

MARCH NEWS

2019

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FROM SUPERINTENDENT GROND

Greetings

It is the start of March and given the weather reports, road conditions and early morning rides it feels more like the start of January. I thought that the first place I would start is trying to help everyone make sense of the calendar as it is continually evolving.

CALENDAR ITEMS

So far we have missed one day of school for state football playoffs, five for weather-related closures and we will lose two for state basketball for a total of eight days. We monitor our year to the state by hours spent in session. We need to have a minimum of 1080 hours every year. Additionally, since we are on hours, any late starts or early dismissals count against the total hours that we need to be in session. We have made up one on President's Day, and we will make up one on the Monday after Easter. We have five days at the end of May that we are planning to use as well before we head into June.

One question that I have been asked is: We are 1:1, can we use our technology to hold class electronically? The state does not give us that option right now. I have attached the guidance from the Iowa Department of Education about e-Learning and if it could be a substitute for classes:

No, this is not counted as instruction under Iowa Code. 281 IAC 12.1 (8) defines a day of school as a day during which the school or school district is in session and students are under the guidance and instruction of the instructional professional staff and an hour of school as an hour in which the school or school district is in session and students are under the guidance and instruction of the instructional professional staff.

We also will be looking at ways in which we can make up time by altering our

schedule during the day. I am hopeful that we will not need to take any drastic measures to complete the school year. In spite of our trials, I know other schools in eastern Iowa that have missed between 10 - 15 days. In a strange way, I guess we should be thankful :-)

So to summarize we will have school on April 22 and Friday, May 24. We will continue classes on Tuesday, May 28 - Friday, May 31. We will decide on other options at future Board Meeting.s

Budget Items

We are working on our FY '20 budget, and it looks like the overall levy rate will be similar to where it was this current year at \$14.59. We are projecting that the levy rate for 2019-2020 will be within several cents of this amount.

BUILDING PROJECT

Both areas of the project are moving along, and it is fun to see the progress in both sections. The section on the SW corner is ahead of schedule, and there is a good possibility that it will be ready by the beginning of June. The area on the NE side is close to being back on schedule, and we are still expecting a completion date of around July 1.

The second phase will begin around the beginning of May in the NW corner. Given the amount of moving parts with the second phase, this work will be more problematic in terms of disruptions to the schedule and the need to have more flexibility than with Phase I.

We will see you in bright, sunny, warm April.

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.

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

Elem. News
by Tom Kerr
Elementary Principal

Boyden-Hull Elementary received numerous place winners for the creative writing contest sponsored by the Northwest Iowa Reading Council. The following students placed first through third in the contest: Creative Writing Winners, Kindergarten- Tyler Ashburn, 1st Place, Adleigh Tiedeman, 2nd Place, Hellen Nell, 3rd Place. 1st Grade- Sori Draayer, 1st Place, Virginia Leusink, 3rd Place. 3rd Grade-Sage Draayer, 3rd Place.

School/Family Partnership

The Iowa Reading Research Center (IRRC) will be providing an online collection of literacy resources were created several year ago. The IRRC worked with parents and educators across Iowa to evaluate online literacy tools that will effectively support students at home. The link below is where the online collection will be located:

www.iowareadingresearch.org/literacy-resources/teacher-family-resources/

Since we just finished with the preschool and kindergarten round-ups for the 2019-20 school year, some additional research for parents on reading is very clear for every child. The best thing they can do for their child is to read, read, and read some more! The information that is listed below from the website, <http://www.readingfoundation.org/parents.jsp> eloquently states the importance of reading:

We invite you to begin a parenting practice which will impact your child the rest of his or her life—reading aloud together 20 minutes a day from birth. Children become good readers when their parents read to them. It's as simple as that! Getting your child ready to read

is getting your child ready to succeed in school. Schools deliver 85% of the curriculum using printed words in books, written words on whiteboards and digitized words on computer screens. Reading is the most fundamental skill your child will use during his or her 12-20 years as a student.

