

DECEMBER/JANUARY NEWS

BOYDEN-HULL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT - <http://bhcomets.com/>

Greetings from Mr. Grond:

I hope everyone enjoyed a bit longer Thanksgiving break than usual. It never ceases to amaze how fast the year goes time continues to march whether we like it or not.

Building Project

As time continues to march, so does the building project. We are making progress, and during the days, it doesn't seem that fast, but when you look back at what has happened over the year, you realize that there has been significant progress made.

Since the last newsletter, we have regained access to our boys' locker room as well as the new fitness area. The next significant milestone for completion will not happen until March when the new high school administration office gets completed.

The plan still is to have near completion by the time school starts next fall. It has been an excellent experience, and we are fortunate to have had two outstanding general contractors. However, It will be nice to have only classes happening in school next year as well.

Snow Notification

Thanksgiving break was not exactly what we had planned, but that is Iowa weather. If there are weather-related changes to our schedule, we will use three

different methods to notify our constituents:

Boyden-Hull Web Page - there will be a banner headline on the front page indicating the change.
School Messenger - if you have signed up to receive a text that will be delivered to you. An email will go out to each to each email account that we have in our notification system.

Radio and TV - We will put notifications on both KSOU and KIWA radio stations and KELO, KTIV, KCAU, and KSFY.

We try to make the decision between 5:30 and 6:00, if at all possible.

Holidays

As we are in the midst of the holiday season between Thanksgiving and the New Year, there are some groups of people that I am thankful for that often do much of their work behind the scenes including:

Our Bus Drivers: Dwayne Van Leeuwen, Cal Klarenbeek, Tom Anderson, Ken Boone, Howard Grevengoed, and Ken Nielsen. They are the first ones many students see in the morning and the last one as they head home. They do a great job driving through all different types of weather and road conditions and get our students there both safely and efficiently.

Support Staff - Those included within this group are teacher

associates (paras), administrative assistants & custodians. Each one of these groups does outstanding work and often behind the scenes. Without this group, the buildings would not run nearly as efficiently as they do.

Boyden-Hull Board of Directors - We are incredibly fortunate at Boyden-Hull to have had long-serving board members currently serving and in the past that has provided continuity to the district. Our current Board of Jason Moser, Mark Nilles, Jake Ten Haken, Gina Woelber, and Laura Woelber work very hard to provide the highest quality of facilities and educational opportunities.

There are It takes a lot of people working together to create an environment where learning occurs.

I want to wish each and everyone a blessed holiday season and that you keep warm, stay safe, and enjoy family.

We will see you in 2020

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



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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 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

The Boyden-Hull School Board passed the 2019-20 school calendar last May. Part of the discussion was to use a Virtual/Digital School Day on the first full day of inclement weather. A number of public and private school districts across Iowa and the United States have and are using Virtual or Digital School Days. This means that students will complete learning activities and assignments provided by their teachers at home. Below are some facts regarding the reasoning behind using these virtual or digital days at B-H that were approved by the school board last spring:

- Due to the unusual calendar with Aug. 23rd (1st day schools can start in IA) being on a Friday and with our construction projects; we started school on Tuesday, Aug. 27th, which was 2 days behind most area schools. Christmas falls at an unusual time, along with Memorial Day too! We added 10 minutes to help offset the late start to the school year and finish just before Memorial Day on Thursday, May 21st. This leaves only Friday, May 22nd as another possible make-up day for inclement weather or sporting events that make the State tournament.
- We have a number of built-in snow days for the 2019-20 school year on Feb. 17-1st Day, Feb. 14-2nd Day (Teacher professional development day if not used), April 13- 3rd Day, May 22nd-4th Day. Please see the Board approved calendar on the school website.

- The **Virtual/Digital Days do not count towards hours/days made up by students or staff**. However, if we have a number of days like we missed last year with weather (late start/early out days) and State athletic events, it gives the school board some justification for forgiving 1 or 2 student days at the end of the school year.
- Boyden-Hull and most school districts in Iowa count hours for students (Min. of 1080 hrs/yr.) and days (190 days includes PD days) for teachers due to contractual obligations.
- The State does not need to approve these days, since it’s a local control issue by school boards as long as you’ve met the required number of 1,080 hours of instruction time. However, most public schools will exceed the required minimum hours.
- Students will have learning activities or assignments that they are expected to complete on the missed day of school with the Virtual/Digital Day.

