



# NOVEMBER NEWS

BOYDEN-HULL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT - [WWW.BOYDEN-HULL.K12.IA.US](http://WWW.BOYDEN-HULL.K12.IA.US)

## Greetings from Superintendent Grond

### Building Project

The building project is still progressing. We have access to both sets of locker rooms again and the fitness area should be ready to go sometime before Thanksgiving. The next large completion area will be the new high school office area which should be ready sometime in March/April. We are still anticipating that the entire project will be completed by early fall of 2020.

### Certified Enrollment

Our enrollment numbers were due to the state on October 15. Our enrollment is slightly down this year. We have known that our enrollment will decrease over the next four to five years as our larger classes are in the secondary building. Below is a table showing last year's classes compared to this year's classes.

### Weather Related Announcements

Snow and the wind usually mean some changes in schedules from time to time. There are times when it is a fairly easy decision, but many times it is much more difficult in trying to decipher and anticipate various radar and weather reports from different sites. The overarching concern is the safety of students and staff, and I can assure you that there is considerable time put in on snowy evenings and mornings either on the

computer, in the car riding roads or conferring with other schools to make the best possible decision. Once the decision has been made to alter the normal schedule we will be using three primary sources to notify parents and interested patrons:

1. School Messenger - A text and email usually go out with these notifications.
2. School Website – Weather-related announcements are posted on the main page.
3. Local Media – We contact KSOU & KIWA Radio stations as well as local TV stations.

I am hopeful that the winter is mild (even in spite of the current cold spell) and that we are no need of using these tools but just in case.

### Thanksgiving

At the end of the month we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. It is always a special holiday to pause and take into account the blessings that we have been given. I hope that all of you have a chance to spend time enjoying 3 Fs: Family, Food, and Fellowship!

### 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, 2020 - This is the last date for regular open enrollment requests for the 2020-21 school year. For incoming kindergarten students, the deadline is September 1, 2020.

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

YR	TK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TTL
2018	17	33	36	40	32	43	40	40	54	54	55	60	51	55	610
2019	23	40	31	35	40	32	39	43	44	54	58	55	59	50	603

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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*

by Tom Kerr

*Elementary Principal*

There were some big changes to the assessment screening platform for students in grades TK-6th in September at Boyden-Hull Elementary. The elementary building switched from AIMSweb Plus to FASTBridge (Formative Assessment System for Teachers) after fourteen years with AIMSweb. This directive came from the IA Department of Education to streamline the number of assessment companies that is required for the Early Literacy Implementary (ELI) law.

FastBridge assessments were used in more than forty states, which included a statewide adoption in Iowa with over 92% of schools using this platform. The FastBridge Learning system was developed to reduce the typical ten to thirty-year gap between research at universities and results in the classroom, to months or weeks.

The FastBridge Learning became an independent subsidiary of Illuminate Education in early 2019. FAST provides the core assessment capabilities for the Illuminate Education Intelligence Platform (EIP), which helps educators quickly make data-informed decisions to improve student achievement. These set of modules in the EIP enables standards-based formative assessment, data visualization, RTI/MTSS support,

reporting, and data analysis for educators. Illuminate Education supports over 12 million students and 2,000 districts in all 50 states.

Boyden-Hull Elementary teachers will go over the FAST reading and math assessments at Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 4th and 11th for TK-6th grade students. The FAST assessments will be given two more times this school year. The weeks of January 20th-24th, 2020, and May 11th-15th, 2020.

### **P is for Pizza Ranch**

By: Mrs. Dacken—Transitional Kindergarten Teacher

On October 3rd the Transitional Kindergarten class took a field trip to the Pizza Ranch in Hull. They learned how all those yummy pizzas are made and even got to make their own! They also discovered that some pizza toppings such as pepperoni and pineapple start with letter P. This was a fun way to learn more about the letter P!

### **Second Grade Tours Boyden Fire Station**

by Mrs. Nikki Zylstra

The 2nd grade classes visited the Boyden Fire Station on October 11 as part of our lessons during Fire Safety Week. The volunteer firemen showed the students what they wear to a fire, along with pieces of equipment they use to help them fight fires and keep us safe. The EMTs showed us the inside of the ambulance and told us about the job they do. The firemen demonstrated using a portable water tank, and the students were allowed to help hold and spray water from one of the water hoses. Cool! Our tour concluded with a ride back to school on the top of the firetrucks with the sirens and lights blaring!! Thanks to

the Boyden Fire Department and EMTs for teaching us so much about how you help others!

### **3rd Graders Visit Fields of Fun**

by Cheri Meyn

On Thursday, Oct. 24th the third grade classes from Boyden-Hull went on a field trip to Fields of Fun. We learned about all the different pumpkins, corn, & gourds that they grow. We learned that they grow 11 different kinds of pumpkins. Here are a few: French pumpkin, Lumina (white) pumpkin, Oz pumpkin, Long Island Cheese, Baby Bear, Pie pumpkin, Jarrahdale (green) pumpkin, Wee Bee Little, Munchkin, and Baby Boo.

