

OCTOBER²⁰¹⁷ NEWS

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Greetings from Superintendent Grond

Welcome to October! It always has seemed to me to be a transition month in which the warmer weather of summer is giving way to colder temperatures and the green hues of the fields have turned in the yellows and browns of fall.

Board Elections

The board elections were held this past September 12 and three board members were re-elected to the board. Mark Nilles, Gina Woelber and Laura Woelber. Mark and Gina will be serving four year terms that will expire in 2021 and Laura will be serving two years as she is completing the term originally won by Aric Van Voorst in 2015. The list of the Boyden-Hull Board of Directors is as follows with their respective terms. The contact information can be located at the following address: <https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/index.aspx?s=150025>

PERB Election

The Boyden-Hull Education Association (BHEA) will be voting on whether to retain their association recognition in the coming weeks. This is due to the changes in Chapter 20 which is the area of Iowa Code where collective bargaining rites are located. There was a massive overhaul of this Chapter this past legislative session. One of the items that changed is the need to conduct a retention vote every time a contract expires. The current contract between District and BHEA expires in June of 2018. This election, as outlined in Chapter 20, is being conducted by PERB (Public Employees Relation Board). The eligible members of the association (all certified staff whether they are members of the Association or not) will need to place a vote. If they do not vote it will be considered a “no” vote. The voting opens October 10 and closes October 24. In order for the Association to be retained it will require a 50% +1 vote.

Hull to Hull

Boyden-Hull has teamed up with Western Christian, Hull Christian, City of Hull and Hull Chamber of

Commerce to organize a drive to help with the relief efforts in Hull Texas. It is a great community project of brining together the schools and community to help our namesake in Texas. For more information please contact any of the following:

Dan Pottebaum at 439-2440
Shelley Van Otterloo at 439-1513
Aaron Kooiker at 439-1521
It is our hope to fill up the trailer provided by Vander Kooi Freight and offer Hull, Texas a hand up.

One Last Transition

October usually signals the start of the baseball playoffs. A transition that has been hard for me is that for the second year in a row the Cardinals have not made the playoffs. To make this transition even more difficult is that the Cubs are a good team and have won the division twice and the World Series last year. This year I’m planning on cleaning out the garage during the playoff games and use my time productively — we might have a pretty clean garage by the time the World Series is concluded again this year.

We will see you in November!

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.

Director	District	Location	Term
Jason Moser	1	Hull Town	2015 - 2019
Laura Woelber	1	Hull Town	2017 - 2019
Mark Nilles	2	Boyden Town	2017 - 2021
Jake Ten Haken	3	District Country	2015 - 2019
Gina Woelber	3	District Country	2017 - 2021

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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.

by Tom Kerr

Elementary Principal



Boyden-Hull Elementary has embarked on a school-wide writing program for the 2017-18 school year that will improve the overall writing performances of students at BHES for many years to come. After

narrowing our search to two instructional writing programs, it was a unanimous decision by our staff to implement the Being a Writer program by the Center for the Collaborative Classroom. Mrs. Rebeca Draayer, K-12 Literacy Coach, deserves a lot of credit for her driving force behind the scenes of the ordering of curriculum, implementation plan, along with professional development of the new writing program for teachers and students.

The Being a Writer program provides a writing-process approach to teaching writing that interweaves academic and social-emotional learning for K–6 students and professional development for teachers into daily instruction. Staff members will embark on additional training from the Center for the Collaborative Classroom staff on the teacher inservice days of Oct. 5th and 6th.

After having a group of teachers and administration visit Hospers and Rock Valley Elementary schools the past two years, we are confident that Being a Writer will increase our students’ overall communication and literacy skills. The enclosed quotes from their website sums up the overarching purpose of their writing program:

“Teachers are tasked with getting students to write with conviction and purpose, for multiple audiences, and to demonstrate their understanding. But teaching writing is not easy. Creating classroom experiences that develop a love of writing and allow children to express their thinking requires thoughtful, intentional instruction.”

“The use of authentic children’s literature, the program provides support for creating a Collaborative

Classroom environment where teachers facilitate student discussion, provide a model for the respectful exchange of ideas, and help students develop their own voice.”

PUMPKIN PATCH!

On Thursday, September 21, 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 were also able to walk to her pumpkin patch and look at all of the long vines. The students enjoyed husking Indian corn and picking a pumpkin or gourd to take home!

B-H 6th GRADE DISHCLOTH SALE

Dishcloths have been on sale. 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 and from school. Cross Railroad Street at the north end of the Demco Center property and use the

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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 Oct. 13, 2017.**

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!

