

## Boyd Elementary Orientation

### School Day

7:50-8:00 Pledges, Moment of Silence and Daily Announcements (Friday Rise and Shine)

8:00-3:30 Regular School Day

8:05 --Tardy Bell. Your child is counted tardy if they come in after this bell.

### Arrival:

All students must enter the front of the building upon arriving to school and go to the cafeteria for breakfast or the gym where their teachers will pick them up and take them to class. Neither students nor parents may enter the building through the cafeteria doors or the third grade wing.

*\*\*All visitors must leave their driver's license and get a pass from the office to be in the building.\*\**

### Dismissal

**\*\*\*If there is a change in the way your child will be getting home from school you must send a note or call the office prior to 2:00. This protects the safety of all of our students.\*\*\***

### Car Riders:

Parents will stay in their vehicles and we will bring your child to you. You will be issued cards with your child's name and teacher on them. This must be displayed with your child's name visible through the window.

- Students in second and third grade will be dismissed on the east side of the building (the new wing). Parents will need to drive through the parking lot into the circle drive.
- Parents picking up **first grade students only** should pull in the circle drive in front of the building in the **right hand lane** beginning at the first column on the porch.
- If you are picking up students **in Pre-K or Kindergarten** you should pull up in front of the **kindergarten doors**. I know this is a relatively small area and will fill up quickly, but these students will be dismissed at 3:20 and will be leaving the campus first, so this congestion should thin out quickly.
- If you have children in **multiple grade levels**, please line up in the line appropriate for your youngest child. Example: If your children are in 3<sup>rd</sup> and Kindergarten, you should line up in the Kindergarten line and both of your children will be brought to you.
- **Everyone must remain in their cars** with the name **card displayed** in the front **window**. (This card is attached to your enrollment packet) **Teachers will bring your child to your car**, at which time you can leave when the way is clear.

### **Important Reminders:**

- #1. If you need to **get out** of your car you must **park** in the parking lot between 2:30 and 3:40 PM
- #2. **If a card** with your child's name is not displayed, **we will not release the student**. It will be necessary to come into the building and check them out at the office. This is a security measure that is designed to expedite dismissal while at the same time ensuring that students are only dismissed to the appropriate adult.
- **\*\*\*In the event you need multiple cards please contact your child's teacher and he/she will make sure you get as many as you need. These extra cards, in effect, are your permission slip to allow us to let your child go home with someone other than you.**

### Bus Transportation:

Students are required to follow all expectations of the school and the rules for riding the bus when they are in transit on district transportation vehicles. Students who repeatedly do not abide by these guidelines are subject to suspension and expulsion from the bus. The safety of all the students on the bus is at stake. If you are new to Boyd ISD and live in the district you should contact our transportation department with your address to arrange pickup of your child. Transportation contact person is Robin Cathey at 940-255-9189.

## **Breakfast/ Lunch**

Menus are sent home at the beginning of each month with the monthly newsletter and are also accessible on line at <http://sww.boydisd.net/boydes/site/default.asp>. Breakfast is \$1.25 and includes milk, juice, and either the entrée or cereal. Lunch is \$2.00 and includes milk, 2 vegetables, 1 fruit or sweet and an entrée. Boyd ISD has a no charge policy. You can prepay in the cafeteria from 7:30-12:30. You can monitor your child's account online from the Elementary website:

<http://sww.boydisd.net/boydes/site/default.asp> click on the My Nutrikids link, login and you will have access to their account where you can prepay. Students are allowed to purchase items individually from the menu at a la carte prices as well as purchase additional milk or meal. *Boyd ISD complies with all state and federal guidelines concerning foods of minimal nutritional value.*

## **Attendance**

If your child is absent you will get a call from the district's **automated call system** notifying you of the absence. In addition, you may get a phone call from your child's teacher or principal. **Please send a note indicating why your child was absent from school when your child returns to school.**

**Tardy Policy and Procedures** -- If a student is late to school, he/she must come to the office for a pass to enter class. If your child is tardy due to a medical or dental appointment, please send a note and the tardy will be excused. All other tardies are unexcused. (Oversleeping or running late is not considered an excused tardy.)

**Perfect Attendance** -- Recognition is achieved by students who achieve perfect attendance throughout the six weeks period, or throughout the entire year for end of school honors. Each six weeks a Perfect Attendance Certificate will be awarded to each child who has earned Perfect Attendance. In addition, each child will receive one ticket to be placed in a drawing each six weeks for a family award. These may include a popcorn movie basket, family game night basket or tickets to a Ranger's Game, family bowling passes or tickets to Six Flags for the entire family. Students with Perfect Attendance for the year will be recognized at the End of the Year Awards Ceremony.

## **Discipline**

As principal, I am here to ensure a safe learning environment for all students. We practice positive discipline and follow the Eight Expectations for Living. Teachers will use an office referral as a last resort, unless the behavior is severe. Students will respect them more if they handle the problem within their class. Parents will be notified of their child's misbehavior in most cases by the teacher. You may have questions that only the teacher can answer. If a student is referred to the office, I will call the parent.

