



Boyer Valley Community Schools

*Challenging all students
to meet their full potential*

This newsletter is prepared to inform parents and other interested persons of the happenings concerning BVCS

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From the desk of Thomas Vint, Superintendent

*By Thomas Vint
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Summer is drawing to a close and the new school year will begin for students on Wednesday, August 18th. Please mark August 17th as the date for the elementary school's Open House when students can meet their teachers and visit classrooms. The custodial staff has been busy preparing the buildings for another year of learning. Their time and efforts are greatly appreciated and the facilities look great!

I know you will join me in welcoming three new teachers to the school district.

Mr. Alex Brown is the new high school science teacher. Alex graduated from Iowa State and will also be our assistant boys' basketball coach.

Mr. Jim Jordan comes to BV as our grades 6-12 Music Director. He most recently taught at Bancroft-Rosalie, Nebraska, last year.

Mr. Dana Sturgill will be our new Middle School science teacher for 2010- 11. Dana has spent the last few years teaching MS science at Odebolt.

In addition, we welcome Mary Mumm as a new classroom associate at the elementary school.

The new school year also brings improvements to the facilities. Updating our technology has been accomplished with several new hardware and software purchases at both schools for the upcoming school year. We have also made major repairs to parking areas at both BVN and BVS using PPEL funds. The district used insurance money received from the spring hailstorm to make repairs on much of the roof at BVS. Student achievement continues to be the top priority for the school district.

Reading will be our district emphasis for the upcoming school year. The Iowa Core Curriculum will continue to be a focus as well this year as we implement new teaching strategies to improve learning for all students. Also, the Teammates Program will be in its second year after achieving a positive start last year. This is a mentoring program for selected students in elementary and middle schools. Mentors are trained volunteers from the community that meet with their designated students one hour per week during the school day.

In the pages that follow, you will find important information regarding the beginning of the new school year. If you have any questions, please call the school office. I also invite and encourage you to visit our school, meet our staff and stop by the office for a visit. We welcome your continued involvement with the school.

Please do not hesitate to call me at school (643-2251) or home (647-6057) if you have a question or concern. The superintendent's position is shared with Woodbine and I am at the Boyer Valley office on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning. I know everyone has a shared vision for quality education for the students of Boyer Valley.

Let's work together again to make the 2010-2011 school year a tremendous success!

Thanks, School Board!

Thank you school board members for your countless hours of service to the school district.

Current members are:

Ken Dunham, President
Paul Klein, Member
Mark McAllister, Member
Randy Mitchell, Member
Steve Puck, Vice-President
Pat Putnam, Member
Julie Wood, Member

School Board elections in Iowa are now held in odd-numbered years so the next election will be held in September of 2011.



Bullpup News

By Mike Weber, BV North Elementary Principal
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Our school year last year was somewhat unconventional. The main reason for that was the weather-related issues we had. It's interesting how things like that can alter our day-to-day operations. Hopefully, this year's weather will be much more cooperative!

A couple areas I'd like for our "team" (students, parents, & staff) to focus on for the '10 – '11 school year:

I'd like for us to work together to reinforce the fact that standardized tests (ITBS & NWEA) are very important. As much as we may dislike the tests, they do play an important part in a student's education plan. When we are working to make educational decisions regarding a student, we use those tests scores as important factors in our decision making. If a student doesn't give his/her best effort to ensure accurate scores we could make an ineffective decision. Please discuss the reasons for giving a good effort on these tests with your child throughout the school year.

Another issue that constantly comes up is the number of students that do not complete homework on time or with quality. We made some strides in this area during the '09-'10 school year, but we need 100% cooperation on this topic, so we'll keep working to improve our efforts in this area. The amount of time that teachers spend dealing with students with poor or incomplete work takes quality time away from the rest of the education process. Teachers work to assign an appropriate amount of homework. Completing the homework on time and with a good effort is the student's "job". Making students accountable at home and at school shows a good partnership. The message should be that parents and school staff members feel timeliness and quality work are important. These types of skills will undoubtedly suit our students well as they progress through middle school, high school, college, and into the work force. Let's work together to better insure that our students are adequately prepared for life after elementary school. A good way to do that is to make sure the school and/or your child's teacher has updated parent contact information. E-mail has become a good way to communicate with parents. We hate to disturb parents at their work place unless it is an emergency. Communication via e-mail allows parents to respond to an issue when time permits.

Please take the time to work with your child on reading and math skills on a regular basis. Improving the skills in those two areas will be reflected in all subject areas. Just taking the time to listen to your child read on a consistent basis and demonstrating proper reading techniques will result in improved abilities for your child. Find books that your child likes and can read comfortably and let him/her read to you or someone else. Practicing math facts on a regular basis will help your child to be prepared for the skills he/she will need as he/she progresses from grade-to-grade.

