



THE SPARTAN SPOTLIGHT

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Michael Shoff, MS/HS Principal & Activities Director

On opening day we were pleased to visit with approximately 125, 5th-12th grade students, two new teachers, and one new principal. We made special recognition of our classified summer staff that through their efforts our school was clean and ready to function properly and efficiently for the new school year.

Responsibility: People who are acting responsibly...

□ are successful in their relationships with other people. They know how to treat another person with respect and know how to earn respect from other people.

□ contribute positively to society by reaching beyond themselves out into their community. They get involved and help where they can.

□ take responsibility for their actions. They try to fix any mistakes they make. They are capable of feeling a sense of accomplishment when they finish a task. They also feel a sense of regret when they have not acted responsibly.

□ are capable of learning and growing both socially and emotionally.

□ are generally happier. They grab on to the best of what life has to offer them.

"Each of us, as we grow and mature, will continually deal with responsibility. As one's level of responsibility improves, the broader the parameters for opportunities and independence."

Our 9th-12th grade One to One Computer Initiative process has been successful as the students and teachers are making use of these educational resources. Homework assignments and tests are being processed through student and teacher devices, which has decreased the amount of paper we are using. As educators, we are excited about the process as we grow more with technology.

BACK TO SCHOOL POOL PARTY

Mrs. Cindy Johnson, Elementary Principal

On Thursday, August 8th, we celebrated the start of a new school year with our annual BACK-TO-SCHOOL SWIMMING PARTY! As always, the party was well attended by Boyd County students and their families. In tradition, Mr. Brown, the BC Superintendent cooked the hotdogs- which were served by various staff members. Mrs. Kluckman arranged for the hot dogs and buns to be donated by Cahoy's Grocery Store. Our BC kitchen staff helped to provide cookies and chips. The evening also gave the community an opportunity to meet Mr. Shoff, our new Middle School and High School principal, and his wife! After supper, the children and their parents headed over to the swimming pool, where approximately 140 kids and their families enjoyed the rest of the evening in the pool. There were additional people in attendance that enjoyed the laughter, interactions and music provided by Scott Poese from KBRX. This is ALWAYS a fun event that is possible because of the BC staff who volunteer their time to help sponsor this event- so many thanks to them for their involvement! It is a wonderful way to kick-off our school year, while supporting our Boyd County School's Mission: The Mission of Boyd County Public Schools is to prepare life-long learners and productive citizens in a nurturing environment supported by family and community.



BACK TO SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Mrs. Blair Kluckman, Administrative Assistant

We kicked off the 2019-20 school year with our 3rd annual Open House Night on August 12th. Parents braved the hot and humid temperatures to fill out paperwork and have some refreshments as well. Students and staff had their individual pictures taken by Evonne Koenig with EK Photography, and were able to set up their lockers and receive their laptops for the year. New students were introduced to their new peers and shown around the school. Mrs. Rossmeyer was busy handing out class schedules and tending to all the questions that came along with the task. We had a great turnout and we really appreciate the parents and students who took the time to join us on open house night. It really helps the beginning of the year process go smoothly and gives us all a chance to get back into the swing of a new year.

"PARA CAMP"

Mrs. Cindy Johnson, Elementary Principal

Eight Boyd County para-professionals attended "Para Camp" at the ESU8 this summer. The para-professionals attending were Mr. Bernhardt, Mr. Bernhardt, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Nicolaus, Mrs. Kemnitz, Mrs. Eilers, Miss Conklin, and Mrs. Boettcher. We appreciate their attendance. If you see any of them make sure to thank them for all they do for our students!



NTV VISITS BC HIGH

Spartan Spotlight Staff

On August 16th, Christopher Stum from Nebraska TV, made a visit to Boyd County High School to interview students and staff about the historic flooding. Stum reported on the current situation in Boyd County, the adaptations residents have had to make, and the challenges of this tragedy. His story on Boyd County High School features many Boyd County students and staff, including Mr. Michael Brown, Mr. Jeff Hart, and Joseph Hiatt. Boyd County Schools appreciated this coverage from NTV.



BOYD COUNTY WELCOMES NEW STAFF

Spartan Spotlight Staff

Boyd County would like to welcome the new staff members at Boyd County Public Schools this year. This year we welcome the following employees:

- Mr. Michael Shoff, MS/HS Principal & Activities Director
- Mr. Jacob Birch, 7-12 Mathematics
- Miss Lesley Soles, 8-12 Agriculture Education & FFA
- Miss Claire Conklin, Elementary Para-Educator
- Mrs. Autumn Fernau, Elementary Para-Educator

CROSS COUNTRY SEASON SNEAK PEAK

Mrs. Liz Johnson, Head Coach

Twelve high school and five junior high students make up the 2019 Spartan cross country team.