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 7 & 8. Future collection dates are December 7 & 8, March 8 & 9 and May 10 & 11.

Please help us make this year's fund-raiser 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 \$3.50.

5TH GRADE STUDENTS BEGIN BAND

5th grade band is off to a great start!

There are 25 members in the band this year!

The students are learning quickly and are practicing for their first program which will be the Parade of Bands on February 26 in the high school auditorium.

Hope to see you there!

by **Dan Pottebaum**
JH/HS Principal

The 2017-18 School Year is off and rolling. Fall activities have begun and the Comet and Nighthawks are off to great starts. The Comet Volleyball Team has won the West Lyon and Boyden-Hull Tournaments while losing in the semi-finals at the Cherokee Tournament. The Nighthawk Football and Cross Country teams are also off and running. The Cross Country team is young, but full of promise. As the season continues, they will get stronger. The Nighthawk Football team is once again firing on all cylinders. Their lone loss is against a talented West Lyon team. While these activities are very visible, we have others that have begun as well.

The Boyden-Hull FFA competed at the Spencer Livestock Judging Contest at the Clay County Fair.

The team of Kara Meerdink, Emma Zwart, Adam Hansmann, and Dylan Harman took 1st place. The team of Spencer Te Slaa, Emily Van Den Top, Alex Heikes, and Sam Te Slaa placed 16th. The Boyden-Hull FFA will be competing in the NW IA Soil Judging Contest on Wednesday, September 27th.

The Marching Band and Show Choirs have also gotten off to great starts. The bands have performed at each of the home games at Hesla Field. They have also been practicing their street marching as they will perform on Saturday, September 30th at the Tri-State Marching Competition in Luverne.

They will turn around and compete on Saturday, October 7th at the Festival of Bands in Sioux Falls.

The Show Choir started practice this past week. They traveled to Chanhassen Theater where they were able to watch a performance of

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“Grease” at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater.

Many of our musicians and students have also begun preparing for the upcoming musical “Beauty and the Beast” that they will perform on Thursday, November 9th and Friday, November 10th. Prior to the Friday Nights performance, they music department and students will be hosting a meal as a fundraiser for the Music Department.

As you can see, our students are working hard and active as they have started the 2017-18 School Year. Keep up the great work students and staff!

Homecoming 2017

Homecoming 2017 was a memorable one. The week started with the annual Tug of War competition amongst the Comet Times. Mr. Van’t Land’s and Mr. Meyn’s Comet Time were the victors in this competition. It seems that the veteran teachers have some wisdom in their coaching and encouragement of their groups.

On Tuesday, we held a new activity that required teamwork and problem solving skills. Ms. Friedrichsen, Mrs. Visscher, and Mrs. Draayer create an Escape Room activity that took a lot of devising and scheming for such a large scale event. The students and staff were trying to figure out the clues, open locks, and decipher the messages as they completed this activity. Students and staff enjoyed this activity as they worked together to solve this puzzling activity. Also on Tuesday, we crowned our 2017 Homecoming King and Queen. Peter Liu was crowned the king while Alex Tiedemann was crowned the queen.

Other members of the 2017 Royalty Court were: Joanne Luevano,

Kaitlyn Van Der Zwaag, Hannah Vande Stroet, Janaya Zoet, Logan Brunsting, Dylan Harman, Carter Olson, and Keaton Van Roekel.

On Thursday, we again competed as Comet Times in an Amazing Race Activity. Comet Times divided and completed different stages of this competition. 6 students in each Comet Time had to stack 15 cups and take them back down individually in the library. Once each completed this task, they entered the commons where another group assembled a 16 piece puzzle from a cereal box. After completing this task, they then entered the gym where two members of their group completed a 3 legged relay race.

Homecoming Friday, we had our second annual Tailgate on the Lawn.

We again had businesses that donated to this event and we greatly appreciate their support. Students were dismissed at 11:25 for the Pep Rally where they recognized the Homecoming Court, all the fall participants in cheerleading, cross country, volleyball and football.

During the Pep Rally, we learned some interesting facts about the staff in the Sticky Note Quiz Game.

Following the Pep Rally, all the students ate hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and lemonade prior to the afternoon games. We had 8 men’s volleyball teams, 6 flag football teams, 9 square game, bean bag games, and soccer for the students to participate and socialize. Even though it was a warm day, students enjoyed the time to celebrate homecoming as a school. The evening wrapped up with an impressive win and a dance from 9:30-Midnight. We had a great turn out for the dance and also 9 square in the gym.

