



# 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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The Class of 2010 graduated on May 16th. Graduation is always a proud day for the school and communities of the Boyer Valley CSD as we celebrate the accomplishments of these fine young people. This has been a very successful school year and the leadership provided by the senior class has been noteworthy. We wish them the best as they pursue plans after high school. Congratulations, seniors!

Our top priority at the school is improving student achievement. The Boyer Valley School District can be very proud of our student achievement scores. At our recent meeting of the School Advisory Committee, our proficiency scores from ITBS and ITED tests taken this past year were reviewed. Boyer Valley scores were very comparable to students from across the state. Areas for improvement have been identified for next year and plans are in place to see continued growth in student achievement.

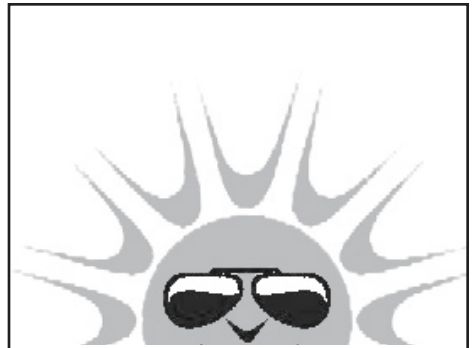
The school board has planned several facility improvements to be made this summer. This will be funded through our Physical Plant and Equipment Fund and also our Local Option Sales Tax receipts. We will be repairing the parking lots on the east side of the school next to the gymnasium and on the southwest corner (former tennis court) at BV South. At BV North, we will be repairing the parking and sidewalk on the southwest corner of the building. Also, the board has a three-phase plan in place to repair the roof at BV South and the first phase is set to be done this summer.

Also, the Boyer Valley School District will be able to purchase new technology equipment for next year due to the

Microsoft Settlement funding which is now available to Iowa schools. The Boyer Valley Schools will receive \$88,496 in vouchers that can be redeemed for technology equipment. Both buildings will benefit from this funding with new computers, software, and professional development for staff.

Finally, the Boyer Valley Community Schools has taken a "team approach" to problem-solving. We want to gather input from all stakeholders as to ways we can improve our school. An effective method of improving communication is the School Improvement Advisory Committee which meets each semester. This group is an extension of the school board and focuses on various issues within the school district. I would like to extend a personal invitation to any interested individuals to become a member of this committee and join in our positive discussions on school improvement. Please call Thomas Vint at 643-2251 if you are interested in becoming a member of the School Improvement Advisory Committee.

Thank you for your continued support of the Boyer Valley Community Schools. Working together, we can accomplish great things for our students! Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you in August!



## **BVS SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

**MON-THURS  
7:00 AM -  
4:30 PM**

**FRIDAYS  
7:00 AM -  
11:00 AM**



# Bullpup News

By Mike Weber, BV North Elementary Principal  
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## Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week was celebrated during the week of May 3. If you see your child's teacher, take the time to thank her/him in some way for all of the hard work he/she has put into educating your child this year. Our teachers not only put in the hard work necessary to educate each student, but they also truly care for each child that comes through our doors.

## Staff Appreciation

The Boyer Valley Elementary School would not run smoothly without the great contributions of its support staff. The following people are instrumental in making BV a high-quality school system:

Marvel Heistand – secretary	Jodi Klein – nurse
Les Soma – head custodian	Joni Houston – para educator
Mariellen Sharp – custodian	Leah Baldwin - para educator
Ann Shumate – head cook	Hollie Nelson - para educator
Kylee Ten Eyck – cook	Carolyn Wingrove - para ed.
Bill Eimermann - groundskeeping	Misty Hikins – cook
Becky Shumate – lunch staff	

We also appreciate all of the wonderful bus drivers that get our students to and from school each day!!!

## Fun Day/Puppy Relays

A big "Thank You" goes out to Mr. Slater for organizing our annual Fun Day and Puppy Relays again this year. Fun Day had to be held inside due to rain, but it was so well organized that it went off well anyway. We had a cool and windy day for Puppy Relays but our students were very happy to be able to participate despite the less-than-favorable weather conditions. Both days were a success and the students all had a good time...which is the goal of both activities.

## Spring Concert

Our spring concert was held on Thursday, May 20. Mr. Fett and the students did an excellent job of putting on a quality performance.