Important Information

Student registration will be held on Tuesday, August 10, from 9:00 AM until 7:00 PM. You may register your student(s) at either the north or south attendance center. Many of the registration materials can be found on the school's website (www.boyer-valley.k12.ia.us). You can simply log on to the website, print off the necessary paperwork, complete it at a convenient time for you, and bring the completed paperwork with you to registration. Please have your child's social security number when you come to registration. We also ask that you provide your e-mail address to the school during registration. In order to ensure better privacy, the central office will be notifying you via e-mail regarding your family's lunch balance when possible. Teachers also like to have e-mail addresses available in order to better communicate with families.

If you have any court documents regarding child custody please provide them to the school at registration. Unless the school has a court order, both parents have the same rights regarding custody and student information.

Class lists and bus routes for the 2010 – 2011 school year will be handed out at registration.

Boyer Valley Elementary's 2010 – 2011 Open House will be held on Tuesday, August 17, from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Your child should bring his/her classroom supplies and put them in his/her new room. This is also a good opportunity for parents to meet their child's new teacher(s). Fifth grade band students will have the opportunity to visit the band display during Open House. Students can try various instruments and decide which one is best suited for him/her.

Students will be dismissed at 2:15/2:30 PM on August 18 & 19 for teacher in-service meetings. Friday, August 29, will be normal school hours.

There will be an early-out each Wednesday throughout the school year. Dismissal time for Wednesdays will now be 2:15/2:30 PM. These early outs are used for staff trainings, professional development follow up, incorporation plans for DE requirements such as Iowa Core Curriculum, and teacher collaboration.

If your child is going to be absent from school, please call to inform us of the absence. You can call to talk to a secretary directly or leave a message on the school's voice mail. If you don't call the school, a school representative will call you to confirm the absence. Along those same lines, please try to coordinate your child's after-school plans before your child leaves for school. We realize that changes can occur throughout the day, but a lot of changes to an elementary child's after-school plans can cause confusion and stress on the part of the child. Notes and phone calls to the school help to ease some of that confusion and stress when changes to after-school plans do occur.

Parents & Guests

In an effort to increase safety in our building and to reduce distractions to the educational process several precautions have been put in place at the elementary building. All exterior doors will be locked during the school day except for the main entrance. We enjoy the accessibility of our building but the accessibility can also be convenient for strangers to enter our premises. If you need to enter the school building during the school day, please use the main (west) entrance and report to the office. This will allow for school personnel to better monitor the people entering our building. If you plan to visit your child or pick him/her up early, we ask that you report to the office and/or wait for your student in the main lobby at the end of the school day. If you need your child prior to regular dismissal times or need to meet with your child's teacher, you can go to the office and Marvel will phone your child's classroom. Classroom teachers have hectic responsibilities at the end of each school day. Students often come to school with changes to their normal transportation plans. If teachers are disrupted for even a few seconds during dismissal times, a student may end up going to the wrong destination after school. If visitors report to the office first, a convenient time can be arranged for the visitor and teacher to meet. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

Race & Ethnicity Categorization for Federal Reporting

Recently, the federal government changed the procedure for identifying race and ethnicity. Not only do the changes allow individuals to more accurately identify themselves, but it also matches the race and ethnicity collections on federal reporting such as the Census. All schools in Iowa report student data to the Iowa Department of Education using new categories. If your children have been previously registered in our district it is possible that no changes will be necessary. If you are registering a kindergartener or a new student to our district we will ask you to provide information on your children's ethnicity and race during the registration process for the 2010-2011 school year. We will collect this data via a simple form. If we do not receive a response from you, the school district is required to have an employee make a designation based on observation. School districts are not allowed to leave this space blank.

For more information about the data reporting categories, please visit the Race/Ethnicity Regulations section at the Iowa Department of Education's website (<http://www.iowa.gov/educate/>) under Data Reporting (on the left-hand side). Then click on Reporting Race/Ethnicity in Iowa. You will be directed to a web page that explains these new guidelines.

Elementary Student Dismissal Times

Dunlap shuttle students dismissed @ 3:11 PM

Dow City town students dismissed @ 3:18 PM

Dow City & Arion bus students dismissed @ 3:25 PM

Dear Future Band Parents,

*By Dennis M. Fett, Director of Instrumental Music
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On behalf of the Boyer Valley Community School instrumental music department, I would like to take this opportunity to invite your son or daughter to join band this school year. Music is a lifelong activity that will benefit your son or daughter for the rest of their lives.

If you own an instrument that is in excellent playing condition and has been checked by a music technician, your student may use that instrument. If your instrument has not been checked out, I will need to check it prior to band to make sure it is in working condition. I can check out your used band instrument when school starts for teachers on August 16, 2010

We will have a meeting for all new band students and parents in the Dow City Music room on August 17, 2010 from 6:30pm to 6:45pm. At this time I will give a presentation for parents and students on what to expect in band for the upcoming year, after which you will be free to meet with Mid Bell Music. They will be here until 7:30 p.m.