The varsity boys graduated five runners leaving just one returning letter winner from last season, Isaac Koenig, junior. Koenig is joined by seniors Joseph Hiatt and Nathan Kaczor along with fellow juniors Brayden Almgren, Josh Kersch, and new to the team Kaesin Ellwanger. Freshman Kaleb Kaczor also joins the high school boys roster this season. The varsity girls return three letter winners: Ashley Hausmann, senior, and juniors Kaci Mashino and Andrea Hipke. Klara Faxen, senior, joins the team from Sweden this season. She is one of Boyd County's foreign exchange students. Natasha Zeisler, freshman, moves up to varsity this season and completes enough for a girls' team. In the junior high division 8th graders Nathan Koenig and Zoe Kaczor return for a second season. Lilly Magwire, Michaela Roth, and Evan Hammon, all 7th graders, joined the team this season.

Another new face joined the team as well. Kimberly Zeisler is the assistant coach. I, Liz Johnson, return as head coach for her 4th season with the Spartans.

The Spartan runners will lace up their shoes for their first competition in Ainsworth on Sept 5th at 4:00PM. You can catch them in action at their home meet at the Butte Golf Course on Thursday, Sept 12, starting at 4:15PM.



SPARTAN FOOTBALL KICKS OFF

Mr. Bradley Wright, Head Coach

The 2019 Boyd County Spartans will rely on growth, development, and solid leadership from upperclassmen. The team had 19 young men report for football this year and the majority of those are new faces. Less than a third of the team has seen significant playing time in the past so we'll have to develop as many student athletes as quickly as possible so they're ready to get on the field this season. The team is comprised of 4 seniors, 4 juniors, 8 sophomores, and 3 freshmen. They have all shown amazing grit, determination, and competition every day so far and are looking forward to putting it to the test on the field this fall.

SPARTAN VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

Mr. Bill Tabbert, Head Coach



The 2019 Boyd County Spartans Volleyball team is made up of 7 returning Seniors, Alex Brestel, Hannah Drueke, Mariah Smalley, Kalli Kayl, Graceland Adams, Gina McCarthy, Heather Atkinson, 4 Juniors, Audrey Mohr, Lauryn Hoffman, Kiryn Kayl, Jenny Goesch, 5 Sophomores, Samantha Heiser, Haylie Carson, Rylie Haun, Daydra Zeisler, Bentley Adams, 4 Freshman, Leah Jockens, Nevaeh Jockens, Amelia Hoffman, Kyra Gonzales.

These 20 girls started practice at 12:01 am on August 12th. They took the court with great enthusiasm. After their 19-11 season last year they have set their goals higher for this season and are working to achieve these goals. This season the team has moved up to class C-2 for district competition and as usual, is competing in the very tough Niobrara Valley Conference. The team is coached by Bill Tabbert, Beth Drueke and Jacky Hoffman.

FALL ACTIVITIES KICKOFF POTLUCK

Mrs. Deb Rossmeier, Assistant Activities Director

The annual Boyd County fall activities kickoff potluck took place on Friday, August 16th, where students, coaches, families, and community members gathered to celebrate the new year. The coaches and sponsors had the chance to speak on behalf of their respective activities and discuss the upcoming year. The activities that were discussed were cross country, volleyball, football, dance, student council, national honor society, FBLA, FFA, and FCCLA. We wish these students and coaches the best of luck this upcoming year!



FBLA MEMBERS NAMED NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Mrs. Kari Boettcher, Adviser

On Friday, June 28, the Boyd County FBLA national qualifiers, along with their adviser, Kari Boettcher, and chaperones, Heidi Atkinson and Jenny Stahlecker, traveled to San Antonio, Texas for the 2019 National Leadership Conference. That evening they joined the Nebraska delegation at Sea World.

On Saturday morning, members attended the first Nebraska meeting of the conference where students had the opportunity to engage with other FBLA members from across the state. Next up was a tour of the Alamo and a visit to Historic Market Square. Saturday evening, they joined 14,000 FBLA members in attending the opening session of the conference, held at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. Students heard a message from keynote speaker, Sherry Winn, a two-time Olympian and national championship basketball coach. The national officer candidates gave their campaign speeches at the close of the session.