Furthermore, both school buildings will be conducting surveys from students and staff members to determine areas of improvement and success with the day we had off prior to the Thanksgiving break. This information and data will be shared with the school board and superintendent to determine the future direction of this initiative.



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SUPER ATTENDANCE AT BHES PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-teacher conferences were again a huge success. It is obvious that education is a high priority in many homes. The staff and administration of BHES want to thank the parents for their terrific attendance at the Parent-Teacher Conferences. We had 90.1% represented in attendance at our conferences by one or both parents. The interest parents show in the education of their children is definitely great. Thanks again.

PTO NEWS

Thank you for all the support you gave the PTO during the recent Parent-Teacher Conferences Scholastic Book Fair. With your support, we purchased 61 books for the library and 37 books for the teachers' classrooms. We really appreciate your support. In addition, we want to thank Peg Olson for her coordination of the Book Fair and Conference meal as well.

Second Pop Can Drive

The second drive will take place **December 5 & 6, 2019**. We would greatly appreciate your plastic pop bottles, aluminum cans, or cash donation in an effort to make our second drive even more successful than our first. If you have containers to donate but do not know an elementary student, please call the school at 725-2381.

The pop can tabs are donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Sioux Falls. They sell them by the pound for the aluminum. It is their largest fundraiser. If you wish to

contribute, please remove the tabs at home and bring to school.

GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

We are again collecting the General Mills Box Tops this year. Please bring them to the office. The money we receive from the Box Tops goes towards class field trips. We are no longer accepting soup labels.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR THE FIRST NINE WEEKS OF SCHOOL

EC: Josue Alvarado, Joan Anleu Reyes, Ayden Bonestroo, Joshua De Koster, Tanner Diekevers, Gavyn Hurley, Nevaeh Kaskie, Grace Myers, Owen Myers, Barbara Perez-Hernandez, Grayson Ricks, Julisa Sanchez, Jackson Steven, Peyton Van Roekel

TK: Landen Achterhof, Mason Beukelman, Kyzer Cook, Case Schmidt, Easton Sipma, Carter Van Wyhe, Miles Vollink

Kindergarten: Brock Anderson, Bennett De Bruin, Jonna Draayer, Adryk Hoekstra, Charlotte Leusink, Jaxon Rhode, Marytza Torres, Cambry Winter, Acacia Draayer, McCoy Moss, Anna Plueger, Julian Sanchez, Clayton Starckenburg, Anamariz Topete, Cameron Veltkamp

First Grade: Albert Jansma, Makenna Kleinwolterink, Enrique Mendez, Helen Nell, Santiago Perez, William Topete, Dayana Torres, Allison Van Roekel, Owen Vollink, Maelyn Woelber

Second Grade: Luis Arcos, Kinley Crawford, Taelyn Doorenbos, Sori Draayer, Kamryn Greiner, Chase

Hoekstra, Virginia Leusink, Merritt Moss, Kolby Nell, Emalynn Vanden Brink

Third Grade: Janestleth Argueta Ramirez, Jaelyn De Jongh, Whitley Diekevers, Landen Dykstra, Kaylee Greiner, Amree Hoekstra, Andon Hoekstra, Cameron Keizer, Brian Mendez, Jack Moeller, Estefani Niz, Winyin Pan, Kaylynn Pan, Noah Ricks, Anneka Vanden Bosch, Collin Wellendorf, Brevin Woelber

Fourth Grade: Danika Buyert, Sage Draayer, Valeria Duenas-Topete, Bentley Greiner, Eric Luevano, Lane Moret, Landon Mulder, Adeline Nell, Blake Verhoef

Fifth Grade: Cole Bomgaars, Kellen Damstra, Eloise De Wit, Axel Gutierrez, Breken Kelderman, Sophia Moeller, Cheyenne Neuman, Isaak Sanchez, Angela Sandoval, Rhiannan Van Beek, Marcus Van Voorst

Sixth Grade: Henry Argueta Ramirez, Edith Hinojosa, Jackson Keizer, Carter Kleinwolterink, Addison Marra, Kade Moret, Aalijah Moss, Kaden Soodsma, Alexis Van Voorst

PRE-SCHOOL CENSUS SURVEY

As an official census is no longer taken, we have no way of having access to the names of students who will be attending preschool and kindergarten classes from the Boyden-Hull District; therefore we are asking you to notify us if you know of parents that have preschool age children who will be 4 and 5 years old by September 15, 2020.