Many may need an instrument. We will have a band display of all of the instruments. Mid Bell Music from Sioux City (1-800-798-1000) will be available to answer all of your questions regarding the rental and/or purchasing of an instrument for your child. All band students need a lesson book. They will sell lesson books (about \$9.95 and music stands (optional, about \$15.00) for all.

Band will begin for 5th Graders on the week of August 23, 2010. Your new instrument will be handed out to your child at that time. Those of you who have your own instruments, should see that your child brings it to school this week.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions concerning your son's or daughter's participation in band. We expect a large crowd that evening so you may want to come early.

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2010-2011 SUPPLY LIST

Preschool: Large school bag, complete change of clothing, 2 plastic folders with 3 brass fasteners in middle and 2 pockets, 2 glue sticks, toothbrush and toothbrush holder, Kleenex, 1 box crayola crayons, 1 box washable classic crayola markers regular not thin.

Kindergarten: 1 pair of Fiskar scissors, 2 bottles of Elmer's school glue, (not gel/stick or no run), pencils (12) 1 small art box, 1 box of Crayola crayons (no more than 16), Classic Crayola markers (regular, not thin), PLASTIC folders (Oxford-with 3 brass fasteners in the middle & 2 pockets) (6) for Mrs. Casey's class and (3) for Mrs. Christie's class, 4 large Expo dry erase markers, 2 big pink erasers, 1 12 ct. box of gallon size zip lock baggies, 1 large box (250 ct.) kleenex, P.E. shoes.

First Grade: Book bag, pencils, 3 folders with pockets at the bottom (not along the side), 1 box of 24 crayola crayons, 1 pair of Fiskar scissors, 1 large bottle of white, washable school glue-we have carpet (no glue sticks), 1 small plastic pencil box spiral notebook with wide lines, 1 large eraser, 2 large boxes (250 ct.) kleenex, P.E. shoes. No markers, please.

Second Grade: Several pencils, pencil box, 2 lg. erasers, box of crayons (any size), 2 large bottles of glue, 1 pocket folder, scissors, markers, ruler (inch and centimeter), 1 large box of kleenex (250 ct.), 2 red checking pens, P.E. shoes, 4 dry erase markers (not yellow). NO pencil sharpeners, please

Third Grade: Several pencils, colored pencils, crayons (small box), large eraser, checking pen, ruler, pair of scissors, school glue, dry erase markers, dry erase eraser or old cloth, 2 folders with pockets, small plastic art box, three spiral notebooks with wide lines, markers (optional), book bag, 2 large boxes (250 ct.) kleenex, P.E. shoes.

Fourth Grade: #2 pencils, ruler with one side metric, scissors, erasers, crayons (24 or less), 1 red correcting pen, 3 blue or black erasable pens, 1 box colored pencils, small bottle of Elmer's glue, 3 wide line spiral notebooks (more as they need them), 1 accordion folder, 1 regular folder (no trapper), set of wide tip water color markers, art box for markers, crayons, glue, & scissors, 200 3x5 lined file cards, 2 large boxes of kleenex, 1-2 ultra or extra fine sharpie markers, P.E. shoes, calculator, pencil holder for pencils, pens, & erasers.

Fifth Grade: Pencils, pens, paper (both notebook and loose leaf), protractor, calculator, metric/standard ruler, checking pens, art box, markers, crayons, scissors, glue, colored pencils, 2 large boxes kleenex, 2-3 black extra fine tip sharpie markers, 1 zippered or small pencil holder, 150-3x5 lined file cards, accordion folder (no trapper) found @ WalMart, P.E. shoes. Pkg of 4 lg. EXPO dry eraser markers

Middle School: Pens, pencils, assignment book, notebooks.

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.



Principally Speaking

By Chad Straight, BV South 6-12 Principal
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New School Year Means New Opportunities

I always look forward to the beginning of the school year because each year there are students who for whatever reason have matured and put behind them some self-destructive tendencies that have prevented them from reaching their potential. Whether it's improving on study habits, work ethic, goals, or attitude these students found a way to improve themselves.

It's one of the most fulfilling aspects of being an educator. We get to help these students each year and hope to somehow improve not only their knowledge of the different curriculum areas, but also their understanding of their own lives. As the students mature and develop, we have the privilege of watching their development first hand.

These transitions benefit the student most at the beginning of the school year. The beginning of the school year, rather than the beginning of a new year, is an excellent time for students to make new resolutions. Often during the school year, a student will mention that he/she regrets not putting more effort into his/her work or that he/she regrets not making better decisions. Students who come to this realization usually have already let much of the semester pass them by, or they have done so little that it becomes almost impossible for them to recover academically.

As the new school year begins I encourage parents and students to talk about their goals for the school year, and I challenge each student to improve upon his/her previous accomplishments. William Faulkner once said, "Do not bother to just be better than your contemporaries or predecessors. Try to be better than yourself."

