JH students will be rotating through their mini-courses whereas the high school students selected there courses they will be taking during these 4 days. The JH students will be attending the Newton Hills Trip on Friday, May 25th if they have completed all their necessary work.

GRADUATION & BACCALAUREATE

Baccalaureate program for the Class of 2018, will be , Sunday, May 13th at 7 p.m. at the Boyden 1st Reformed Church. We thank the ministers of our communities for working with the graduating class in preparing this special program for them.

The Boyden-Hull Commencement ceremony, will be held on Sunday, May 20th at 2 p.m. in the Hull Gym for those students who have completed all the requirements for a Boyden-Hull diploma.

BH JH & HS BANDS AT MEMORIAL DAY

Our High School and Junior High Band members will be participating in the Memorial Day Cemetery programs on Monday, May 28th. We usually are involved in 5-6 memorial programs on that day. Because of the need for all Band members in both the junior high and high school bands, we ask that family travel plans or family outings be postponed until after the programs that day. It should go without saying that we cannot do this community service if our band students do not attend! We ask that parents help us fulfill our responsibilities that day! **WE WANT TO HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US, AND THOSE WHO HAVE**

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DEFENDED THE FREEDOMS WE ENJOY DAILY!

BH JH & HS BANDS AT MEMORIAL DAY

On Monday, May 28, the Boyden-Hull Jr. High and High School Band members will be part of the Memorial Day Cemetery programs. We encourage all of our band members to be involved in this worthy community service. It is our great privilege to serve our communities and be a part of these patriotic ceremonies.

Parents, please help us support the attendance of your student(s) at the services. A sign-up sheet has been distributed to the students regarding their attendance at this event. It is due on May 11. Thank you!

Tentative schedule (taken from last year):

Hull Band Schedule

8:30 Taps @ Catholic Cemetery
8:45 Load in Hull
9:00 Bus leaves Hull
9:30 St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery
10:30 Hope Cemetery

In case of inclement weather, the Hull City ceremony will be at 10:30 PM in the community building.

You will need your music and a lyre (possibly a flip folder) to hold it during our performance.

Attire is: white shirt, black pants, black socks, black shoes. Students are asked to stay at the school following the performance until all music, lyres, flip folders and instruments are handed in and stored for the summer.

Band Events

The B-H music department will be presenting their HS band and vocal

concert on Tuesday, May 1, at 7:30 PM. Highlights of this performance will be the selections that the groups will be performing at State Large Group Music Contest on Saturday, May 5, at Sioux City West HS. Also featured will be the end of the year awards.

Band students will need to wear a white shirt, black pants, socks and shoes to this performance and be in the HS band room ready to warm-up at 7:10 PM.

May 1 HS Band & Vocal Concert- 7:30 PM

May 5 State Large Group Contest @ Sioux City West

May 15 Elementary Spring Concert 5-6 Band- 7:00 PM

May 20 Graduation Ceremony- 2:00 PM-arrive @ 1:30 to warm-up

May 28 Memorial Day

HS MARCHING BAND UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION

The HS Marching Band Uniforms will be handed out to the Band students on Wednesday, August 15 from 5:30-7:30 PM (tentatively the same day as computer roll-out). It is extremely important for the freshman to come and get their uniform fitted at this time; as well as students that have grown and changed sizes.

B-H JH Band to March in Tulip Festival

2018 Solo/Ensemble Contest Results

Vocal Solo "I" Rating

Billy Rankin

Vocal Duet "I" Rating

Caitlin Wilkens and Melissa Hinderks
Elise Visscher and Audrey Kreun
Leah Rozeboom and Emma Zoet

Vocal Ensemble "I" Rating

SSAA Ensemble: Audrey Kreun,

Kelana De Ruyter, Kallie Baker, Caitlin Wilkens, Melissa Hinderks, Erika Pottebaum, Emma Zoet, Gabi Luevano, Jo Luevano, Janaya Zoet, Elise Visscher, Alex Tiedeman

SSA Ensemble: Caitlyn Beyer, Emma Zoet, Gabi Luevano, Jenna Siebrecht, Leah Rozeboom, Josie Bergstrom, Josie Horstman, Jayde Nelson, Kyra Fykstra

SATB Ensemble: Dylan Hatting, Caleb Sutton, Billy Rankin, Keegan Wielenga, Brody Woelber, Jordan Jansma, Caitlin Wilkens, Melissa Hinderks, Jo Luevano, Caitlyn Beyer, Erika Pottebaum, Alex Tiedeman

Vocal Solo "II" Rating

Annette Jacobson
Jayde Nelson
Dylan Hatting
Jenna Siebrecht
Caitlin Wilkens
Erika Pottebaum
Melissa Hinderks
Caitlyn Beyer

Vocal Ensemble "II" Rating

TTB Ensemble: Billy Rankin, Caleb Sutton, Dylan Hatting, Keegan Wielenga, Brody Woelber, Jordan Jansma

Vocal Solo "III" Rating

Caleb Sutton
Josie Horstman

Piano "I" Ratings

Caitlyn Beyer, Billy Rankin

Instrumental Solo "I" Rating

Autumn Van Der Brink, tenor sax
Emma Zoet, alto sax
Anna Godtland, bari sax
Anna Godtland, trombone

Outstanding Performance Award-Center 4

Anna Godtland, trombone
Anna has also been invited to perform at the Outstanding Performance Recital scheduled for May 9 at ISU in Ames.

Instrumental Duet "I" Rating

Brass Duet: Anna Godtland, trombone and Thomas Godtland, trumpet

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Instrumental Solo “II” Rating

Jayde Nelson, flute Michael Soodsma,
flute Annette Jacobson, trumpet
Melissa Hinderks, trumpet
Haidi Garcia, alto sax Jenna Siebrecht,
trombone