Sunday, students participated in these competitive events: Sydney Atkinson, Heather Atkinson, and Elsie Magwire - Community Service Project; Joseph Hiatt and Elsie Magwire - Business Plan; Heather Atkinson and Lauryn Hoffman - Business Financial Plan; Sydney Atkinson - Spreadsheet Applications; Joshua Kersch - Introduction to Financial Math; Trevor Goesch - Middle Level Business Math; Amelia Hakl - Middle Level Career Exploration. Later in the afternoon, members attended the Mountain Plains Regional recognition ceremony. At this session, Sydney Atkinson, Jacey Hilkemann, and Emma Stahlecker were recognized for outstanding achievement in community service (500+ hours). Sydney also received her America pin for completing the final level of the Business Achievement Awards. Additionally, the Boyd County chapter was recognized for earning the Outstanding Chapter, Gold Seal, and Chapter Challenge awards. That evening, the group went on a ghost tour of the city.

Early Monday morning, it was announced that Joseph and Elsie qualified for finals in Business Plan. Later that morning, the group visited Natural Bridge Caverns. Joseph and Elsie competed in finals on Monday afternoon. In the evening, members attended the second state meeting where Nebraska cast its votes for national officer candidates. After the meeting, the group enjoyed a dinner cruise on the famous River Walk.

Tuesday morning, Heather and Joseph represented the Boyd County chapter, serving as voting delegates at the Mountain Plains Regional voting session. Later that morning, members rode a double-decker bus for a tour of San Antonio. That evening, the Awards of Excellence program took place, recognizing the Top 10 in each event. For the first time in Boyd County FBLA history, we had a group named NATIONAL CHAMPION! Joseph and Elsie received first place in Business Plan, beating out over 100 entries in their event. Both received a trophy and a check for \$600.

On Wednesday morning, members were up early to catch their flight to Omaha, returning home that afternoon. The trip to San Antonio was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and full of great memories. The Boyd County FBLA chapter would like to say thank you to everyone in the Boyd County communities for your support. A special thanks to those who attended the welcoming home reception on Wednesday.



WELCOME TO AMERICA

Spartan Spotlight Staff

This year, we have three exchange student joining us at Boyd County Schools. We are looking forward to sharing American life with these wonderful students. The students joining us are below:

Sofia is from Germany and her host parents are Mike and Dustie Roth.

Klara Faxen is from Sweden and her host parents are Mike and Dustie Roth.

Daniyal Khawaja is from Norway and his host parents are Randy and Cyndi Kersch.

Please give these three students a warm Nebraska welcome.

FCCLA SUB SANDWICH PARTY KICKS OFF THE YEAR

Andrea Hipke, Public Relations Coordinator

On August 20th the annual FCCLA Sub Sandwich Party was held. We had 31 current and prospective members attend. We started the night after school with a movie and trivia in the FCS room. We then enjoyed sandwiches and had a meeting. Topics of the meeting included community service activities, fundraisers, membership benefits, competitive events, and upcoming activities. The Sub Sandwich Party was again a huge success and was a great start to the year!



FBLA NACHO NIGHT RECRUITS NEW MEMBERS

Kiryn Kayl, Reporter

The Boyd County FBLA chapter kicked off the year with the annual Nacho Night. The kids got to enjoy a presentation from the national attendees, a video from Nebraska Vice President, Ethan Goldfish, and had a chance to learn what FBLA is about. Chapter activities and information were discussed. This was a great chance for students to learn more about FBLA. At the end of the meeting popsicles were handed out, donated by Melanie Black.



STUDENT COUNCIL IS READY TO LEAD THE YEAR

Mr. Jim Hiatt, Sponsor

On the first day of school, each class elects their respective representatives for the student council. This year, we have an energetic and motivated student council that is ready to tackle problems within our school and make improvements to the district.

The student council officers are below:
Student Body Presidents: Joseph Hiatt & Gracelyn Adams
Student Body Secretary: Cory Koenig
Student Body Treasurer: Colby Hansen

The class representatives are below:
11th Grade: Kaci Mashino, Andrea Hipke, Audrey Mohr
10th Grade: Jake Froman, Rylie Haun, Daydra Zeisler
9th Grade: Caden Hilkemann, Natasha Zeisler
8th Grade: Paige Druke, Deegan Johnson
7th Grade: Brooklyn Eckert, Hudson Hoffman
6th Grade: Charlie Adams, Barrett Koenig
5th Grade: Grace Finnegan, Alaina McBride

Sponsors are Jim Hiatt and Jacob Birch

BC BAND MARCHES AT NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

Mrs. Denise Hausmann, Director

On Wednesday, August 28, 2019, the Boyd County Jr./Sr. High Marching Band traveled to Grand Island and marched at the Nebraska State Fair. The students marched under the direction of Mrs. Denise Hausmann at 1:00 p.m. through the State Fairgrounds, stopping for a couple of performances for many onlookers along the marching route. Marching bands from schools across Nebraska march over the two weeks of the State Fair. The Boyd County Band did a wonderful job and would like to thank the parents and family members who came and supported them.



