

NEWS FROM THE NEST

SEPTEMBER 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you all doing great. I am not exactly sure where August went but bring on September. I just wanted to give you a quick update on how our elementary school year has kicked off - and let me tell you, it's been absolutely awesome!

The school has been buzzing with excitement as our little learners jumped right into the new year. There's been a lot of catching up with old pals and making new friends. Our fantastic teachers have been working hard to make sure that learning is not only educational but also a ton of fun.

From a new math curriculum to projects that show off their creativity, the kids have been soaking up knowledge like sponges. And guess what? Our focus on being safe, respectful, responsible, and all-around good humans is already paying off. We've seen some heartwarming interactions!

We really believe that you, as parents and guardians, are a crucial part of this journey. Don't be shy to reach out to your child's teacher or myself. Your insights and involvement make a world of difference.

Thank you for trusting us with your kiddos' education. Let's make this school year a memorable one full of learning, growing, and, of course, loads of fun!

Take care,

Claire Kayton, Elementary Principal



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BCE EVENT CALENDAR

September 4th: No School

September 6th: PLC Late Start

September 13th: PLC Late Start

September 20th: No School

P/T Conferences (1:00-7:00)

September 20th: Book Fair (1:00-7:00)

September 27th: PLC Late Start



SCHOOL DAY: 8:00AM-3:30PM

*7:30AM DOORS OPEN FOR STUDENTS EATING BREAKFAST

*7:40AM DOORS OPEN FOR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN MORNING FITNESS

*8:10AM STUDENTS WILL BE MARKED TARDY

PLC LATE START: 9:10AM-3:30PM

*EVERY WEDNESDAY DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

*8:30AM DOORS OPEN FOR STUDENTS EATING BREAKFAST

*8:45AM DOORS OPEN FOR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN MORNING FITNESS

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

KINDERGARTEN ROCKSTARS

MRS. PAYTON MILLER AND MRS. MANDI KETTELSON

Combined Years of Experience:

25 years

Best part of Kindergarten?

Mrs. Miller: I love the excitement that they bring to school everyday.

Mrs. K: I love watching the phenomenal growth that kindergartners make.

Favorite Hobbies:

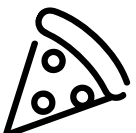
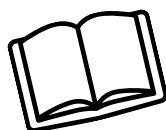
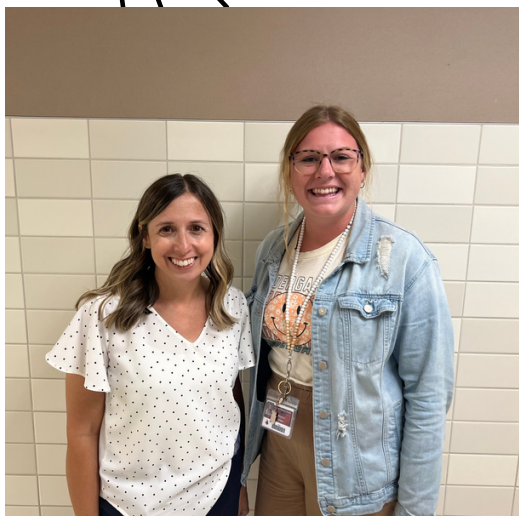
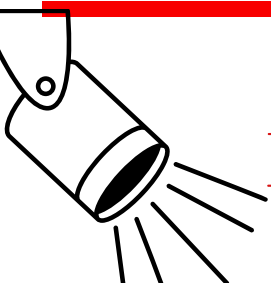
Mrs. Miller: Plants and spending time outdoors

Mrs. K: Reading and spending time with family

Favorite Foods:

Mrs. Miller: Pizza

Mrs. K: Tacos



DIBELS 8 AND MAP TESTING

In the spring of 2018, the Nebraska Legislature passed into law the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act (section 79-2601-79-2607). The purpose of this act is to position all students for success in their educational journey by focusing on the development of early reading skills.

This act requires schools to:

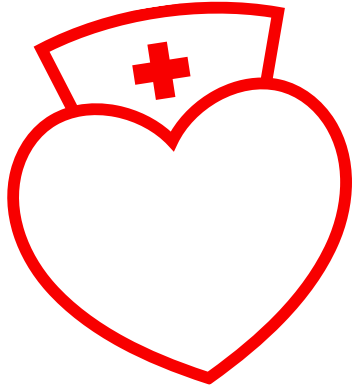
- *Assess students in kindergarten through third grade three times each year with a state-approved universal screening assessment.
- *Notify families if their child scores below the required achievement threshold set by the state on the assessment.
- *Develop an Individual Reading Improvement Plan (IRIP) for students who score below the threshold that informs families what the school is going to do to help the student improve his/her early reading skills.

The universal screener we use at Boone Central Elementary with students in Kindergarten through fourth grade is Dibels 8. These students also completed the MAP Growth Reading and Math tests.

Students and teachers did a great job with these tests. The beginning of the year benchmarks have been completed. These tests will happen again in the winter and spring. The future testing dates will be communicated with parents at a later time.

If you have any further questions, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Kayton.

NURSE'S CORNER



*Student health screen results will be sent home if anything out of the ordinary was found.

*Please get rescue medication to Nurse Jen (inhalers, epipens, etc.) as soon as possible.

*If your child is sick, please remember to call the office by 8am with symptoms.

*With the weather still being nice out, we are seeing a lot of bike riders. Please encourage your child to wear a helmet. Helmets can be kept in lockers during the school day.

PTO WANTS YOU TO KNOW

Boone Central Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

*H. Flynn Designs has created a variety of Boone Central shirts for our fall fundraiser. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase your apparel! PTO will receive a portion of the sales.

*PTO has red/white pom poms available. You can purchase them at various fall sporting events. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the flyer.

*PTO will host the Scholastic Book Fair during P/T Conferences on Wednesday, September 20th from 1:00-7:00.

*NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 18th at 6:00. Please join us!

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ON FACEBOOK TO STAY UP TO DATE!

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CARDINALS WITH CHARACTER | AUGUST WINNERS



Hello/Howdy: This is given to a student that positively greets others on a regular basis
Winners: Callie Klug and Eva Scarlett

Everyday Hero: This is given to a student who goes above and beyond to be safe, respectful, and responsible
Winner: Easton Rolf

Golden Shoe: This is given to a student or class that consistently follows our Cardinal Way hallway expectations
Winner: Hazel Henn and Maylee Townsend

Cool Character: This is given to a student who shows manners, is mindful of others, and/or consistently shows kindness
Winner: Norah Ritterbush