Cancellations/Late Starts

In case of inclement weather- late starts, early outs, or no school, announcements can be heard on the following stations:

KDSN 107.1 FM KNOD 105.3 FM

WOWTV Ch.6 KETV Ch. 7

KMTV Ch. 3 KFAB 1110 AM

SNOW CAP @ www.snowcaponline.net

Or call 643-2251 Ext. 263 for the BVS school recorder, or 674-3248 Ext. 2 BVN.

You can also get the latest updates on all school closings, cancellations and postponements sent to your cell phone or computer. Visit the SNOWCAP website and sign up to have individual alerts sent via text message or email whenever there is a weather or emergency situation requiring a change in normal school hours. You will know what's going on immediately. Anyone can sign up and the best part is that it's free.

STUDENT REGISTRATION

Registering your child for the upcoming school year is very important. You provide us with your child's updated information, receive schedules and pay fees.

This year we are giving you two options to register for the 2010-2011 school year. You may register on, Tuesday, August 10, 2010 from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm., at either location, Boyer Valley South or Boyer Valley North. Or you may go on-line at boyer-valley.fesdev.org/ or www.boyer-valley.k12.ia.us, go to the registration tab and follow the instructions to print the registration forms and mail in with your student fees on or before August 10, 2010.

Hopefully these two options will make registering your child for school more convenient for you and the school staff. Remember it is important to have this paper work done before school starts. Please do not wait until Open House or the first day of school. Thank you for your cooperation.

NO MORE BOOK BAGS

In this day of safety concerns, a concern of school systems nationwide is the book bag, which seems to have replaced the locker. One concern with book bags is the size and weight, which have been blamed for early onset back problems. Another concern is when every student carries a book bag to every class, the book bags occupy much of the limited traffic paths in a classroom and make navigating the room difficult for the teacher as well as the students. The biggest argument against the use of book bags in the school is the fact that anything from weapons to drugs can be hidden in book bags. Because of these concerns, book bags must remain in the student's locker. When shopping for school supplies for the 2010-2011 school year, please remember, book bags must remain in the student's locker, and it has limited space.

FREE AND REDUCED FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY AUGUST 10TH. THANK YOU.

BV HOT LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Once again the Boyer Valley School District will be providing a hot lunch and breakfast program to students and staff. The cost for student lunches will be \$1.80 for grades PreK thru 5th and \$1.90 for 6th grade thru 12th. Breakfast cost will be \$1.15. All guest and adult lunches will be \$2.45, with breakfast costing \$1.30. Extra milk can be purchased for an additional \$.35 fee. All second entrees will be \$1.00.

In order to operate this lunch program it is important for all families to keep a balance in their lunch account to enable their children to eat. THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO CHARGING OF ANY MEAL, MILK OR A-LA-CARTE ITEM, IF YOUR LUNCH ACCOUNT BALANCE IS IN THE NEGATIVE. The school can refuse to serve a student who does not have adequate funding in the account. A peanut butter sandwich and milk will be offered to students whose balance is negative.

To avoid this problem the school will send home statements every Tuesday, with the youngest child in the household. These statements will show you a balance of \$30.00 or less. You may also receive a lunch statement by e-mail this year. If this is an option you would like, and have not already done so, send your e-mail address to malonel@boyer-valley.k12.ia.us and request you be put on the lunch statement e-mail system, or leave it with us at registration. If your e-mail address has changed make sure to let us know.

THE FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM

will once again be offered to Boyer Valley students who qualify. Families who feel they are eligible should complete the "Application For Free and Reduced Priced School Meals" found on the tan sheet in this newsletter, and return to the school on or before August 10th. Meals received prior to approval of application do not qualify. We are required to verify the applications and it will save considerable time if you have carefully and properly filled out and returned the completed application promptly.

Parents are welcomed to eat lunch with their child. We only ask that you please inform the teacher so we can make arrangements with the kitchen at least a day in advance. Also, please do not visit the first two weeks of school.



SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures will be taken by Life Touch this year on, Thursday, August 26, 2010. They will begin at 8:00 am in both the Boyer Valley South and North buildings, with preschool and staff. Information will be sent home with your child at a later date.

PHYSICALS

Any 7th -12th grade student wanting to participate in any sporting event must have a physical and insurance or insurance wavier form completed, signed and on file in the school office before participating in any practices or camps. Physical forms can be picked up at registration or in the school office. The insurance waiver and corresponding information can be found on the pink sheet in this newsletter.

OPEN HOUSE

Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, August 17, 2010, from 6:00-7:00 pm for Boyer Valley North PreK through 5th grade students and their parents. Bring your school supplies, meet your teachers, and find your rooms. This is a great way to start the new school year! Remember this is not a time to register your child for school. Registration is August 10, 2010.

STUDENT ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

Students should not enter the school building prior to 8:00 am, unless they are participating in the breakfast program. Breakfast begins at 7:45 and students should not be in the building before this time! After eating students should return to the designated area.