"LENDING OUR VOICE"

Heather Atkinson, Joseph Hiatt, and Lauryn Hoffman

The Boyd County FBLA & FCCLA chapters are selling apparel to raise awareness for ALS and the Jason Goesch family. Order forms have been sent home with all students at Boyd County Schools and can also be picked up from any school office. We have also distributed them around the communities. Orders are due September 20th. Thank you for your support.

Here is the link to the online store:
<https://lendingourvoice.itemorder.com/sale>



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Mrs. Deb Rossmeier, Guidance Counselor

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. My name is Mrs. Rossmeier and I am the Guidance Counselor at Boyd County Schools. My "Counselors Corner" will hopefully help keep students and parents informed.

Senior Parents: Your student has just entered their Senior year and believe it or not graduation is not far off! From now until May it will be a hectic time for you and your student. Many students are taking college classes this year and it is important that they keep up with the assignments. College admission applications will need to be made. All applications are on line at the college websites. Each Senior is allowed 2 college days in order to visit and check out the school or schools of their choice. These days are not recorded as absents. However, the administration needs to be informed of when the student will be gone by having a note from you, the parent. Students have to make-up their class work prior to taking their visits. Students also need to notify the admissions office of the college to set up a visitation. I would be more than happy to help set up the visitation. I encourage students to make campus visits and check things out.

Scholarship information has been made available to your student via their google account and the Boyd County School website. A great source of scholarships is at www.educationquest.org. It is the student's responsibility to take the time to fill out the applications. One of the most important tasks you can do for your Senior is to apply for financial aid by completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). This form will be available on-line Oct. 1st at www.fafsa.ed.gov and you may use your 2018 Income Tax information. This is an easy way to fill out the form but students must apply for a pin number which they will keep throughout their education. Please contact me if you need help or have any questions about financial aid. The sooner you complete the form the sooner you will find out what aid your student will receive for college. Financial aid at colleges sometimes run on a "first come first serve" basis. **Junior Parents:** Your student will be preparing for the State ACT test which will be taken April 7, 2020. I also will be encouraging them to think about their future plans. **Sophomore Parents:** Sophomores will be traveling to Wayne State College on October 15th for the Career Day. This is a great chance for students to explore at least three career fields that they signed up for last spring. **Freshmen Parents:** Freshmen are getting use to their high school classes and need to keep in mind that all courses and grades go on their transcript.

The seventh grade careers class are and will be discussing and working on self image while investigating the different careers that are available to them. The fifth and sixth grade career class are working on discovering what skills they possess and how important rules are in school and in the workplace. The elementary classes are revisiting the use of manners and listening skills. Any questions you may have as a parent please feel free to contact me.

BOYD COUNTY SCHOOLS INFORMATION

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL CENTRAL CAMPUS



Boyd County MS/HS

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PO Box 109
Spencer, NE 68777



Main Office Phone

402-589-1333

ELEMENTARY - BUTTE WEST CAMPUS



Boyd County Elementary

402 Butte Street
PO Box 139
Butte, NE 68722



Main Office Phone

402-775-2201

ELEMENTARY - LYNCH EAST CAMPUS



Boyd County Elementary

701 Hoffman Street
PO Box 98
Lynch, NE 68746



Main Office Phone

402-569-2081

ADMINISTRATION

Michael Brown - Superintendent
Michael Shoff - MS/HS Principal / Activities Director
Cindy Johnson - Elementary Principal
Deborah Rossmeier - Counselor / Assistant Activities Director
Charie King - Business Manager
Blair Kluckman - District Secretary (Spencer)
Monica Bendig - Elementary Secretary (Butte)
Amy Holz - Elementary Secretary (Lynch)
Robert Vesely - Technology Coordinator
Donna Benson - Assistant Activities Director