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We would ask you to send us the following information:

1. Parent's Name
2. Preschooler's Name
3. Preschooler's Birthdate
4. Address
5. Phone Number

Please send as much information as possible. If you know only the parent's name and address, send that. Include as many parents' names as you know. Please send this information to Tom Kerr, Elementary Principal, Boyden-Hull Elementary School, P.O. Box 129, Boyden, IA 51234. Send parent's names regardless of school affiliation as this information will be shared with the private schools when requested. You may also call 725-2381.

COLD WEATHER CLOTHING

This is a reminder that it is important for students to come to school dressed warmly and prepared to play outdoors this winter. We will usually send them outside for fresh air and exercise at recess from 0 to -10 degrees including the wind factor. Students should wear winter coats, boots, mittens or gloves, a hat or hood, and something on their legs. The children will enjoy recess more if they are warm and learn better after recess if their socks, shoes, and clothes are dry. Depending on playground conditions, students may be limited to the blacktop or certain areas if they do not have boots or snow pants.

LATE STARTS/BREAKFAST

In the event that school should start late due to weather conditions, breakfast will not be served. The

late start puts the time the students would be eating breakfast and the time the noon meal is served too close together. Also, the cooks do not have enough time to clean up after breakfast before preparation for the noon meal begins. In an effort to keep confusion at a minimum, breakfast will not be served any time school begins late.

PARENT VISITATION

We would like to welcome you to visit any class at your convenience. Research indicates that the amount of interest parents show toward their children's assignments and education is a great determinant in the amount of success their child achieves in school. Just give us a call at 725-2381 by **9:00 a.m.** to let us know you are coming. You are welcome to have lunch with us at noon. Cost is \$3.75, payable in the office.

NOTE TO ELEMENTARY PARENTS AND STUDENTS REGARDING SAFETY AT BASKETBALL GAMES

In the interest of **safety**, parents are asked to require their children to remain in their seats during ball games. Children and adults should leave the gym only during half-time or between games and should return to their seats before the game resumes unless an emergency arises. Students should not be on the playing surface of the floor at any time. Your cooperation in avoiding an accident will be appreciated. Students also are not to be left unsupervised in the commons. They are often running around the coat racks and delving in the personal belongings of others. It is the **parents' responsibility** to see that their children follow these

rules. It is advised that the parents keep the younger children with them during the game.

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by **Dan Pottebaum**

JH/HS Principal

YOUR FUTURE @ WORK:

On Friday, January 11, 2020, all of the 10th grade students will be attending an event at Northwest Iowa Community College called "Your Future at Work." This event is the 5th year for this event and one of the primary goals is to expose the students in Sioux County Schools to the job and career opportunities that our county can offer. To learn more information, please follow "Your Future at Work" on FaceBook at yourfuture@work. Parent are welcome to attend the event on January 11th. It starts at 11 am in the Lifelong Learning and Recreation Center.

CNA COURSE:

Boyden-Hull will once again be offering a CNA course on our campus through Northwest Iowa Community College. Student who wish to take the CNA course must fill out an application that can be picked up in the JH/HS Office. This course is 75 hours in length and meets the requirements for taking the Nursing Assistant Certification Exam which qualifies personnel to work as a nursing assistant in Long Term Care. The purpose of the course is to develop the basic skills to care for the elderly. This course consists of 30 hours of lecture, 15 hours of simulated lab time, and 30 hours of clinical. This course is considered a concurrent enrollment course in which students can receive high school and college credit. Cost of the course includes tuition, textbook, materials, and first attempt

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for state competency testing. Need-based tuition assistance may be available through NCC. Students and families are responsible for the cost of the course. Many long term care facilities reimburse the student

or family upon employment. Below is a tentative schedule for the course that will be taught by Andreah Maassen.