Winners for the Homecoming Dress-up days were:

Monday - Pajama Day
Mr. Zevenbergen & Greta Van Es

Tuesday - Neon Day
Aubrie Hoekstra & Ella Zwart

Wednesday - Holiday Day
Ian Van Grootheest & Thayden Fisher

Thursday - Beach Day
Evan Myers & Alyssa Hilbrands

Friday - Spirit Day
Mrs. Myers and Sadie Ribbens

We would like to thank the sponsors who supported the Homecoming Tailgate for the students: Van Voorst Concrete, Woelber Construction, De Jong Hardware, MJ’s Construction, and American State Bank. We would also like to thank the chaperones at the Homecoming Dance: Mr. Toby Mager, Mr. Dan Elgersma, and Aaron & Kristina Vanden Bosch.

Thank you for help supporting a wonderful and safe Homecoming 2017.

“Hull HELPING Hull”

After hearing the idea of Sheldon adopting a community in Sheldon, TX, we did some searching ourselves and found that there was a community and school district in Texas also named Hull that was affected by Hurricane Harvey. I reached out to the Superintendent of the Hull-Daisetta Independent School District to see if they had needs to their school district and community. In that conversation, it was discovered that the entire elementary had been flooded and they had just begun busing all of their elementary students 20-25 minutes to a neighboring district that had just vacated their elementary (Hardin ISD) this fall.

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Unfortunately in the flooding and the re-location, they are starting from little to nothing.

The Hull-Daisetta ISD is similar in size, but slightly smaller than the Boyden-Hull CSD. They serve the communities of Hull, Daisetta, and Raywood with a combined population of 1500 residence. They serve just under 500 students PK-12.

The PK-6th Grade building is located in Hull and the JH/HS building is located in Daisetta. The school district serves a low socio-economic area with 100% of their students receiving free/reduced breakfast and lunches. As a school district, they also had a similar program like our Sack Pack Program (Back Pack Buddies) that was supported through the Houston Food Pantry. With all of the flooding in Houston, this support and the supplies have now been ceased as they themselves recover.

After a short conversation with Mr. Grond about the Hull-Daisetta ISD needs, we decided to invite the other schools in our communities to make this a community wide effort. At this time, Hull Christian Elementary, Boyden-Hull Elementary, Western Christian HS, Boyden-Hull JH/HS, and the churches in the community are teaming together to support the "Hull HELPING Hull" Community Support effort. Shelly Van Otterloo with the Hull Chamber along with Aaron Kooiker have been an integral part in the organization and communication of these community effort.

This is where our students come in.

The elementary schools are going to support the grade level in which they attend. For instance, the 3rd grade classes will support the needs of the Hull-Daisetta 3rd grade. The JH & HS ages will support the Hull-Daisetta Elementary School in two

ways. First, we will be collecting and packaging back packs that will be given to the elementary students who need them filled with items for the Back Pack Buddies program.

We will also be having a couple of fundraising events to raise money to donate for the music, visual arts, and PE classrooms. On Friday, September 28th, we will be having a Jean and Hat Day. The following two weeks (October 2nd-October 13th) we will be having a "Change War" between our Comet Times.

We ask that the students bring in their loose change or extra bills and donate to this relief effort. If families wish to write a check, we ask that they write that out to the Hull Community Foundation (non-profit organization) if you wish to write this donation off for your taxes.

All schools will collect their items on October 13th and 16th where we will load a Vander Kooik truck that will haul the donated items to Hull-Daisetta Elementary School. These are the items that we are asking the JH/HS students to bring: Easy Mac, Hormel Meal Cups, Dry Soup Packs, Ramen Noodles, Pudding, Applesauce, Fruit Cups, Fruit Snacks, Cheese & Crackers, Raisins, Popcorn, Granola Bars, and 100% Juice boxes/bags. The Student Council is purchasing backpacks from Walmart in Sioux Center at a reduced price. We hope that through our efforts, we are able to lessen the burden of this recovery for the students and teachers at the Hull-Daisetta ISD. Thank you for your support!