### **Eight Expectations for Living**

1. We will value one another as unique and special individuals.
2. We will not laugh at or make fun of a person's mistakes nor use sarcasm or putdowns.
3. We will use good manners, saying "please", "thank you", and "excuse me" and allow others to go first.
4. We will cheer each other to success.
5. We will help one another whenever possible
6. We will recognize every effort and applaud it.
7. We will encourage each other to do our best.
8. We will practice virtuous living using the life principles

**Time Outs** --When teachers issue a recess "time out", they will communicate the infraction to the parent by recording the reason for the time out in the student's planner or take home folder. On the 5<sup>th</sup> offense in a semester he/she will contact the parent by phone or in person to discuss the disruptive behavior. On the 10<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> offense per semester, the student should receive an office referral in lieu of a "time out." An individualized discipline plan will be developed if a student goes past 15 "time outs" per semester.

**Lunch Detention**—Office referrals may result in a lunch detention. This means the student will sit at a designated table away from their class where they will not be allowed to talk until lunch is over. They will then return to their regular schedule. If a lunch detention is assigned I will call the parent.

**Severity Clause – This will result in immediate referral to the office.**

Possession of prohibited items such as alcohol, tobacco, weapon, etc.

Profanity (either verbal or written)

Fighting (throwing punches – not scuffling or pushing)

Blatant disrespect or defying a teacher

Forgery of a parent signature

**Accelerated Reader (A-R)**

***PreK and Kindergarten will have reading practice each night and will earn stickers toward a special Reading Recess at the end of each 6 weeks period. Teachers will have more information during Orientation.***

Accelerated Reader (AR) is an individualized reading practice program designed to encourage students to read books within their tested reading level and provide measurable feedback on the student's progress. In the first couple of weeks students in grades 1-3 will take a computer adaptive test (STAR) which will provide a reading level range (ZPD). Students will then check out library books within their range and take comprehension tests to accumulate points. To provide incentives for reading we award students for two things. *Points*, which indicates reading the words and *Percent Correct*, which indicates understanding of what is read.

Research shows that students who read and understand 85% of what they are reading will advance their reading skills 2-3 grade levels each year. Students will be monitored closely by their teachers. You can also help monitor their progress. Students should be reading 20-30 minutes every night. You can read with them or have them read to you. Asking them what happened in the story will allow them to process the plot and will let you know if they understood it or not. Encourage them to reread the story if they didn't understand it. You can follow your child's progress on Accelerated Reader by clicking on Renaissance Learning Parent Connect link from the Boyd ISD website. The following details the incentives for 2011-2012

### **Grades 1-3**

- 5 Bookmark
- 10 Super Reader Pencil
- 15 Sit by Friend Coupon
- 20 Ice Cream Coupon
- 30 Book
- 40 Sit by Friend Golden Ticket (holder may pick any two friends to sit with them on any Friday of the School Year)
- 45 Hat Pin (holder may wear a hat to school (Unless Distracting to other students) on any day of the week for the entire school year)
- 60 Pizza Lunch—with two friends (includes Soda and Cookies)
- 75 Field Trip to Jump Extreme
- 80 Teacher for one hour
- 100 Librarian for half day
- 150 Principal for the day

**Met Goal--45 min. recess (Each 6 weeks)**

## **Take Home Folders/ Planners**

All students will have take home folders they are expected to bring back to school every day. This tool is a means of communication between your child's teacher and you. Your child's take home folder will contain information concerning homework, upcoming events, breakfast and lunch menus, and discipline issues. This is not the only line of communication; your child's teacher will call and e-mail when necessary, but we rely on it to be a predictable line of communication on a daily basis. Students in grades 1-3 will receive a planner that will accompany their folder where you will record their minutes read. All homework assignments, discipline issues and event reminders will be recorded there as well.

## **Parent Involvement Activities**

Boyd Elementary works as partners with parents to ensure maximum educational growth of our students. We have many activities throughout the year to both involve you with what your child is learning and also to participate in the instruction of your child. Following is a list of activities that are planned for the coming year. This is a work in progress and we reserve the right to make changes as needed. Specific dates and times will be communicated to you through the campus event calendar in your child's take home folder as the year progresses.

August 18, 2011	Meet the Teacher Night
September 9, 2011	Grandparents Breakfast
September 29, 2011	Report Card Conferences
October 28, 2011	Instrument Parade
November 3, 2011	Fall Fest
November 15, 2011	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Show
November 17, 2011	Thanksgiving Dinner
December 13, 2011	Kindergarten Show
December 16, 2011	Christmas Parties
January 19, 2012	STAAR Reading and Math Night
February 14, 2012	Valentine's Parties
March 8, 2012	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Show
March 5-9, 2012	Public School Week
May 25, 2012	Field Day
May 29, 2012	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Banquet
May 30 & 31, 2012	End of the Year Awards /Graduation Ceremonies

## **Website**

The Boyd ISD website allows parents to be connected to the school in many ways. Through this website you can access your child's grades, food service account and Accelerated Reader progress. In addition, monthly menus, events and information about our school will be posted regularly. Go to <http://sww.boydisd.net> and sign up! You will need your child's student identification number to gain access Nutrikids and a student portal ID provided by our technology department. Accelerated Reader log in will require an e-mail address.

## **Medication:**

If your child requires routine medication to be administered at school you must come to the office and complete the appropriate permission slip form. All medication must be in the original container and be brought in by the parent. We do not allow students to carry nonprescription or prescription medication in school.

## **Counseling:**

Our counselor, Candice Reasoner, is available to talk with students at the request of parents, teachers or students themselves.