Stimulating Brain Development

Reading to your child from birth literally wires brain cells together in networks that later facilitate independent reading. Brain research shows that those linked brain cells enable a child to:

- Detect the different sounds in words (phonemic awareness)
- Recognize letters and develop strategies to figure out new words (decoding)
- Develop real-world understanding of what the words refer to (create contexts for understanding meaning)
- Build an oral and listening vocabulary (approximately 5,000 words by kindergarten)

Bonding with Books

Sharing books from birth develops successful students. Your child, snuggling in your lap, and enjoying your time and laughter, is learning to love reading. As long as it is a happy experience there is no wrong way to read together. Reading aloud is practically free, you can do it anywhere and children often beg for "just one more." Even parents who are not fluent readers can provide a good experience for their children by telling stories from their lives, from their imaginations, or from pictures in wordless books. It is best to read to your child early and often, but it is never too late to start in any language.

What You Can't See and What They Don't Want You to Know: Vaping/Juuling Realities in a Teen's Life

Lisa Rensink, Elementary School Counselor

Boyden-Hull Community School is partnering with the Sioux County Sheriff's Office and the Sioux County Community Health Partners to host a community and area wide informational presentation on the dangers about vaping on a teen's developing brain and body.

Teri Bos, RN, BSN will be presenting on the effects of vaping on the development of the body and brain of a teen, how the marketing of vaping products targets teens, how these products are designed to make the users addicted to their consumption, and the prevalence and pervasiveness of vaping in our teens. Teri is a Public Health nurse at Community Health Partners. She works with several different coalitions and works as a Tobacco Prevention Specialist.

Her presentation will be hosted at the Boyden-Hull Community High School. The presentation is on Wednesday, March 13 and will be located in the theater. All parents and community members are invited to attend. The title of the presentation is What You Can't See and What They Don't Want You to Know: Vaping/Juuling Realities in a Teen's Life.

In addition to the community presentation on Wednesday, March 13 the Sioux County Sheriff's Office was able to acquire the Iowa Narcotics Association (INOA) mobile training trailer called "What You Don't See" to be available to the public during the week of March 11. The Sheriff's Office has teamed with the Boyden-Hull and M-OC/Floyd Valley Community School Districts and will make the trailer available to all school

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staff as well as other area schools and community members.

The furnished trailer is designed to simulate a “typical” teenager’s bedroom and is complete with imagery and paraphernalia someone would expect to see, but not necessarily understand, from today’s younger culture. Once inside the room, those who attend will be able to learn the meanings of signs, symbols, clothing, common hiding places and other precursors that can help otherwise unsuspecting parents. Below are the dates and times for the trailer location. The community is invited to come and tour the trailer during these times as well.

INOA, “What You Don’t See” Trailer times: Monday, March 11 – Thursday, March 14

Monday – Boyden-Hull Elementary School in Boyden 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday - M-OC/Floyd Valley High School in Orange City - 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday – Boyden-Hull JH/HS in Hull 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday – Boyden-Hull JH/HS in Hull 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

This trailer is an eye opening experience for those who walk through its doors. Please take the time to walk through and “see” what you may not have noticed or been aware of in our children’s rooms. Everyone is invited to come and walk through at the times listed.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact:

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phone: 712-725-2381

email: lisa.rensink@boyden-hull.org

Deputy Waylon Pollema, Sioux County Sheriff School Resource Officer
email: waylonp@siouxcounty.org

Music Fun! by Jill L. DeRuyter

Elementary music class has been full of excitement lately! We just finished up a unit called Mallet Madness. During this unit, every student played an instrument using mallets. The music room was set up with 26 different percussion instruments, including xylophones, metallophones, glockenspiels, and drums. We rotated to different instruments frequently and learned about note values, rhythms patterns, and different mallet techniques. We all enjoyed Mallet Madness!

We have just begun our music keyboarding unit. The elementary music classroom is set up as a music keyboard lab and each student has their own keyboard to use when they come to music class. We are fortunate to have a new set of 25 keyboards that are shared between Rock Valley and Boyden-Hull. Our keyboarding curriculum has been updated and entered on the website called Nearpod, so students come to music class with their Macbooks or iPads. Nearpod is an application that allows teachers to create and share interactive lessons with students. This allows our keyboarding lessons to be teacher-directed or student-paced. We are looking forward to many weeks of hands-on learning of piano skills on our keyboards! Please feel free to stop by the music room to visit if you would like to see our music keyboard lab.