Parent Teacher Conferences:

It is hard to imagine that we are only 1 month from the Fall Parent Teacher Conferences scheduled for Monday, October 30th (4 pm - 7 pm) and Thursday, November 2nd

(4 pm - 8 pm). As we approach this conference, we wanted to share our intentions that in the Spring PT Conferences, we will be changing our format to Student Led PT Conferences. Each student will schedule a time with their Comet Time Advisor where the student leads the conference with the parents and advisory. Students will be reflecting on their performance and efforts in their classes, reviewing the assessments (Iowa Assessment & MAPs Assessments), pre-registering for their upcoming classes for the next year, and addressing any other concerns they may be having. So what are the advantages and disadvantages of Student Led PT Conferences. As noted by research by Hackmann (1996, 1997), Stiggins (1994), and Babar & Tolensky (1996) are the following advantages:

1. Students are engaged in self-evaluation which produces higher quality work.
2. Student's skills of organization, leadership, and public speaking are improved.
3. Student's are empowered by making improvements through goal setting.
4. Responsibility of student achievement is shared between student, home, and school.
5. Authentic assessment of learning through student achievements and artifacts.
6. Improved and positive communication between home and school.

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7. Increase in attendance at Student Led Conferences.
8. Increase student self confidence and esteem.
9. Students and Parents have a more defined understanding of expectation in the student's learning.

It is also noted that PT Conference will be 15-25 minutes with the student, parent, and advisor versus trying to see all the individual teachers. Teachers will be given the opportunity to provide a report for this conference. If an individual meeting is necessary with one or possibly two teachers, this can be arranged.

A disadvantage would be the point made above. You will not be conferences with each individually teacher your child has. However, with today's technology and ability to communicate via phone, text, or e-mail, this communication is available along with the arrangement of a meeting if necessary.

We will be working with the students through-out the school year to create a portfolio that they will be able to display to parents their individual work and progress through out the school year. This will enable a deeper understanding of the student's work they have completed, the grades they are receiving, their standardized assessment scores, the future course selections and goals, and how we can work together to foster continued growth in your child. We hope that this change in format will enable the relationship between the school and home to grow stronger together. More information will be

coming over the next few months about Student-Led PT Conferences.

Building & Office Hours:

As the season begin to change, we remind the public that the JH/HS office will be open at 6:15 am for individuals that wish to walk indoors in the hallways. We also remind students that they are able to use the weightroom or gym before school if they have and an adult or graduate of high school supervising.

Fall Parents Night:

The Volleyball Parents Night will be held on Thursday, October 5th in the game against MOC/Floyd Valley.

The recognition will take place between the JV and Varsity matches and we ask that parent be in the gym at approximately 6:15 or so.

The Cross Country Parents Night will be held on Friday, October 20th at the halftime of the CL/GLR Football game.

FINANCIAL AID 101

Bill Francis

On Monday, October 30, during PT conferences, I will be presenting a beginners course on financial aid. I will give an overview to the financial aid process and the beginning steps to get you started. I encourage any junior or senior parents who wishes to learn the basics of financial aid to attend. This will be a basic introduction to the financial aid process and will be geared toward students and parents going through the process for the first time. I will email more information as we get closer to conferences.

YEARBOOKS

2016-2017 Yearbooks have arrived! We have a few extra available for purchase.

Price: \$50.00

contact:

carla.hibma@boyden-hull.org

HS BAND

October 7:

Festival of Bands Sioux Falls bus loads @ 6:30 AM bus leaves @ 6:45 AM Parade begins @ 8:30 AM B-H Band is 5th

October 21:

All State Auditions Storm Lake

MUSICAL

B-H High School will be presenting the Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" on Thursday, Nov. 9 and Friday, Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school theater.

Tickets go on sale on Monday, Oct. 23 and will be available at the Fall Vocal Concert on Monday, Oct. 23, at parent teacher conferences, and during business hours in the superintendent's office. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students.

On Friday evening, the B-H High School Music Department is sponsoring a great meal of chili and cinnamon rolls to be served in the HS commons. The cost is \$8.00 and donations are welcome. All proceeds will go to support the student music activities at the high school.

JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL

John Olson

The junior high boy's basketball season will get under way Tuesday,

JH BB , Practice Jerseys

October 17. We will not practice Oct. 30 or Nov. 2 due to PT conferences and Nov. 3 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 4**. 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 Siouxland Conf. web site. It can be found in the Calendars menu on the left hand side of Boyden-Hull's web site. Hold your pointer over Calendars and then click on Siouxland Conf. or simply enter this web site in your browser : <http://www.siuoxlandconference.org>

If you want to schedule AAU practices check our on line calendar known as rSchool to see if the HS gym is being used. To do this go to the Siouxland Conference web site above, on the right hand side click on Boyden-Hull Comets and our calendar will pop up. I would encourage parents of students involved in any extra curricular activity or anyone 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.

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