We went to Animal Land, which is their petting zoo. The students enjoyed petting and feeding the sheep, a pony, kittens, llamas, a bunny, goats, ducks, and a peacock.

The next week the third graders wrote in their writing journals about their favorite part and what they learned at Fields of Fun. They also wrote thank-yous for a great time they had!

### **HEARING SCREENINGS**

**December 2nd & 3rd**

Hearing screening is conducted annually by personnel from Northwest AEA. The children to be screened will include all Preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, all students new to the district, all children placed in special education classrooms, and all children with previously identified hearing losses. Parents will be informed of the results following the screening. Students who do not pass the initial test will be rescreened one month later.

# ELEMENTARY NEWS (con't)

## GRADES K-6 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

by Mrs. Jill L. De Ruyter

The students of Boyden-Hull Elementary will be presenting a Christmas program on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the BHES Gym in Boyden. The name of this year's program is "CAKE: Christmas Acts of Kindness Experiment". Please join us on December 5 as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

Due to large attendance for the evening performance, we will have a performance at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 5, for the parents and relatives that wish to attend. We will perform the entire program as a performance, although there may be some slight delays to get organized if needed. **Students are to remain in school after the performance.**

**\*\*\* Kindergarten students will perform three songs at 1:30 p.m. on December 5. They will not perform in the evening concert. Parents of kindergarten students should plan to attend the afternoon matinee at 1:30 p.m. on December 5.**

## SAVE THOSE POP CANS

Our first pop can collection was held on September 12 & 13. This money is used to offset the cost of field trips and to purchase additional books for the elementary library. Every elementary student benefits from this project! **The next collection date is set for December 5 & 6.** A big thank you for helping us!

## WEARING OF SNOW BOOTS

As the majority of the elementary school is carpeted, students are strongly recommended to wear boots on days when it is wet and/or snowy. As in the past, we have had excellent cooperation from both students and parents concerning this issue. THANKS!

## JH/HS NEWS

by Dan Pottebaum

*JH/HS Principal*

Where did the month of October go? It is hard to imagine we have wrapped up the 1st Quarter already and the cross country, football, and volleyball season are wrapping up. The musical students are gearing up for their performances of the "The Adamm's Family." They will perform the matinee on Tuesday, November 5th for 4th-8th Grades. Their public performances are Thursday, November 7th and Saturday, November 9th at 7:30 pm. Come out and join us for supper on Thursday, November 7th as the Jazz Band students will host a fundraising meal prior to the first performances. Serving for this meal begins at 5:30 pm.

As you drive up to school, you will see that the construction crews are busy continuing the work they begun this summer for Phase II. We are hoping mother nature allows for a few more weeks of weather that allows them to get the steps and ramp completed for the entrance they are working on. They have completed both the girls and boys locker rooms which will help during the basketball seasons for the locker room space. The flooring for the weight room has been installed and we are now awaiting the equipment. We just received word that most of the equipment will

arrive on Friday, November 15th with the rest arriving on Monday, November 18th. The new bathrooms and JH/HS office space where the old band and vocal rooms are continuing to take shape. The plumbing has been installed and the walls are being constructed in the bathroom area. The old windows in the band area are being filled in with block and brick as the patch those areas in. The hope is to move into the renovated office spaces in April of 2020. Once they complete this phase, they will move into where the JH/HS office is currently and begin renovating that for the Business/Superintendent's Office. At the end of the school year, they will complete the renovations of the bathroom area, commons, library and Family Consumer Science Area. While we have completed a fair amount of the renovations, we are approximately a little over half way in the scope of the project. The students and staff have been patient in the process and are eager to continue to see the changes as the year continues.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

As we are in the midst of the Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences, we want to invite you to the conferences on Monday, November 4th (4-7 pm) and Monday, November 11th (4-8 pm). The Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences will follow the traditional style of conferences where parents are able to meet and visit with their students instructors. In these conferences, we encourage you to get to know your student's instructor and have a conversation about your student's strengths and areas of growth. In the spring, we will continue the Student Led Conferences that we began last year. Students have already begun setting up and

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working on their e-Portfolios for this conference.

## Spring Drivers Education

We have begun planning for the Spring Drivers Education course. We will be offering this course a bit later this coming year due to the challenge of winter driving that we encountered last year. We will look for registration for the Spring Drivers Education right in January 2020. This is a bit later because we do not plan to begin the course until the later part of February to early March. Please keep looking in the newsletter or in your e-mail inbox as we will continue to communicate these dates as they are set into place.