TEACHING STAFF

Heidi Atkinson - PreK-4 Special Education / Early Childhood
Donna Benson - K-12 Spanish / K-8 PE
Jacob Birch - 7-12 Mathematics
Brittany Black - Kindergarten (Lynch)
Sherry Black - 8-12 Family Consumer Science
Kari Boettcher - 9-12 Business / 7-12 Computer
Janet Brown - MTSS Coordinator
James Carlson - 5th & 6th Grade / 7-8 PE
Denise Dennis - Media Specialist / 5-12 Art
Jeffrey Hart - 7-12 Social Science / 7-8 PE
Denise Hausmann - K-12 Instrumental / Vocal Music
James Hiatt - 9-12 English / 9-12 Social & Political Science
Elizabeth Johnson - 3rd Grade (Butte)
Barbara Jons - 1st & 2nd Grade (Lynch)
Leah Kayl - K-12 Special Education
Whitney Kayl - 7-12 Science
Cynthia Kersch - 7-12 Mathematics
Kathy Magwire - 4th Grade (Butte)
Mindy McBride - Preschool (Lynch) / Literacy Coordinator
Stephanie Mohr - K-4 Title I
Kimberly Nelson - 2nd Grade (Butte)
Delia Purviance - 3rd & 4th Grade (Lynch)
Carie Reiman - PreSchool (Butte)
Penny Roth - Kindergarten (Butte)
Cameron Rust - 7-12 Industrial Arts
Rebecca Snyder - 7-11 English / Speech / 9-12 Journalism
Lesley Soles - 8-12 Agriculture Science
Rebecca Thaler - 5th & 6th Grade
Bradley Wright - K-12 PE/Health
Kimberly Zeisler - 1st Grade (Butte)

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Beth Drueke, President
Cindy Nolan, Vice President
Perry Dekay, Secretary
Todd Boettcher, Treasurer
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Cindy Schroetlin



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PARA-EDUCATORS

Matthew Bernhardt - West Campus
Brittany Boettcher - West Campus
Claire Conklin - East Campus
Tammy Dickey - Central Campus
Tami Eilers - East Campus
Autumn Fernau - West Campus
Mary Fletcher - Central Campus
Cathy Haun - Central Campus
Kristie Kemnitz - East Campus
Libby Kendrick - East Campus
Jeanne Krotter - Central Campus
Barbara Nicolaus - West Campus
Rebecca Riha - West Campus
June Sherrett - West Campus
Kelly Sittre - West Campus

CUSTODIAL STAFF

Larry Eilers - Head Custodial & Maintenance (Lynch)
Nicole Henderson - Assistant Custodial (Lynch)
Melissa Mizner - Head Custodial & Maintenance (Spencer)
Eugene Soukup - Head Custodial & Maintenance (Butte)
Rebecca Soukup - Assistant Custodial (Butte)
Debra Tejral - Assistant Custodial (Spencer)

FOOD SERVICE

Carolyn Engelhaupt - Kitchen Aide (Spencer)
Mary Finnegan - Head Cook (Spencer & Lynch)
Nicole Henderson - Assistant Cook (Spencer & Lynch)
Susan Schulte - Assistant Cook (Spencer)
Rebecca Soukup - Kitchen Aide (Butte)
Kimberly Warnke - Assistant Cook (Butte)
Linda Zeisler - Head Cook (Butte)

EXTRA DUTIES

Heidi Atkinson - Special Olympics
Donna Benson - Spanish Club, Head JH/HS Track
Jacob Birch - Asst. Football, Asst. Boys Basketball, Student Council
Sherry Black - FCCLA, National Honor Society
Kari Boettcher - FBLA
Renee Brewster - Head Golf
James Carlson - Head JH Boys Basketball, Head JH Boys Track
Elizabeth Drueke - Assistant Volleyball
Jeff Hart - Asst. Football, Head Girls Basketball, Powerlifting
Denise Hausmann - Band, Music, One-Act
James Hiatt - Student Council, Quiz Bowl, Senior Class
Jaclyn Hoffman - Asst. Volleyball
Elizabeth Johnson - Head Cross Country
Whitney Kayl - Dance Team
Cynthia Kersch - Junior Class
Charie King - Asst. Track
Cameron Rust - Head Boys Basketball, Junior Class
Rebecca Snyder - Speech, Yearbook
Lesley Soles - FFA
Clifton Tabbert - Head Volleyball
Rebecca Thaler - One-Act, Speech
Bradley Wright - Head Football, Head Girls Basketball, Asst. Track
Kimberly Zeisler - Asst. Cross Country