

2018

OCTOBER NEWS

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Greetings from Superintendent Grond

Our year of strange weather has continued into the fall as many of us were dealing with the eight inches of rain several weeks ago and the repercussions of that either in our homes, in the fields or with the building project.

The building project is progressing, and at times a bit slower than we would like due to weather issues or when they are not hampered by the weather, they are making significant progress. We are still on schedule to be completed with this phase this coming summer. We hope that we will be near completion in or around early to mid-July. We are working very hard to get the next phase plans out to bid and act on them this winter so we can be mobilizing for next spring for the second phase of the project. If all goes well with the bidding process, the next phase of construction will begin in mid to late May with an anticipated completion date of late summer of 2021.

Enrollment

As I write this, it is official count day (October 1) for Iowa schools. In projecting enrollment from last year to this year based on numbers for the past several years. The projection last spring looked like we would be down eight to ten students this year for actual students in seats. However, in looking at our enrollment numbers, it appears that we will be up several students over last years enrollment. Overall our enrollment has held steady over the past 10 - 15 years. We currently have just over 600 students at Boyden-Hull.

ESSA

Over the course of the past several decades the Federal Government has reauthorized ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) and with each new reauthorization comes new acronyms as education, like most big operations, loves acronyms. The latest iteration is called ESSA which stands for Every Student Succeeds Act. This reauthorization replaced another acronym NCLB which stood for (No Child Left Behind) that finished several years ago. With ESSA each state needed to develop their plan with their own goals and be measured against those standards. Iowa's goals are as follows:

1. Reading and Math Proficiencies: Increase for all students by half a percentage point each year over five years and for student subgroups by one percentage point each year over five years.
2. Graduation Rates: 95 percent for all students and 97 percent for students who take an additional year to graduate.
3. English Language Proficiency: Five-point increase in the percentage of English learners who are proficient within five years.

These are statewide goals for Iowa's education system to work towards over the next five years. We will be working with our own goals that also are part of the larger state picture as well.

I hope that fall does not give way to winter too quickly and we have some time to enjoy the outdoors

with the changing of the colors and construction can progress as well as fields getting cleared. We will be back next month hopefully with good news!

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, 2019 - This is the last date for regular open enrollment requests for the 2019-20 school year. For incoming kindergarten students, the deadline is September 1, 2019.

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.

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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.

by **Tom Kerr**
Elementary Principal



There are a number of changes that students and parents will notice throughout the course of the 2018-19 school year. The school board approved at the September 2018 meeting to install security entrances, which will include a camera and buzzer system to allow people into both the elementary and secondary buildings. The remainder of the security system and doors will go out to bid for phase two of the building projects.

As some of you read in the Comet News insert in the *Northwest Iowa Review* three weeks ago, several grade levels are piloting a new science curriculum called Elevate Science during the academic year.

Grades 2, 4 and 5 at Boyden-Hull Elementary and seventh and eighth grade classes at Boyden-Hull Junior High School are working with the Pearson curriculum.

Elevate Science is a brand new curriculum from the Pearson company. The progression of learning and assessments align to the new Iowa Science Standards that need to be fully implemented by the fall of 2019 for all K-8 grade levels. The curriculum aligns to the three-

dimensional performance expectations: science and engineering practices, disciplinary core ideas and crosscutting concepts.

Another big change for all schools across Iowa will be in the area of assessments. The Iowa Assessments that Boyden-Hull students take in February each year has been moved to the end of April. New legislation was passed last year that requires school districts to administer the IA Assessments in the last quarter of the school year, March through May. Moreover, Pearson, our new science company, is helping IA Testing Programs create updated IA Assessments that align to the IA Standards in grades 3rd-11th. Additional information will be communicated to parents throughout the school year as it is released from the IA Department of Education.

School Nurse Andrea Maassen

September is National Head Lice Prevention Month!

Schools are where children congregate for nine months of the year, this is where head lice commonly increase and is often first recognized. Lice begin to appear more during fall and winter months. Parents should assume that lice may be present at any time in the school and should "Take A Peek Once A Week". All cases of head lice should be reported to the school.