Date	Time	Location
Monday, January 13	6:30-9:30 pm	Boyden-Hull
Friday, January 17	12:30-3:30 pm	Boyden-Hull
Monday, January 20	7:00-9:00 pm	Boyden-Hull
Monday, January 27	6:30-9:30 pm	Boyden-Hull
Monday, February 3	6:30-9:30 pm	Boyden-Hull
Thursday, February 6	6:30-9:30 pm	Boyden-Hull
Friday, February 14	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Site TBD
	1:00-3:00 pm	Boyden-Hull
Monday, February 17	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Site TBD
	1:00-3:00 pm	Boyden-Hull
Thursday, February 27	6:30-9:30 pm	Boyden-Hull
Tuesday, March 3	6:30-9:30 pm	Boyden-Hull
Thursday, March 5	6:30-9:30 pm	Boyden-Hull
Tuesday, March 10	6:30-9:30 pm	Boyden-Hull
Thursday, March 12	6:30-9:30 pm	Boyden-Hull
Friday, March 20	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Site TBD
	1:00-4:00 pm	Boyden-Hull

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DRIVERS EDUCATION COURSES:

Boyden-Hull will continue to offer Drivers Education Courses in the summer. We will also offer a Driver's Education Session during the school year. Please complete the pre-registration form below for your son or daughter to pre-register them into the Winter 2020 Boyden-Hull Driver's Education Course. We will be limiting this class size to 15 students. The following dates fulfill the 30 hours of class time required by law. Students must attend all 10 sessions to successfully complete the course work and also complete the 18 hours of driving (6 behind the wheel and 12 observing). Please carefully look through the dates for the class time and make sure that your child does not have any conflicts. No absences are allowed and no refunds will be given for conflicts.

Dates & Class Times:

Monday, January 6, 2020 -

6:00-9:00 pm

Monday, January 13, 2020 -

6:00-9:00 pm

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 -

3:45-6:45 pm

Thursday, March 5, 2020 -

3:45-6:45 pm

Tuesday, March 12, 2020 -

3:45-6:45 pm

Tuesday, March 17, 2020 -

3:45-6:45 pm

Monday, March 23, 2020 -

3:45-6:45 pm

Tuesday, March 24, 2020 -

3:45-6:45 pm

Monday, March 30, 2020 -

3:45-6:45 pm

Monday, April 6, 2020 -

3:45-6:45 pm

Driving Times:

Students will be asked to drive either after school from 4 - 6 pm during the weekdays or 8 am - 5 pm on Saturdays following the class time. These times will be established once the students are enrolled and know their schedules.

Please complete the registration form by Friday, December 19, 2020. Students or parents can register at <https://tinyurl.com/bhdriversed2020>. At that time, we will review the registrations and those who are 14, hold a learner's permit, and may require a Minor school license will be considered for these sessions. Priority will be given to the first 15 students that complete the registration link. We will be only allowing 15 students during this session due to only 1 instructor being available to do all the driving.

Below were the rates for the 2020 Drivers Education classes.

Resident of the Boyden-Hull CSD - \$295

Non-Resident of the Boyden-Hull CSD - \$400

These fees will be collected prior to the start of the Drivers Education Classes beginning on January 6th.

BASKETBALL AND WRESTLING SEASON:

As the basketball and wrestling season begins, we would ask for your cooperation and support in the following areas.

Sportsmanship - As a school district, we want to represent our communities with pride and

integrity. We ask that all of our students, coaches, parents, and fans exhibit sportsmanship in cheering on our beloved Comets and Nighthawks. Please cheer for our student athletes and teams and NOT against the other student-athletes, coaches, or schools.

We also ask for the cooperation of elementary parents during the games. The 2019-20 basketball season will have a different feel to it as the doors in the hallways have been removed. This will help fans to be able to walk to the west side to enter the gym. While this allows for greater access for fans, it also is tempting for young students to run around during the basketball games. Please remind your child(ren) to sit during the contest and at quarter breaks or half times, to use the restrooms or concession stand. This is a safety concern and we need your help. Please instruct your child to sit either by you or in the student section during the course of the event. We appreciate your cooperation and help.