## Omaha Symphony

The brass section of the Omaha Symphony came out to the elementary building on April 29. Each of the 4 members of the brass section played a solo on his instrument and gave some background about the instrument. The quartet also played some songs together and discussed some musical history with the students. We feel that having the various sections of the Omaha Symphony visit our school each year provides our students with some musical exposure that they may otherwise never experience. A big "thanks" goes out to Mr. Fett for getting this set up each year.

## Class Lists

We WILL NOT send out class lists in the August newsletter. We will hand them out at registration which will be held on August 10, 2010, from 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM.

# THANK YOU!

We would like to thank everyone who provided tickets for our circus trip. In the years past, we have received a list of people who have provided us with tickets. This year we did not receive a list of people who provided us with tickets. If you donated money, we would like to take this time to thank you. The third grade students had a lot of fun.

**Thanks for the tickets,  
Boyer Valley Third Graders**

## Science Club Thank You

By Stacey Pippitt, BV South Science  
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The Boyer Valley Science Club would like to issue a Great Big Thanks for anyone who volunteered or donated at our latest Red Cross Blood Drive on April 28. We surpassed our goal of 46 by collecting 48 units.

### Reminder\* Ways you can help our Science Club this Summer:

- We collect old greeting cards to recycle into ornaments for the care center.
- We collect used ink jet cartridges or cell phones as a fund raiser for our club.
- We collect wagon wheels from to-go pizza boxes at Pizza Ranch for a fund raiser for our club.

Any of these items can be brought into the school or call the school and arrange a pick up, I will be glad to make a trip to collect them.

# News & Notes

## Registration and Start of School

Registration is August 10, 2010. The first day of school for students is August 18, 2010. We will have 2:15/2:30 dismissals the first two days of school.

## Early Dismissals Each Wednesday

In order to provide staff development for Iowa CORE work, we will have early dismissals each Wednesday at 2:15/2:30 p.m.

## Academy Start Date

Quad academy classes will start the second day of school Thursday, August 19, 2010. Academy students should report to Boyer Valley High School the morning of August 18, 2010.



# Principally Speaking

By Chad Straight, BV South 6-12 Principal  
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## Thank You to All of the Boyer Valley Supporters

In a small community or school district, it is impossible to run effective programs without support from the community. I have written articles in the past thanking some of these people, but I feel that I am overdue for another one. Since coming to this district five years ago, I have been extremely impressed with the amount of support given to the school district from parents, businesses, and community members.

There are several great examples of this support, and we experienced some of those this school year. As we began to look into implementing the TeamMates program at Boyer Valley, Mrs. Sarah Malone was given the task of reaching out for support from the community. Not only did we need letters of support, but we also needed financial support. In the last few months several businesses and community members stepped forward to fund this program and lend other types of support such as individuals volunteering to be a mentor. Mrs. Malone did an excellent job of utilizing these resources, and we are very excited about the future of that program. I would like to thank Theresa McAllister, Sharon Lee, Mike Weber, Pastor Carla Johnsen, Becky Berens, Deb Garrett and Sarah Malone for their contributions to the program and membership on the TeamMates board. I would also like to



## Another Successful Year....

By Jayne Klein, BV South StuGo Advisor  
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What a great year Student Council had! A big thank you goes out to all of the members for their help. They have done quite a few projects this year and they were very successful. We had a busy homecoming week and sold many different spirit items throughout the school. We also had success in selling valentines in February. I feel our biggest accomplishment was our annual Pennies for Patients campaign. We started the week with a kick-off assembly to introduce and recognize our honor patient, Cameron. The middle school and high school students managed to raise a total of \$501.92, which was donated to the Iowa Chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. A portion of this money raised was made available to Cameron and his family to use for their medical needs. Gnimocemoh week this year, we did not have a dance and instead had a Dodgeball tournament along with The Optimist group. We had a good turnout for this event and many teams are planning on coming back faster and stronger next year in order to win! In May, student council members Shelby Houston, Kelsey Bemus, and Taylor Nelson planted flowers in the planters by the gymnasium. We also visited the Ronald McDonald House in Sioux City and were given a tour of the home and donated 60 pounds of pop tabs. The final activity that we have planned is a student council exchange with the Charter Oak-Ute school at Pizza Hut in Denison, their treat. It should be fun and hopefully we can come back with bigger and better ideas for next year. Have a great summer!

thank the Boyer Valley Board of Education for their support of this program.