It's probably making you squirm just thinking about it – your child comes home from school scratching his head. He has lice. It's every parent's nightmare, but it is important to remember that head lice is a nuisance, not a serious disease or a sign of poor hygiene.

Most cases of head lice are acquired outside of school. It is recommended that a healthy child should not be restricted from attending school because of head lice or nits (eggs). It is encouraged that no-nit policies at schools are unjust and should be abandoned. Children can finish the school day, be treated, and return to school.

Unless resistance has been seen in the community, parents should consider using over-the-counter medications as a first choice of treatment for active lice infestations. The best way to interrupt a chronic lice problem is with regular checks by parents and early treatment with a safe, affordable, over-the-counter pediculicide. After applying the product according to the manufacturer's instructions, parents should follow with nit removal and wet combing. The treatment should be reapplied at day 9, and if needed, at day 18.

Once a family member is identified with head lice, all household members should be checked. Excessive environmental cleaning, such as home pesticides are not recommended. However, washing pillow cases and treating natural bristle hair care items that may have been in contact with the hair of anyone found to have head lice are reasonable measures.

While it is unlikely to prevent all cases of head lice, children should be taught not to share personal items such as combs, brushes, and hats. Regular observation by parents can also be an effective way to detect and quickly treat head lice infestations.

¡Septiembre es el Mes Nacional de Prevención de Piojos!

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Las escuelas son donde los niños se congregan durante nueve meses al año, aquí es donde comúnmente aumentan los piojos y con frecuencia se los reconoce por primera vez. Los piojos comienzan a aparecer más durante los meses de otoño y invierno. Los padres deben suponer que la estera de piojos estará presente en cualquier momento en la escuela y deben "echar un vistazo una vez a la semana". Todos los casos de piojos deben ser reportados a la escuela.

Probablemente lo haga retorcerse solo de pensarlo: su hijo llega a casa después de la escuela rascándose la cabeza. Él tiene piojos. Es la pesadilla de todos los padres, pero es importante recordar que los piojos son una molestia, no una enfermedad grave o un signo de falta de higiene.

La mayoría de los casos de piojos se adquieren fuera de la escuela. Se recomienda no restringir la asistencia a un niño sano a la escuela debido a piojos o liendres (huevos). Se recomienda que las políticas de no nitidez en las escuelas sean injustas y deban abandonarse. Los niños pueden terminar el día escolar, recibir tratamiento y regresar a la escuela.

A menos que se haya visto resistencia en la comunidad, los padres deben considerar el uso de medicamentos de venta libre como primera opción de tratamiento para las infestaciones de piojos activos. La mejor manera de interrumpir un problema crónico de piojos es con chequeos regulares por parte de los padres y un tratamiento temprano con un pediculicida de venta libre seguro y asequible. Después de aplicar el producto de acuerdo con las instrucciones del fabricante, los padres deben seguir con la eliminación de liendres y el peinado

en húmedo. El tratamiento se debe volver a aplicar el día 9 y, si es necesario, el día 18.

Una vez que un miembro de la familia es identificado con piojos, todos los miembros de la familia deben ser revisados. No se recomienda una limpieza ambiental excesiva, como pesticidas caseros. Sin embargo, lavar las fundas de las almohadas y tratar los artículos naturales para el cuidado del cabello que puedan haber estado en contacto con el cabello de cualquier persona que tenga piojos son medidas razonables.

Si bien es poco probable que se eviten todos los casos de piojos, se debe enseñar a los niños a no compartir objetos personales como peines, cepillos y gorros. La observación regular por parte de los padres también puede ser una forma efectiva de detectar y tratar rápidamente infestaciones de piojos.

Title 1 Literacy Night

by Jacinda Zoet

The pirate theme Title 1 literacy night was held on September 17. Pirates Fluffbucket Rattlebones (Mrs. Dacken), Greedy of the Coast (Mrs. Draayer), and Fluffbucket Sea Rat (Mrs. Zoet), welcomed 22 Title 1 students and their families to the party. When families arrived, all students and parents were given a pirate name for the night. We began with a short meeting where parents learned about the programs used in Title 1 reading and students listened to Mr. Kerr read pirate themed books. After that, families rotated around four stations of fun! The stations were 1) snacks, which included cannonballs (cheeseballs), peg legs (pretzels), Polly's crackers (Ritz crackers), and Caribbean Sea water (blue Gatorade), 2) making a reading game to play with families

at home, 3) creating a pirate hat and hook to wear, and 4) digging for treasures, a game where students dug through "sand" to find specific letters, words, or prefixes. Everyone had a great time! A special thanks goes out to Mrs. Sara Kleinwolterink, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Willer, Mrs. Steph Ochsendorf, Mrs. Jill DeRuyter, and Mr. Kerr for their help with this fun evening!