POSTER COMPETITION

by Ruth Kleinwolterink

On February 1 we had Nelva Huitink from the Sioux County Soil & Water

Conservation visit grades 2nd-6th. This year’s poster contest theme is “Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper”. She discussed the importance of soil, what soil is made up of and how to save and protect the soil. Students are in the process of working on their posters. Posters will be judged through the SCSWC and entries are due March 22, 2019.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

by Annie Van Der Zwaag

The preschool classroom had the naturalist visit in February. The students learned about bird sounds. Sara Davelaar told a story, then had the students make the bird sound. Every month one of the naturalists visits preschool.

POP CAN DRIVE

A special “thank you” to all those that contributed to our second pop can drive in December. Our next drive will take place March 21 & 22. **Note the date change due to basketball state.** 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.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

The second set of Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday, March 11 from 4-7 p.m. and Thursday, March 14 from 4-8 p.m. with No School on Friday, March 15. Conference times will be sent home with students as reminders to parents.

Title 1 Reading Information

Jacinda Zoet & Jennifer Dacken

Title 1 Reading students and their families are invited to our spring Title 1 literacy night on March 25 from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. We have fun activities

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planned with an exciting spring theme. More information will be sent home with Title 1 students as we get closer to our fun event!

Secondary Newsletter by Dan Pottebaum

Updates from the JH/HS:

It is hard to imagine that February has come and gone already. While I say that, I am not sad as Ol' Man Winter has not been kind to us in the February.

As the month of March begins, we will be determining how the 2018-19 school calendar will shake out with all the snow days and boys state tournament. Hopefully the weather during March will be kinder and we will have a Spring that we all can enjoy as we round out the school year.

Vaping Assembly:

Last month's newsletter shared this information about an upcoming assembly for students on Wednesday, March 13th for students. That evening, Teri Bos and Waylon Pollema will hold an educational meeting for parents and community members from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the JH/HS Theater. We have seen this problem growing in our own youth and communities and feel that we need to bring more education to the students, staff, and parents. In a recent survey from the Center of Disease Control in 2018, 3.8 million middle school and high school age students have used a vaping device in the last 30 days. This number continues to rise from previous years. Many of our students, staff, and parents do not know the facts about vaping and the ill effects it can have on our students as they continue to grow. We hope that you will be able to join us for this education presentation for the parents and community members on Wednesday, March 13th from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the JH/HS Theater.

In addition to these assemblies and educational presentations, the Sioux County Sheriff's Office has arranged the "What You Don't See" Educational Trailer to be at the Boyden-Hull Elementary and JH/HS during the Parent Teacher Conferences during the week of March 11th-14th. This trailer is used to educate parents and educators of early warning signs of substance abuse in a teenagers room. Officers will take groups of educators and parents through the trailer and identify early warning signs for us to help our children and students. The "What You Don't See" Educational Trailer will be at the Boyden-Hull Elementary on Monday, March 11th and at the Boyden-Hull JH/HS March 13th and 14th.

2018-19 Iowa Statewide Assessments of Academic Progress (ISASP):

As we begin heading into Spring, we are preparing the staff and student for the Iowa Statewide Assessments. In 2018, the Iowa Department of Education, selected Pearson to create a new statewide assessment that meets the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) by the Federal Education Department. Normally by this point in the year, we have already taken the Iowa Assessments and would be anxiously awaiting the results. The new legislation this year requires all schools to take the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) between March 4th and the end of the school year. As a district, we have elected to take these tests the last week in April and the beginning of May. There are 3 assessments that all students will be required to take in Grades 3-11: Reading, Language/Writing, and Mathematics. The fourth assessment of Science is required at th 5th, 8th, and 10th grade levels. These tests can be given currently in 2 modes: computer based and paper copy. Most of our students at Boyden-

Hull will be taking the tests in the computer based mode.

Another big change is that the ISASP will not be limited by time. In the past, the Iowa Assessments were timed test that had a limited time for the student to complete each part of the assessment. Going forward, students will have the opportunity to complete the assessment without the time restriction. The Department of Education has requested that once a student starts one of the assessments, the student should complete the assessment that school day. We will be creating a schedule at the JH/HS similar to what we have done in the past to allow the student to complete the assessment at the start of the day when they are able to perform at their best. During this week of testing, the students attendance and promptness will be important to their testing.