LATE STARTS AND STUDENT DROP-OFF TIMES:

When school starts late for weather conditions or other scheduled teacher in-service days, it is important that parents NOT drop their children off at school before supervision is provided. The Boyden-Hull schools provide bus supervision one half hour before school begins. On days that we have a late start, it may be harmful to have students unsupervised until the bus does arrive. In the past we have had students dropped off at school at the "regular" hours, and the students have been unsupervised for two or more hours. We ask that you are aware of emergency days and other scheduled changes of school times, and make appropriate

5-2-1-0 FEATURE:

December



Try these Winter Break boredom busters

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

The 5-2-1-0 Feature is brought to you by:

Less Screen-Time, More Fun!

When school is out for an extended period of time — like winter break — screen-time can surge. With no homework or extracurricular activities, kids and teens often turn to TV and video games for entertainment. Put the focus back on family time and fun during Winter Break with these tips:

- **Set limits (and stick to them)**
5-2-1-0 Healthy Choices Count! recommends less than 2 hours of recreational screen time.
- **Be a good role model**
After you establish screen-time guidelines, every family member (parents, too!) should follow them.
- **Do alternate activities**
Take advantage of Winter Break to do screen-free activities together as a family. Check out the next column for ideas!



INDOOR ACTIVITY IDEAS:

- Rent a book from the library on the first day of break. Provide an incentive for finishing before break is over.
- Host a board game tournament or complete a puzzle.
- Create a dance routine to your favorite song.
- Try "Fuzzy Ball Pick-Up," "Animal Kingdom" or one of the other fun games from the 5-2-1-0 Activity Book.
- Write and mail letters to your friends or relatives.
- Build a tent and camp in the living room.
- Make a personal collage from old magazine cut-outs.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITY IDEAS:

You can still be active outdoors in the winter. Just bundle up!

- Go sledding
- Build a snowman
- Go for a nature walk
- Make snow angels
- Go ice-skating
- Build a snow fort
- Challenge your neighbors or siblings to a snowball fight.
- Make snow paint! Just add food coloring to water and put in a spray bottle.
- Make bird feeders with pinecones, peanut butter and birdseed or string popcorn or cranberries on fishing line.



Share your 5-2-1-0 fun on social media:

#HealthyChoicesCount



FIND MORE 5-2-1-0 RESOURCES: www.iowahealthieststate.com/5210

arrangements for your children. For information related to weather announcements, please click on the "Weather Resource" link on the left hand side near the bottom. This link will provide you with information to subscribe or adjust your notification in School Messenger, a list of radio stations, a list of TV stations and other resources available. We also have the capability to send our mass e-mails to parents and students using the JMC program. If you have a new or updated e-mail, please contact the building secretary to have the e-mail address added or changed.

CHRISTMAS BREAK:

We will dismiss school at 1:00 p.m. on, Friday, December 20th. There

will be NO SCHOOL from December 23rd -January 1st. School will resume on Thursday, January 2, 2020. We are coming back as early as possible to allow for as much time in the summer months for construction.

BH QUIZ BOWL TOURNAMENT

We will be hosting the Annual BH Quiz Bowl on Saturday, February 1st. This is a bit earlier this year as the weekend that we normally host in February is on President's Day Weekend and a number of schools may not have school on that Friday or the following Monday. Just as in any other activity of the school, we cannot host these events without much help from our staff and other

volunteers. If anyone in the community would be interested in being a reader or scorer for the quiz bowl tournament, please contact Mr. Kent Zevenbergen (kent.zevenbergen@boyden-hull.org) at the JH/HS.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL FROM THE BOYDEN-HULL FAMILY!

Band Events

Band Events:
January 3 - Pep Band -Sioux Center
January 4 - NWIBA HS Honor Band -Sioux City
January 7 - Pep Band- Sheldon

January 21 - Pep Band Sibley-O
January 22 - Jazz Band/Show Choir
Matinee 1:00 PM
January 23 - 6th Grade Honor Band
at East HS in Sioux City
January 27 - State Jazz Band
January 30 - Honor Orchestra
January 31 - Pep Band- West Lyon

Junior High band students will have a concert on December 16, which will also be aired on KIWA Radio on Christmas Day.

Concert dress for the Junior High band students is formal. Please avoid jeans and tennis shoes.