PUMPKIN PATCH!

On Wednesday, September 19, the Kindergarteners enjoyed a field trip to the Solsma Pumpkin Patch near Sanborn. Amy Solsma did a nice job showing them all of the things she grows on her farm: pumpkins, squash, gourds, and Indian corn. The students enjoyed husking Indian corn and picking a pumpkin or gourd to take home!

B-H 6th GRADE DISHCLOTH SALE

Dishcloths will go on sale Sept. 27. Dishcloths are \$2.00 apiece. If you have not been contacted and wish to make a purchase, please call the school at 725-2381. This is a fundraiser for the 6th grade students to go on their Iowa Field Trip to Des Moines. Thanks for your tremendous support!

SAFETY REMINDER!

The Farmers Coop Society Elevator wants to remind everyone that harvest season is quickly approaching. Railroad Street in Boyden and the elevator property become very busy during this time and everyone is reminded to be extra cautious. We also ask that for the safety of the children in the community, please do not cut across the elevator property when going to

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and from school. Cross Railroad Street at the north end of the Demco Center property and use the sidewalk on the north side of Railroad St. Thank you!

GENERAL MILLS BOX TOP PROGRAM

We are again participating in a fundraising program from General Mills called Box Tops for Education. Through Box Tops our goal is to earn cash to pay for educational field trips. This fundraiser requires no door-to-door selling. You'll find the box tops on hundreds of General Mills products such as Betty Crocker, Nature Valley, Pillsbury, Green Giant, Kleenex, Huggies, Juice Juice, Ziploc & many more. Simply clip Box Tops logos and send them to our school. Our school gets 10 cents for each Box Top we redeem. **The first deadline is Nov. 1, 2018.**

This is an easy way for students, parents, and grandparents and the whole community to get involved with our school. If everyone takes part, it will make a big difference for the students at Boyden-Hull Elementary. Thank you!

CAMPBELL'S AND SUNNY D LABELS

We are no longer accepting Campbell's Soup or Sunny D labels. Thank you for your dedication in the previous years of sending these in.

SAVE THOSE CANS!

As has been the practice for the past several years, we will be saving aluminum cans and plastic pop bottles to be recycled. Our goal this year is to raise \$2,500. This money

is used to offset the cost of field trips and to purchase additional books for the elementary library.

Every elementary student will benefit from this project!

Students are asked to collect aluminum cans and/or plastic pop bottles. They will then be asked to bring them to school on designated days. The 5th grade class will collect and sort the cans/bottles into plastic bags. Aluminum cans and plastic pop containers of any size with IA printed on them are permissible (no glass containers).

Our first collection date was September 6 & 7. Future collection dates are December 6 & 7, March 7 & 8 and May 9 & 10.

Please help us make this year's fundraiser as successful as the previous years by actively participating. Thank you.

PIZZA RANCH WAGON WHEELS

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

PARENTS EATING LUNCH AT BHES

We ask that parents who wish to eat school lunch at BHES call or email Pam or Rhonda **before 9:00 a.m.** so we can inform the cooks about extra meals. **Please indicate which hot meal, sandwich, or salad you would like to eat.** Stop at the office to sign in and receive a visitor's badge. Payment for your lunch is in

the office as well. Cost of an adult meal is \$3.65.

BHES Mileage Club

Boyden-Hull Elementary would like to introduce you to BHES Mileage Club. The BHES Mileage Club is a running/walking club we are starting this year for students from 2nd to 6th grade. Children who are interested in being a part of the Mileage Club should sign up with Mrs. Hofmeyer. Students will be notified of the times and place they may participate during the school day after they sign up. Each child who signs up for the club will receive an ID card, signifying that they are taking part in the BHES Mileage Club Challenge.