Several other programs have benefited from the generosity of our businesses and community. The Boyer Valley Booster Club has been instrumental in providing funding and support to the extra-curricular programs at Boyer Valley. Each year they raise money through a variety of means to assist the extra-curricular programs and help provide support for Boyer Valley students/athletes. Their support has been invaluable. Thank you to Booster Club President Sharon Heffernan, Secretary Cindy Stessman, Athletic Director John Kline, Board Members Theresa McAllister, Tom Androy, and Doris Erlbacher.

Although I have referred to only two areas this past year that are examples of the great support in these communities, I know that there are literally hundreds of more people I would need to thank in order to thank everyone. Although I could not possibly thank everyone, please accept this as my recognition of all of your support. Thank you, to all of the students, teachers, staff members, parents, community members, and businesses for all you have done to support the Boyer Valley School System.



# From the Nurse's Office

By Jodi Klein, RN School Nurse  
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Tick and Mosquito Season Begins! Prevention is the key to protection from tick and mosquito this season. If you use preventive measures while outdoors, you can greatly reduce the risk of getting West Nile and Lyme disease.

## To avoid mosquito and tick bites, remember to:

Use an approved insect repellent according to label instruction (DEET, oil of lemon eucalyptus, picaridin IR3535.) DEET is effective against both ticks and mosquitoes. Wash off insect repellent after coming indoors.

Pay special attention to protection if you are outdoors during the prime mosquito-biting hours between dusk and dawn.

Reduce mosquito breeding sites by removing any yard items that collect standing water, such as buckets, old tires, and toys. Wear light-colored clothing so you can see ticks crawling on you.

After being outside, check your body, clothing, children and pets for ticks.

Reduce ticks around your home by removing leaves, brush and woodpiles.

Do not walk barelegged in tall grass or woods where ticks may be found.

What is Lyme disease? Lyme disease is an illness that is spread by infected ticks. It may affect the skin, nervous system, heart and joints. Lyme disease is mainly found in the eastern United States and the upper Midwest. Most cases occur in June and July.

How is Lyme disease spread? Persons who are bitten by a tick but do not remove the tick immediately have a higher chance of getting Lyme disease. Some people become ill after crushing a tick with their hands because its body fluids get into cuts or scratches in the skin. Lyme disease can not be spread from person to person. Symptoms such as fever, headache, fatigue, stiff neck, muscle and joint pain may be present. These can last for several weeks. Swelling and pain in the large joints may come and go for many years. If left untreated, further symptoms can develop within a few weeks to months after the rash occurs.

How soon do symptoms appear? The rash or flu-like symptoms usually begin within a month after the tick bite.

Treatment for Lyme disease? Antibiotics. Tetracycline, doxycycline, and penicillin are all used.

Can a person get Lyme disease more than once? Yes. Once infection with Lyme disease does not protect a person from getting it again.

How should a tick be removed? All ticks should be removed as soon as possible. The best way is to use tweezers to grab the tick as close to the skin as possible and pull it straight out. Do not use a twisting motion as it may leave part of the tick embedded. Do not squeeze the tick's body when removing it. Do not handle ticks with bare hands. Wash your hands after removing a tick. You may want to apply an antiseptic on the bite.

## MUMPS

What is mumps? It is an infection caused by the mumps virus. It is spread by airborne transmission with mucus or droplets from the nose or throat of an infected person, usually when a person coughs or sneezes.

The most common symptoms are fever, headache, and swollen salivary glands under the jaw. The disease can lead to hearing loss, aseptic meningitis (infection of the covering of the brain and spinal cord) and, in 20% to 30% of males who have reached puberty, the disease can cause painful, swollen testicles. The symptoms may appear 12- 25 days after infection, but usually within 18 days.

The total length of time an infected person is able to spread the disease is a total of 8 days. The total includes 3 days prior to the onset of symptoms to 4 days after, with the first day of symptoms being day zero.

There is no specific treatment for mumps. Supportive care should be given as indicated.

Anyone with mumps should not go back to child care, school, work, or other public places until 5 days after symptoms began or until they are well whichever is longer. Contacts to mumps case should have their immunization status evaluated. Anyone who is not immune and has not received 2 doses of a mumps- containing vaccine should be vaccinated. Persons who may have been exposed should be educated on the signs and symptoms of mumps disease and should seek medical attention as soon as any of these symptoms begin.