## JMC Parent Portal

It is hard to imagine that we have already rounded the corner into the 2nd quarter. As we lead our busy schedules, parents sometimes forget to check students grades or missing assignments using the student information system JMC. As in the past, JMC has the option to for parent to set up different Alerts or Notifications. These notifications can be for attendance, tardies, missing scores, or when a grade in a class drops below a certain percentage level. Parents can use all of these features or only the ones they feel apply to their situation. Here are the steps to set up these Alerts or Notifications:

1. Go to the Boyden-Hull CSD website: [www.boyden-hull.k12.ia.us](http://www.boyden-hull.k12.ia.us)
2. Select JMC on the left hand margin.
3. Once JMC has been selected, their will be 4 options to choose:

1. Office/Teacher/Parent/Student
4. Select the Parent option and you will be prompted for your username and password.
  1. Username - Student's Last Name
  2. Password - Individually selected at registration. If you do not remember your password as parents, please call the JH/HS office or feel free to e-mail me and I will provide it for you.
5. Once logged in, on the left hand margin you will see an item called "Alert Configurations." Select this option.
6. Once you have selected this, you will see your student's name at the top. If you have more than one student in the JH/HS building, you can hit this drop down menu to select your other student. Each student will need to be set up.
7. Here you will see that you have options for the following:
  1. Family Lunch Balance Alert
  2. Period Attendance Alert (Absences and Tardies)
  3. Missing Scores Alert
  4. Grade Alert - Each course can have the same or different percentage based on what you would like to enter for your child. If

their grades goes below that percentage, it will send you an alert.

After each option, you will need to click save if you have made any changes. If you need any assistance in setting up these Alert Configurations, please let me know and I would be happy to help you over the phone or help you set those up personally to aide you in staying informed.

## **November Band Events** by Virginia Eulberg

Anna Godtland was selected for All State Orchestra!

Anna Godtland, daughter of Randy and Kim Godtland, auditioned and was accepted into the All State Orchestra on trombone. Only 17% of those students auditioning are accepted into All State. Congratulations to Anna Godtland!

## Band Events:

November 9 - HS Honor Band tryouts in Storm Lake  
November 21-23 All State Festival in Ames  
November 26 - 1st Pep Band  
December 3 - Pep Band  
December 10 - Pep Band  
December 13 - Pep Band  
December 16 - JH-HS Christmas Program

## **2019 Junior High Nighthawk Football** by Rob Van't Land

Another junior high football season has come to a close. There were 26 7th graders on this year's team and the 8th grade team had 32 players. Boyden-Hull had 20 players on the roster while Rock Valley had 38.

That is reflective of the growth in enrollment Rock Valley has experienced in recent years. The 7th graders showed great improvement over the course of their first season. Their record was 0-6. The 8th graders finished the year with a 3-4 record, also showing steady improvement over the season. Hopefully, these athletes will continue to work hard and improve, as they could well have a successful high school experience.

This season marked the 30th year of shared football with Rock Valley, as we began sharing in 1990. The original coaching staff consisted of

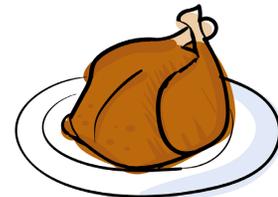
Henry Schulz, and Roy Weber, who are both deceased, student teacher Keith Swanson, who currently coaches and teaches at Sibley-Ocheyedan, and myself. Swanson was replaced by John Olson in 1991. John has been coaching ever since, with the exception of taking one year off due to health issues. Schulz coached for 2 seasons and was replaced by Greg Heemstra, who has been with the program ever since. Weber retired in 2009, and was replaced by Stan De Zeeuw, who left after the 2017 season and was replaced by Jason Swets, who just finished his 2nd year. Trevor Friedel joined our staff this year as a

volunteer coach and his time and efforts are greatly appreciated. Olson, Heemstra, and myself have been coaching together for 28 seasons.

On a side note: the Varsity Nighthawk football win over MOC-FV on October 18 was the 200th victory for the shared Varsity Nighthawk Football program.

# 5-2-1-0 FEATURE:

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## Pick healthy sides for the holidays

Here's how you can put 5-2-1-0 into action this month:

### WHY IT MATTERS:

5-2-1-0 Healthy Choices Count! encourages us to eat five servings of fruits or vegetables every day. A diet rich in **fruits and vegetables** provides vitamins and minerals, important for supporting growth and development, and for optimal immune function in children – especially as we head into cold and flu season!

#### Here are some additional resources to help your family eat more fruits and vegetables:

- Kids are more likely to be excited about a fruit or vegetable side dish they helped prepare. Get the whole family involved in holiday food prep with these ["Cooking With Kids"](#) tips.
- Fruits and vegetables don't have to be fresh to provide nutritional value! Frozen or canned produce are a good choice year-round – [here are some ways to use them.](#)
- These fruit and vegetable-based recipes are kid-tested and parent-approved! [Try them out.](#)

### SIDE DISH RECIPES:

The [Spend Smart. Eat Smart.](#) website is full of free resources including meal planning templates, shopping tools, budget trackers and, of course, healthy and affordable recipes!

Try these **3** family-friendly side dishes at your next holiday gathering. Click to view the full recipe online:

[Holiday Fruit Salad](#)

[Homemade Mac & Cheese with Greens](#)

[Stuffing with Vegetables](#)



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