Starting Monday, October 8th, participants will go out to the playground, stretch out, and earn some miles! Through this journey of "collecting miles", your child will practice personal goal setting, team spirit, perseverance, poise, confidence, and honest self-evaluation. As your child reaches various goals, we will celebrate with running token keychains and certificates. At the end of the year, participants will receive a certificate celebrating the total miles they ran/walked this year.

If you have any further questions about the BHES Mileage Club, feel free to contact Melannie Hofmeyer at melannie.hofmeyer@boyden-hull.org.

by Dan Pottebaum
JH/HS Principal

It is hard to imagine that we are turning the calendar to October. We have just finished Homecoming 2018. During Homecoming 2018, we held our 3rd Annual Tailgate

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where we have grilled for the entire JH/HS and Staff. The afternoon activities included men's volleyball, powderpuff football, bean bag tournament, 9 square in the air, soccer, and Bingo. During the week, we held our annual Comet Time Tug of War Contest where Mr. Bundy's Comet Time took home the championship for the 7th-9th grades and Mr. Meyn's Comet Time won the 10th-12th grade division. We also held our 2nd Annual Great Escape Challenge in our Comet Times on Thursday. Each Comet Time had to successfully complete 20 clues to escape from their room to be crowned the champions. Mrs. Myers' Comet Time won the 10th-12th Grade division while Ms. Brantsen's Comet Time won the 7th-9th Grade Division.

We also changed things up a bit this year by having a hypnotist come and perform from 10-11:30 pm on Friday night instead of a dance. We had close to 110 students attend this event where hypnotist, Kellen Marson entertained the students. There were definitely some great moments in this show. Sergio Carbajal has a new alias as "Bodacious Julie" and even though Jordan Jansma won the lottery, he signed a form stating he was going to donate all the money to charity.

Needless to say, Jordan was a bit disappointed because he had plans to buy a new truck. Jenna Hibma was also quick to point out to Jordan that he was loved more because he was such a generous man.

At the homecoming football game, we honored our the veterans in the communities of Boyden, Hull, and Rock Valley for their service to our country to protect our freedoms as well as the freedoms of others around the world. This was in honor of the 100th anniversary of the American Legions who serve

our communities and veterans. Roger Solberg, father of Beau Solberg and National Guard member, also was able to have a canon at the football game to celebrate this anniversary as well as to recognize each scoring drive the Nighthawks were able to accomplish. Thank you to all of our servicemen in our communities! We appreciate your service to our great country.

Shuttle Bus Drop off and Pick up:

With construction going on the SW side of the building and the NE side of the building, please be careful as you drop off your students. Please encourage your students to walk down the sidewalks and use the crosswalks to the JH/HS buildings. These are the safest areas and drivers are more aware of your student if they use these designated areas. We also ask that students that are dropped off on the East side of school on Locust Street not walk through the staff parking lot, but use the sidewalk. Please use the sidewalks in the morning and afternoons as it is difficult to see students walking between vehicles in the staff parking lot.

Students coming from the west or Division Street should use the south sidewalk on 1st Street. Please do not walk down 1st Street to the JH/HS. We have had para-professionals help re-direct your students to use the sidewalks during the first several weeks of school.

As parents drop off students by the student parking lot, please be courteous to other drivers and the bus drivers. Please have your students prepared to be dropped off when you get to that location. Other parents need to drop off their children and the buses need to be able to pull out to complete their

shuttle. The shuttle buses leave at 7:55 am for the elementary. Please have your children at the shuttle bus pick up at a timely manner so that they buses can keep their schedule.

School Pictures:

School pictures were taken on Tuesday, September 18th and 19th.

Mrs. Hibma and the Writing for Publications class took the school pictures for both the Elementary and JH/HS. We were able to keep the price for the packages and pictures at the rates offered in the past. In addition, all funds raised will remain in the school district to help the Activity Funds. In the near future, these packages should be sent home with your students with information about re-takes. Thank you to Mrs. Hibma and the Writing for Publications class for all their hardwork!