There is a vaccine to prevent mumps. Two doses of mumps-containing vaccine, given as combination MMR vaccine, separated by at least 4 weeks, are routinely recommended for all children. The first dose is given on or after the first birthday; the second is given at 4-6 years of age. MMR is a live, attenuated vaccine. Pregnant women and persons with immunodeficiency or immunosuppression should not receive live attenuated vaccines.

## WEST NILE VIRUS

What is West Nile virus? West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne virus that is commonly found in Africa, West Asia, and the Middle East. It is closely related to St. Louis encephalitis virus found in the United States. While the virus mainly infects mosquitoes and birds, mosquitoes can transmit the virus to people and other animals.

Mosquitoes can get West Nile virus when feeding on infected birds. Mosquitoes can then spread the virus to people through a bite. West Nile virus cannot be spread by person-to-person contact such as kissing, touching, or caring for an infected person.

Most people who are infected with West Nile virus either have no symptoms or experience mild illness such as fever, headache, and body aches before fully recovering. Some person may develop a skin rash and swollen lymph glands. In <1% of infections, particularly in those persons over age 50, West Nile virus can cause serious disease, such as encephalitis or meningitis.

West Nile virus is diagnosed through special tests. There is no vaccine or specific treatment, though a physician may prescribe medications to reduce symptoms. In severe cases, hospitalization may be required.



**The TEAMMATES Program  
would like to thank...**

*By Sarah Malone, Teammates program Director  
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**Our donors**

- Boyer Valley Optimists St. John's Lutheran Church
- Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Church Youth (confirmation students)
- Sharon Lee
- Sam & Sue Cogdill – In memory of Father Paul
- Fonley Allen
- Robert & Lorraine Weber
- Steve & Jenny Puck
- Eleanor Summerfield
- Dunlap Horizons

**Walk Participants - Thanks  
Walk Sponsors**

- Boyer Valley Carwash, LLC
- Community Bank
- Defiance State Bank
- Dow City United Methodist Church
- Dunlap Livestock Auction
- Ettleman Oil Company – Dow City for joining us!
- Father Paul
- Hair Station
- Hanigan's Lawn and Landscaping, LLC Joyce Cogdill
- Lee Family Farms
- Main Street Cakes & Gifts

**In-Kind Donors**

- Portraits by Hope
- Pastor Carla Johnsen- water
- Smitty's Grocery
- Deb Garrett – granola bars
- The Hoffmann Agency
- Anonymous - banner

**Safety Unit**

- Mike Anderson

**Board Members Mentors**

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| Chad Straight      | Nancy Mitchell       |
| Mike Weber         | Joni Houston         |
| Sharon Lee         | Mary Pat Lehan       |
| Becky Berens       | Pastor Carla Johnsen |
| Theresa McAllister | Tom Amsberry         |
| Carla Johnsen      | Todd Denton          |
| Deb Garrett        | Josie Losh           |
| Sarah Malone       | Theresa McAllister   |
|                    | Becky Berens         |
|                    | Father Paul          |

**VolunteerIowa.org**

*By Sarah Malone, Teammates program Director  
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Dunlap Horizons has signed up for a Volunteer Solutions website. The site provides information on where and when to volunteer in our community. The web address is volunteerIowa.org. Once you are at the site, click on Want to Volunteer? and search for opportunities in our area. You can also search for the agency Dunlap Horizons to view available opportunities.

If you would like your organization's volunteer opportunity listed, please contact Sarah Malone, malones@boyer-valley.k12.ia.us, to have it added to the site. You will need to provide the following information about the volunteer opportunity: headline, description, website (if you have one), contact information, location, and specific information on who can volunteer.

**Duane Mann Memorial**

*By Lori Malone, Superintendent's Secretary  
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Earlier this year Duane Mann passed away due to the progression of cancer. Duane was a speech therapist here at Boyer Valley for several years. He was a dedicated teacher who was patient, supportive and always willing to go that extra mile. He was admired by students, coworkers and parents.

In lieu of flowers, Duane requested any small contributions be made to the local elementary schools to off-set children's field trips, lunch fees, or incidentals. Boyer Valley would like to thank those who sent memorials in his name. The contributions made were very much appreciated by the staff, Duane's family and the children it supported.