The students will also see a change in the assessment with the amount of open ended written response questions.

Students will have written responses in all four of the assessments. This is different than the old Iowa Assessments where it was all multiple choice questions for all subjects.

While the students may not appreciate this change, the ability to communicate your thoughts and thinking processes is an important part of assessing a students understanding and mastery of a concept. With the change in the open-ended responses, this will also bring a change in the amount of time that it will take to get the students results back from being scored. We will not likely have the students scores at the start of the 2019-20 school year.

The goal at this point from Pearson is to have the students scores back to the districts and students by sometime in October 2019.

We will be continue to provide more information about the ISASP Assessments as we get more information ourselves. While change

Swing Show, Prom, Grand March

is not always easy, we believe this is a step in the right direction for assessing our students understanding and mastery of their learning. We will be learning more about how the student's scores will be reported back to the districts and students in the upcoming months. As with all assessments, we ask the students do their very best and communicate their understanding by providing their best effort in the taking of the assessment.

Drivers Education:

At this point, the Winter Drivers Education Program is finding class time and driving a challenge with the winter we have experienced this year.

We continue to receive a lot of questions about Summer Drivers Education. At this point, we hope to begin the first week in June. We will need to complete the Summer Drivers Education classes by the end of the 3rd Week in June. Until we have our snow make up days and state tournament days figured out, we do not want to set dates until there is a clear plan. We hope by the middle of March, we will have a better understanding of where we are at with the remainder of the 2018-19 calendar. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

2018-19 NHS/Scholarship Banquet:

The 2018-19 NHS/Scholarship Banquet is scheduled for Monday, April 1. This Banquet begins at 6:30 pm in the HS Commons. Invitations to the NHS/Scholarship Banquet will be sent out on March 22nd. At this point, we will have the names for the scholarship recipients returned. Please mark your calendars and keep checking your mail for this invitation.

If you have a senior, the applications for most of these scholarships are Friday, March 15th.

Upcoming Show Choir Competitions

B-H Music Department Presents:

What: B-H Swing Show

When: Friday and Saturday, March 22 and 23, 7:30 p.m.

Where: BHHS Theater

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Theme: Blast From the Past

Show Featuring: B-H Show Choir, Jazz Band, Drum Line, AWESOME skits and MARVELOUS music selections.

Food: The Music Boosters will be hosting a spaghetti supper on Friday, March 22. Serving 6-7:00 p.m. The Show Choir Auxiliary will be serving ice cream sundaes and beverages during intermission.

Tickets: On sale Monday, March 11 and will be available for purchase in the HS Business Office during regular business hours. They will also be available during Parent/Teacher Conferences on March 11 and 14 in the HS Office.

JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM GRAND MARCH

by Tim Brunsting

The Junior Class of Boyden-Hull will once again be hosting Grand March to kick off the events of the Junior-Senior Prom "A Night in Paris". This year's prom will take place on Friday, April 12. The Grand March will be in the high school theater and will begin at 7:00 PM. The junior class will be selling advance tickets to attend the Grand March. Tickets will be sold for \$3. If you wish to purchase tickets contact Tim Brunsting at the high school at 439-2440 or at tim.brunsting@boyden-hull.org. Tickets will go on sale for the Grand March starting Monday, March 11th. Thanks

When Grand March ends we plan to start the banquet immediately. We are asking for your cooperation this year in leaving at the completion of Grand March so we can continue with the evening's events. Please take this into consideration with pictures, etc. and make sure to get these accomplished before 7:00. Thank you for your cooperation in making this a memorable and enjoyable evening for your son or daughter.

PROM REMINDERS/ CONSTRUCTION

by Tim Brunsting

I just want to make you aware of changes that we have made over the last couple of years concerning the Jr./Sr. Prom and still remain in place. Prom is for the juniors and seniors at Boyden-Hull and their dates. Dates this year can be a junior or a senior from another school district or an individual that graduated from high school in May of 2018. All out of school dates will be checked and approved by the Junior class sponsor (Tim Brunsting) or by Mr. Pottebaum.