Lunch Money

When you want to add money to you child's lunch account, please send the money with your son or daughter to school or you may use the PaySchools option. When you go to the Boyden-Hull School Website, click on the Parent Resource button on the left side of the screen. You may use the PaySchool option to put money into your child's account or to check how much money is in your account. You can use the JMC Parent access to check on those accounts. JMC account will also e-mail a notice to you as your child's account is getting low. Please check your e-mail regularly and send money to school if you receive a notice on your child's account.

School Permits:

Students who live more than a mile from school, who are 14 ½ years of

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age, have held their learners permit for 6 months, and successfully completed a Driver's Education course may request a school permit.

As a principal, I meet with the student and provide parents a Minor School License FAQ that answers most of the questions related to having a school permit. This is a privilege that helps aide families that live more than a mile from school in assisting with transportation needs for activities.

Please remind your child of the rules and regulations of their school permit and help monitor their use of this privilege. If you ever have any questions, feel free to drop me an e-mail.

Walking in Hallways:

Cooler weather is just around the corner. As a community service, the school building in Hull is open for walking purposes each morning. If you want to walk indoors and would like to walk our hallways, you are invited to do so. Our building is usually open by 6:00 AM and we request that your walking be completed by 7:00 AM, before it gets crowded with our arriving students. We hope this allows our school patrons a safe and dry place to walk.

HS BAND

Virginia Eulberg

Saturday, October 6:

Festival of Bands Sioux Falls Bus leaves Boyden 5:25 AM Loads in Hull 5:50 AM Leaves Hull 6:00 AM (please have your student bring a flashlight (phone) no power in the building.)

Tuesday, October 9:

Marching Band Picture and Uniform Return (during Band)

Monday, October 15:

Jazz Band Begins 7:15 AM

Saturday, October 20:

All State Auditions @ Storm Lake

JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL

John Olson

The junior high boy's basketball season will get under way Tuesday, October 22. We will not practice Oct. 29 or Nov. 5 due to PT conferences and Nov. 9 due to no school.

Doug Bundy will be coaching the boys with me again this year. We practice every day of the week in Boyden, unless we have games. All home games are played in Boyden unless conflicts arise. Practices start at 3:45 and last until 5:30 unless there are varsity games. Then we are done at 5 or 5:15. After school, players ride the shuttle bus from Hull to Boyden. Hull players will return to Hull on a shuttle bus after practice and will be in Hull on the west side of the school 15 minutes after practice ends in Boyden. On PLC Wednesdays, players will be required to be in the Boyden Elementary commons studying unless parents sign a waiver allowing the players to be at home.

Students are encouraged to purchase a practice jersey if they do not already have one. An announcement will be made at school (or read the next article) when the students are to sign up with Mr. Brunsting to get jerseys ordered. These jerseys are used as uniforms for games and practices. If you choose not to purchase a practice jersey, we have a limited supply of jerseys available for players to use during the season. We try and play two games at the 7th and 8th grade level. The first

game starts at 4:15 and the second game usually starts shortly after 5.

If you have any questions, call me at the High School at 439-2440 or via email at john.olson@boyden-hull.org

BASKETBALL PRACTICE JERSEYS FOR JH AND HS ATHLETES

If your elementary, JH or HS athlete wants to order a basketball practice jersey with their name and number on it it needs to be ordered by **Wednesday, October 10. We will only place this order once.** We need to order this early due to JH boys basketball practice starting October 17. Bring a check for \$20 payable to Boyden-Hull to Tim Brunsting to get your jersey ordered.

SIouxLAND CONFERENCE WEB SITE

Check out conference standings, results of athletic events, view rosters, All Conference teams, all academic teams on the Siouland Conf. web site. Simply enter this web site in your browser: <http://www.sioulandconference.org> While on this site you can also view other conference schools web sites by clicking on the school in the upper right hand corner.

To check our schools activities click on Boyden-Hull Comets in the link above or if you are on our Boyden-Hull's web site click on the "Activities Calendar" known as rSchool on the front page.

If you want to schedule AAU practices check our Activities Calendar to see if the HS gym is being used. I would encourage parents of students involved in any extra curricular activity or anyone

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interested in any event held at BH to sign up for the Notify Me options on “rSchool” web site. Once you sign up you will be notified of any change in the event you sign up for whether it is a change in time, location, postponements or cancellations.