The AEA sent money to purchase books for the library. Books bought include the following: Iowa an Exploration Guide, Iowa Curiosities, Iowa the Definitive Collection, and Iowa-Spaces-Places-Faces. Stop in the library and check them out, remembering Duane. He enjoyed the outdoors and what it offered as much as he did the children he worked with.

**Thank you to the families of mentees for allowing them to participate in the program and to Boyer Valley Community Schools for their support**

# Sports

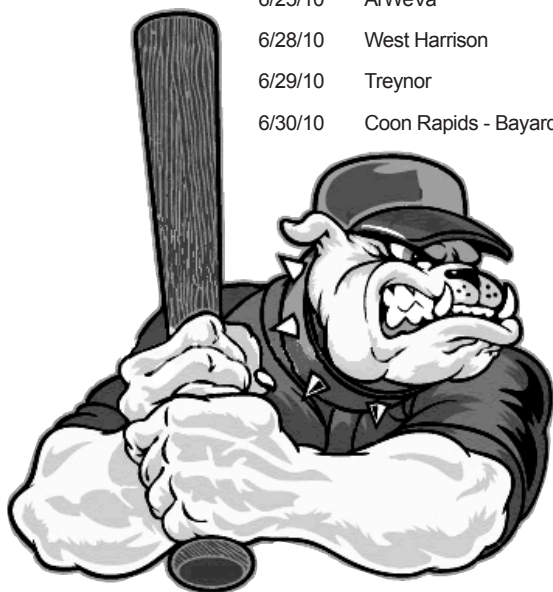


## Baseball

5/25/10	Charter Oak – Ute	Dunlap	6:00pm
5/26/10	West Harrison	Mondamin	6:00pm
5/27/10	ArWeVa	Dunlap	6:00pm
5/28/10	Missouri Valley Tourm	MoValley	5:00pm
5/29/10	Missouri Valley Tourm	MoValley	10:00am
6/1/10	Logan – Magnolia	Logan	6:00pm
6/2/10	West Monona	Dunlap	6:00pm
6/3/10	MVAO	Mapleton	6:00pm
6/4/10	IKM/Manning	Dunlap	6:00pm
6/7/10	Woodbine	Woodbine	6:00pm
6/9/10	Whiting	Whiting	6:00pm
6/11/10	Charter Oak – Ute	Ute	6:00pm
6/14/10	Whiting	Dunlap	6:00pm
6/16/10	Woodbine	Dunlap	6:00pm
6/18/10	IKM/Manning	Manning	6:00pm
6/21/10	West Monona	Onawa	6:00pm
6/23/10	Logan – Magnolia	Dunlap	6:00pm
6/24/10	Elk Horn-Kimballton	Elk Horn	6:00pm
6/25/10	ArWeVa	Westside	6:00pm
6/28/10	West Harrison	Dunlap	6:00pm
6/29/10	Treynor	Treynor	6:00pm
6/30/10	Coon Rapids - Bayard	Coon Rapids	5:30pm

## Softball

05/25/10	Charter Oak – Ute	Dow City	6:00pm
05/26/10	West Harrison	Mondamin	6:00pm
05/28/10	ArWeVa	Dow City	6:00pm
05/29/10	Coon Rapids – Bayard	Coon Rapids	TBA
06/01/10	Logan – Magnolia	Logan	6:00pm
06/02/10	West Monona	Dow City	6:00pm
06/04/10	IKM/Manning	Dow City	6:00pm
06/07/10	Woodbine	Woodbine	6:00pm
06/09/10	Whiting	Whiting	6:00pm
06/10/10	Charter Oak – Ute	Charter Oak	6:00pm
06/11/10	OA-BCIG Tourm	Battle Creek	TBA
06/12/10	OA-BCIG Tourm	Battle Creek	TBA
06/14/10	Whiting	Dow City	6:00pm
06/15/10	Ridge View	Galva	6:00pm
06/16/10	Woodbine	Dow City	6:00pm
06/17/10	Treynor	Treynor	6:00pm
06/18/10	IKM/Manning	Irwin	6:00pm
06/19/10	Guthrie Center/Audubon	Audubon	TBA
06/21/10	West Monona	Onawa	6:00pm
06/23/10	Logan – Magnolia	Dow City	6:00pm
06/24/10	Elk Horn-Kimballton	Dow City	6:00pm
06/25/10	ArWeVa	Vail	6:00pm
06/28/10	West Harrison	Dow City	6:00pm



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***The mission of the Boyer Valley  
Community School District  
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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