When students are dismissed the rural students are to get on the bus immediately and the town students are to go home. There will be no playing on the school grounds immediately after school. Students may return after they have gone home. There will be no school personnel to supervise the playground after school.

We request that the school be notified if anyone other than parents or legal guardian will be picking up the student from school. Parents should impress upon their children the need for caution in offers of help, rides, etc. coming from strangers.

2010-2011 School Fees

Text Book Fee

\$15 Elementary/\$20 Middle-High School/\$30 family

Activity Card

Student All Year Pass \$ 30.00

Adult All Year Pass \$ 80.00

Family All Year Pass \$175.00

Meals

Student Lunch \$ 1.80 (PreK-5) \$1.90 (6-12)

Adult & Guest Lunch \$ 2.45

Student Breakfast \$ 1.15

Adult & Guest Breakfast \$ 1.30

Kindergarten Milk \$63.00

Pre-School \$35.00 per semester \$70.00 a year

Varsity Sporting Events

Adult \$ 5.00

Student \$ 3.00

STUDENT INSURANCE INFORMATION

Please note that the District does not purchase insurance to cover the students while taking part in school sponsored activities.

Families that qualify for free and reduced lunch may also qualify for the Iowa free or reduced HAWK-i Comprehensive Health Insurance. Call 1-800-257-8563 to determine if your family qualifies, and to request a brochure/application.

For families who do not qualify for, or do not wish to take part in the Hawk-i Insurance the district is making available a Student Accident Insurance policy. For more details on this insurance see the pink form in this newsletter. If you have adequate insurance, please sign the insurance wavier at the bottom of the pink form and return to the school during registration.

BUS ROUTES

Bus routes and alternate bus routes for the 2010-2011 school year will be available at registration. Shuttle busses leave both schools at 8:05 and return after school at 3:25.

ANNUAL MANDATED NOTIFICATIONS

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Parents or guardians considering the use of the option to enroll their children in another public school district in the state of Iowa should be aware of the following dates:

*March 1, 2011 -- Last date for open enrollment requests for the 2011-2012 school year.

*September 1, 2011 -- Last date for open enrollment for entering Kindergarten students and those falling under the "good cause" definition for the 2011-2012 school year. Parents or guardians of open enrollment students whose income falls below 160 percent of the federal poverty guidelines are eligible for transportation assistance. This may be in the form of actual transportation or in the form of a cash stipend. For further details, contact the superintendent's office.

POST SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS ACT

The state of Iowa has established a program called the "Post Secondary Enrollment Options Act." This act makes it possible for the 11th and 12th grade students to take college courses for which the local district is obligated to pay expenses up to \$200, not including travel. The course must be one that is not currently offered at the local school and must be nonsectarian. The accepted course must be taken through an eligible Iowa post secondary school. See the Dean of Students for further information.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Parents/Guardians of the Boyer Valley Community District prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion or creed, color, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender age, socio-economic status or disability in its educational programs, activities or employment policies as required by Title VI and VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the Educational Amendments, and Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Any student, parent of a student, or employee of the district shall have the right to file a formal complaint alleging noncompliance with regulations outlined in the above-named acts.

Inquiries or concerns regarding the grievance procedure may be directed to Chad Straight, Principal, Boyer Valley School, 1102 Iowa Ave, Dunlap, IA 51529 (712-643-2251), to the Director of the Civil Rights Commission, Des Moines, or to the Director of the Civil Rights Commission, Des Moines, or to the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037, Kansas City, Mo, 64114 (816-268-0550), Telecommunication Device for the Deaf: 800-437-0833, E-MAIL: OCR.KansasCity@ed.gov, WebSite: <http://www.ed.gov/ocr>

RELEASE OF STUDENT & RECORDS INFORMATION

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) afford parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. They are: (1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the district receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. (2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading or in violation of the student's privacy rights. Parents or eligible students may ask the school district to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the district decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the district will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing. (3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support

staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the school board; a person or company with whom the district has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, AEA employees, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee or student assistance team, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. (4) The right to inform the school district that the parent does not want directory information, as defined below, to be released. Directory information can be released without prior parental consent. Any student over the age of eighteen or parent not wanting this information released to the public must make object in writing by 8/1 to the principal. The objection needs to be renewed annually. NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE LISTING, DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, E-MAIL ADDRESS, GRADE LEVEL, ENROLLMENT STATUS, MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY, PARTICIPATION IN OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS, WEIGHT AND HEIGHT OF MEMBERS OF ATHLETIC TEAMS, DATES OF ATTENDANCE, DEGREES AND AWARDS RECEIVED, THE MOST RECENT PREVIOUS SCHOOL OR INSTITUTION ATTENDED BY THE STUDENT, PHOTOGRAPH AND LIKENESS AND OTHER SIMILAR INFORMATION. (5) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the district to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., SW, Washington, DC, 20202-4605.