One other change this year due to the construction going on on the west side of the building. Valet parking and the entrance to prom this year will be moving. Students and their dates will stop outside the theater doors and enter the building using the steps leading up to the theater entrance. Parents and spectators are welcome to watch from either side of the steps. We are asking parents and other spectators that wish to enter the building early to use the student entrance east of the theater entrance while students and their dates are showing up to avoid more clutter around the theater. Along with that, parking will be different this year. The parking lot will be blocked off for student cars and we will also need to keep part of the street open in front of school for students to arrive. We will continue to send out emails and notices

Evening of Eloquence

concerning this as the date approaches to make you aware of these changes. We will try to have plenty of signs explaining where to go and where to park. Please respect these changes as we have to do some different things this year with the construction project. We will also explain this to the students so everyone understands the process this year due the construction in the building this year. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

An Evening of Eloquence at the Speak Easy Coffee, Tea, and Biscotti Bar

Join the
Boyden-Hull State Speech Team
in an evening of speech
performance and refreshments.

April 4, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Boyden-Hull High School Theater
(Recommended \$5 donation per person to
defray contest and travel expenses.)



MARCH 2019

BOYDEN-HULL ELEMENTARY

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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|  |  | <p>Alternatives</p> <p>Mon: Hot Ham Tues: Turkey Sub Wed: Hot Dog Thurs: Ham Sub Fri: Chicken Patty</p> | | <p>1</p> <p>Pepperoni Pizza</p> <p>Crisp Garden Salad Steamed Green Beans</p> |
| <p>4</p> <p>Golden Corn Dog</p> <p>Toasty Tater Tots Crunchy Baby Carrots</p> | <p>5</p> <p>Crispy Chicken Parmesan</p> <p>Spaghetti Italian Vegetables</p> | <p>6</p> <p>BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich</p> <p>Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Corn</p> | <p>7</p> <p>Cheesy Beef Nachos</p> <p>Pinto Beans Salsa</p> | <p>8</p> <p>Cheeseburger</p> <p>Jo Jo Potato Wedges Crisp Garden Salad</p> |
| <p>11</p> <p>Homemade Mac & Cheese</p> <p>Golden Breadstick Steamed Peas Cherry Tomatoes</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Crispy Chicken Bowl</p> <p>Fresh Baby Carrots Mashed Potatoes</p> | <p>13</p> <p>Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce</p> <p>Garlic Breadstick Steamed Italian Vegetables</p> | <p>14</p> <p>Walking Taco</p> <p>Cilantro-Lime Rice Mexi-corn Crisp Romaine Lettuce Black Beans</p> | <p>15</p> <p>No School</p> |
| <p>18</p> <p>French Toast Sticks</p> <p>Cheesy Scrambled Eggs Tater Tots Baby Carrots</p> | <p>19</p> <p>Chicken Fajitas</p> <p>Pinto Beans Lettuce Fresh Diced Tomatoes Salsa</p> | <p>20</p> <p>Meatloaf</p> <p>Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Corn Romaine Salad</p> | <p>21</p> <p>Chicken Cacciatore</p> <p>Steamed Mixed Vegetables Fresh Celery Sticks Garlic Breadstick</p> | <p>22</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets</p> <p>Fresh Garden Salad Crisp Baked Fries</p> |
| <p>25</p> <p>Bosco Sticks</p> <p>Seasoned Green Beans Mixed Vegetables</p> | <p>26</p> <p>Golden Corn Dog</p> <p>Tangy Coleslaw Fresh Baby Carrots</p> | <p>27</p> <p>Zesty Taco Soup w/ Crunchy Corn Tortilla Chips</p> <p>Refried Beans Lettuce Diced Tomatoes</p> | <p>28</p> <p>BBQ Chicken Drummie</p> <p>Dinner Roll Roasted Potatoes Lettuce Diced Tomatoes</p> | <p>29</p> <p>Pepperoni Pizza</p> <p>Fresh Garden Salad Fresh Broccoli Trees</p> |

NUTRITION BAR

Included with your meal and offered daily.
Choose from a variety of fresh fruits or vegetables.

For questions and comments, please email, Sherri Lokhorst, Food Service Director at boydenhull@aviands.com or call 712-725-2381



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