WAIVER OF FEES

Students whose families meet the income guidelines for free and reduced price lunch, the Family Investment Program (FIP) Supplemental Security Income (SSI), transportation assistance under open enrollment, or who are in foster care are eligible to have their student fees waived or partially waived. Students whose families are experiencing a temporary financial difficulty may be eligible for a temporary waiver of student fees. Parents of students who believe they may qualify for temporary financial hardship should contact the superintendent's office. Forms can be found elsewhere in this newsletter or will be available at registration. This waiver does not carry over from year to year and must be completed annually.

ABUSE OF STUDENTS

Pursuant to Chapter 232 of the Iowa Code, abuse of children may fall in either of the two categories: (1) The non-accidental physical injury of a student as a result of the action of an agency employee or (2) Sexual offenses of misconduct as defined by Iowa Code, Chapter 709. The investigators for the alleged abuse of a student by an employee are: Level I - Amy Bemus (643-2251) & Level II - Harrison, Monona or Crawford Co. Sheriff.

CHEMICAL RIGHT-TO-KNOW

This is to notify you of the hazardous chemicals that we have in our buildings. The chemicals are evaluated and the proper information is available to those it affects. For the safety of all, chemicals are stored away from students and staff who do not need them.

ASBESTOS/AHERA NOTIFICATION

The Boyer Valley School Districts are required by law to notify occupants of the building about the existence of friable and nonfriable asbestos. The district has had the buildings inspected and has a management plan in operation, equipment has been purchased, and appropriate records are being maintained.

The asbestos management plan indicates the location, condition and response act to minimize the exposure of asbestos to the building occupants. The building plans are available to the public at the superintendent's office. A copy has also been sent to the state office.

OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE TO BLOOD BORNE PATHOGENS

The Boyer Valley School Districts has established written procedures and guidelines to eliminate or minimize occupational exposure to blood borne pathogens. The plan for designated employees include scope and application, definitions, exposure control, methods of compliance, Hepatitis B vaccination, and post-exposure evaluation and follow-up, communication to hazards to employees and record keeping.

HOMELESS STUDENTS

In accordance with Chapter 3, Iowa Administrative Code. The Boyer Valley Schools encourage homeless children and youth to enroll in school. A homeless child is defined as a child or youth between the ages of 5 and 21 who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence and includes a child or youth who is living on the street, in a car, tent, or abandoned building or some other form of shelter not designed as a permanent home; who is living in a community shelter facility; or who is living with nonnuclear family members or with friends, who may or may not have legal guardianship over the child or youth of school age. For more information, please contact Thomas Vint at 643-2251.

MEDICATION POLICY

Students may need to take prescription or non-prescription medication during school hours. The medication must be prescribed by a licensed medical or osteopathic physician or dentist. Students may carry prescription medication only under special circumstances and only with the permission of the parents and principal. The school must know the medications a student is taking in the event the student has a reaction or illness. Students must provide written instruction for administration of any medication as well as parental authorization and signed request to administer the medication. The prescription and the parent's signed request to dispense the medication are kept on file in the office. Medication is held in a locked cabinet (or refrigerated when required) and distributed by the school nurse. Medication must be in the original container with the following information either on the container, in the instruction sheet or in the parental authorization: name, phone number, and address of the pharmacy (if applicable); date of prescription (if applicable); name of the physician (if applicable); and potential side effects. No aspirin will be dispensed at school unless a written permission note from the parent is on file in the school office. The over-the-counter medications must be in the original container. We cannot give any medication that is not properly labeled. The note from the parent must be dated and signed by the parent, and written directions for giving enclosed. These instructions must be renewed at the beginning of each school year and all previous aspirin instructions will be destroyed at the end of each school year.

HEALTH/HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT CURRICULUM

The Boyer Valley Schools have adopted a sequentially developed Health/Human Development Curriculum for grades K-12. Parents and guardians may have their child excused from the class when human growth and development topics are taught. The students will incur no penalty but may be required to complete an alternative assignment that relates to the class and is consistent with assignments required of all students in the class. Parents wishing to have their student excused from the human growth and development topics should contact the building principal to secure the required excuse form. Information relating to the human growth and development topics and when they will be taught can be obtained by contacting the classroom teacher.

DISABILITIES ACT

The Boyer Valley Community School Districts are committed to complying with the requirements in Section 504 of the Vocational/Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Americans with Disabilities Act is seeking information from adults with disabilities in our community.

1. Do you have a physical or mental disability, and do you have a child enrolled in our school? We are responsible for providing you access to parent-teacher conferences and other programs and activities, including graduation.
2. Are you or do you know of an individual with a disability that may attend a function in our buildings? We would like to be aware of this in case there are physical barriers in accessing our building. If you have special needs as detailed above, please contact the superintendent's office at 643-2251.

EXTENDED YEAR SPECIAL EDUCATION

This will be considered written notice to all parents of students (eligible individuals) who qualify as potential recipients of extended year special education (EYSE). In certain circumstances, to ensure provision of a free, appropriate education, an eligible individual shall be provided extended year special education in identified critical skill areas when the special education instructional program, support services, or both in which the individual is regularly participating are not

in session for periods of three or more consecutive weeks. A review of all eligible individuals receiving special education shall be conducted by the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team for the purpose of identifying those individuals who may require extended year special education in accordance with this rule. The parents of the eligible individual shall be provided written notice of the IEP team's subsequent determination regarding the individual's need for extended year special education services, may appeal the decision by contacting the school.

Special education policies, suspension/expulsion procedures, and a student's due process rights may be obtained from either principal.

DRUG FREE WORK PLACE

The Boyer Valley Board of Education has adopted a policy related to maintaining a drug free work place. All employees are informed about the dangers of drug abuse in the work place. Employees are also made aware of available drug counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the work place.

HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS

Parents and or guardians in the Boyer Valley Community School District have the right to learn about the following qualifications of their child's teacher: state licensure requirements for the grade level and content areas taught, the current licensing status of your child's teacher, and baccalaureate/graduate certification/degree. You may also request the qualifications of an instructional paraprofessional who serves your student in a Title I program or if your school operates a school wide Title I program.

Parents/Guardians may request this information from the Office of the Superintendent by calling 643-5702 or sending a letter of request to Office of the Superintendent, 1102 Iowa Ave., Dunlap, IA 51529.

EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

The board will not discriminate in its educational activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or marital status.

The board requires all person, agencies, vendors, contractors and other person and organizations doing business with or performing services for the school district to subscribe to all applicable federal and state laws, executive orders, rules and regulations pertaining to contract compliance and equal opportunity.

The board is committed to the policy that no otherwise qualified person will be excluded from education activities on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability. Further, the board affirms the right of all students and staff to be treated with respect and to be protected from intimidation, discrimination, physical harm and harassment

CIVIL RIGHTS

It is the policy of the Boyer Valley Community School not to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, or religion in its programs, activities, or employment practices as required by the Iowa Code section 216.7. If you have questions or grievances related to compliance with this policy by the Boyer Valley Community School, please contact the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, Grimes State Office Building, 400 E. 14th St., Des Moines, IA 50319-1004; phone number 515-281-4121, 800-457-4416, web site: <http://www.state.ia.us/government/crc/index.html>.

ANTI-BULLYING/HARASSMENT POLICY

The Board prohibits harassment, bullying, hazing, or any other victimization, of students, based on any of the following actual or perceived traits or characteristics, including but not limited to, race, color, age, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, socioeconomic status, religion, creed, sex, physical attributes, physical or mental ability or disability ancestry, political party preference, political belief, or familial status. Harassment against employees based upon race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, age, gender, marital status, socioeconomic status or disability is also prohibited.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

School district property is held in public trust by the board. School district authorities may, without a search warrant, search students or protected student areas based on a reasonable and articulable suspicion that a school district policy, rule, regulation or law has been violated. The search is in a manner reasonable in scope to maintain order and discipline in the schools, promote the educational environment, and protect the safety and welfare of students, employees and visitors to the school district facilities. The furnishing of a locker, desk or other facility or space owned by the school and provided as a courtesy to a student, even if the student provides the lock for it, will not create a protected student area and will not give rise to an expectation of privacy with respect to the locker, desk, or other facility.

School authorities may seize any illegal, unauthorized or contraband materials discovered in the search. Items of contraband may include, but are not limited to, nonprescription controlled substances, marijuana, cocaine, amphetamines, barbiturates, apparatus used for controlled substances, alcoholic beverages, tobacco, weapons, explosives, poisons and stolen property. Such items are not to be possessed by a student while they are on school district property or on property within the jurisdiction of the school district; while on school owned and/or operated school or chartered vehicles; while attending or engaged in school activities; and while away from school grounds if misconduct will directly affect the good order, efficient management and welfare of the school district. Possession of such items will be grounds for disciplinary action including suspension or expulsion and may be reported to local law enforcement officials. The board believes that illegal, unauthorized or contraband materials may cause material and substantial disruption to the school environment or presents a threat to the health and safety of students, employees, or visitors on the school district premises or property within the jurisdiction of the school district.

STUDENT LOCKERS

Student lockers are the property of the school district. Students will use the lockers assigned to them by the school district for storing their school materials and personal belongings necessary for attendance at school. It is the responsibility of students to keep their assigned lockers clean and undamaged.

To ensure students are properly maintaining their assigned lockers, the principal of the building may periodically inspect all or a random selection of lockers. Either students or another individual will be present during the inspection of lockers. Student lockers may also be searched, at any time and without advance notice, in compliance with board policy regulating search and seizure.



In alliance with NFHS and supported by NFL and MLB players, eKnowledge donates \$200 SAT and ACT Test Prep Programs

eKnowledge Corporation, the leading supplier of interactive learning software for college test preparation is donating SAT and ACT Test Prep Programs to high school students across America.

eKnowledge recently announced the continuation of its Sponsorship Alliance Program, donating free world class SAT and ACT College Test Preparation Programs.

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1. Visit: www.eKnowledge.com/USA
2. Enter Sponsorship Code: **31B8607802**

To order by telephone: **951-256-4076**, mention you heard about the donation through NFHS

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For further information, please contact Lori Caputo, 951-256-4076 LoriCaputo@eKnowledge.com

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STUDENT COUNCIL

Co-Presidents: Dillon Malone & Makayla Carter



Varsity Football

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
8/27/10	Whiting	7pm	Whiting
9/3/10	Kingsley/Pierson	7pm	Dunlap
9/10/10	East Greene	7pm	Grand Junction
9/17/10	ArWeVa	7pm	Dunlap
9/24/10	Coon Rapids-Bayard	7pm	Dunlap
10/01/10	Charter Oak-Ute	7pm	Charter Oak
10/08/10	Glidden-Ralston	7pm	Dunlap
10/15/10	Woodbine	7pm	Woodbine
10/22/10	Walnut	7pm	Dunlap

Varsity Volleyball

Date	Opponent	Level	Loca.	Time
8/26/10	MoValley	9th/JV/V	Away	6pm
9/2/10	West Monona	9th/JV/V	Home	6pm
9/4/10	MoValley Tournament	V	Away	9am
9/9/10	Whiting	9th/JV/V	Away	6pm
9/11/10	West Monona Tourney	V	Away	TBA
9/13/10	Denison/Schleswig	9th/JV	Away	5:30pm
9/14/10	Woodbine	9th/JV/V	Away	6pm
9/18/10	Denison/Schleswig	9th	Away	9am
9/21/10	COU	9th/JV/V	Home	6pm
9/25/10	Western Valley Conf.	V	TBA	TBA
9/30/10	COU	9th/JV/V	Away	6pm
10/04/10	AHST	9th/JV/V	Away	6pm
10/05/10	IKM/Manning	9th/JV/V	Away	6pm
10/07/10	ArWeVa	9th/JV/V	Home	6pm
10/09/10	MV/AO Tournament	9th/10th	Away	8:30am
10/12/10	West Harrison	9th/JV/V	Home	6pm
10/14/10	LoMa	9th/JV/V	Away	6pm
10/16/10	MV/AO Tournament	JV	Away	8:30am

Middle School Football

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
9/9/10	Coon Rapids – Bayard	Dunlap	4:00pm
9/13/10	Elk Horn – Kimballton/Exira	Dunlap	4:30pm
9/20/10	Woodbine	Wdbn	4:30pm
10/04/10	COU	Charter Oak	4:30pm
10/11/10	ArWeVa	Dunlap	4:30pm

Cross Country

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
8/31/10	LoMa	5pm	Logan
9/7/10	Treynor	5pm	Treynor
9/11/10	RidgeView	9am	Holstein
9/16/10	Panora	4:30pm	Panora
9/21/10	Tri-Center	4:30pm	Neola
9/28/10	Denison/Schleswig	4:30pm	Denison
10/4/10	Woodbine	4:30pm	Woodbine
10/7/10	Atlantic	5pm	Atlantic
10/16/10	Wstrn Vly Conf	TBA	Woodbine

JV Volleyball

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
9/7/10	Glidden/Ralston	6pm	Glidden
9/13/10	Elk Horn-Kimballton/Exira	6:30pm	Dunlap
9/20/10	Woodbine	6:30pm	Woodbine
9/27/10	Coon Rapids-Bayard	6pm	Dunlap
10/04/10	Charter Oak – Ute	6:30pm	Charter Oak
10/11/10	ArWeVa	6:30pm	Dunlap
10/18/10	Kingsley Pierson	6:30pm	Kingsley

MS Volleyball

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
9/14/10	IKM/Manning	DC	4pm
9/16/10	Woodbine	Wdbn	4pm
9/20/10	LoMa	Logan	3:45pm
9/27/10	Woodbine	DC	4pm
10/07/10	West Harrison	DC	4pm
10/14/10	Denison/Schleswig	Dension	4pm

Bulldog Fight Song

Onward Bulldogs,
Onward Bulldogs
Fight on for your fame.

Onward Bulldogs,
Onward Bulldogs
Fight on for your fame.

Run the ball
right down the field
And a victory's sure this game.

Fight bulldogs, Fight
and you will win this ga-me!

Rah, Rah, Rah!

Please note that these schedules are subject to changes, additions, and cancellations.

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This newsletter is prepared in the office of the Superintendent to inform parents and other interested persons of the happenings concerning the Boyer Valley Community School. Contributions include students, faculty, and administration.

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*is to promote and deliver a comprehensive,
futuristic educational program
challenging all students to develop their full potential
by providing and using all available resources.*

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