



NEWS FROM THE NEST

JULY/AUGUST 2025



The Cardinal Way
Building Character Creating Opportunity Striving For Success

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2025–2026 School Year!

We are so excited to welcome your child to another fantastic year at Boone Central Elementary! I hope your summer was filled with fun, relaxation, and special family moments.

This year, we continue to focus on The Cardinal Way: Building Character, Creating Opportunity, and Striving for Success. These guiding principles will shape everything we do—from how we treat each other to the goals we set and celebrate. With that in mind, we are looking forward to a year filled with learning, growth, and a whole lot of fun!

It truly takes a village, and we are grateful to be part of yours. Our dedicated staff is ready to partner with you to make this a positive, successful year for your child.

Mark your calendars:

📅 Elementary Registration – Thursday, August 7th

🍔 Open House/Burger Bash – Wednesday, August 13th

👶 First Day of School – Thursday, August 14th

Together, we'll make this the best year yet!

Mrs. Claire Kayton
Elementary Principal



AUGUST EVENT CALENDAR

July 30th-Aug. 1st: Packet Pick Up

August 7th: Elementary Registration (11:00am-6:00pm)

August 11th: PTO Meeting (6:00pm)

August 13th: Open House/Burger Bash (5:00pm-7:00pm)

August 14th: First Day of School (1:00pm Dismissal)

August 18th-27th: Beginning Of Year Fall Testing Window

August 20th Late Start- PLC
(9:10AM Start)

August 21st: First Day of Preschool

August 27th: Late Start- PLC
(9:10AM Start)

September 1st: No School



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

*7:30AM HIGH SCHOOL DOORS OPEN FOR STUDENTS EATING BREAKFAST

*7:40AM STUDENTS MAY ENTER THE PLAYGROUND FOR MORNING FITNESS

*7:50AM PRESCHOOL STUDENTS MAY BEGIN MEETING THEIR TEACHER AT THE ELEMENTARY FRONT DOORS

*8:10AM STUDENTS WILL BE MARKED TARDY

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

*EVERY WEDNESDAY DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

*8:30AM HIGH SCHOOL DOORS OPEN FOR STUDENTS EATING BREAKFAST

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

2025-2026 STUDENT HANDBOOK

[Click Here For The 2025-2026 Student Handbook](#)

WELCOME TO BCES

Scott Ketteler: We are excited to welcome 1st grade teacher, Scott Ketteler, to our team! A Boone Central alumna, Scott brings valuable experience from Lincoln Public Schools. We are excited to have him back as a Boone Central Cardinal!

Ashley Bygland: Ashley will be joining our staff as a para educator. She has 3 children who attend Boone Central Schools! We are excited to welcome her to our team!

FALL TESTING

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

This act requires schools to:

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

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

NURSE'S CORNER



Can you believe we already need to think about getting back to school? Being at school everyday and on time is so important! It may not seem like a big deal to miss a couple of days a month or show up late once a week, but the research is black and white. The more days students are gone the more that their academics will struggle. Also, by 6th grade those students who are missing 2 or more days a month have a higher chance of not graduating high school. There are multiple reasons a student may be gone or late to school, but as parents we need to do our part to encourage them to be there as often and on time everyday!

Here's some tips to get off on a good foot when coming back to school:

-Set a strict bedtime and wake up time.

-Do as much as you can the night before to make your mornings easier.

-Don't let your child stay home if you are not sure they are truly sick. Anxiety can also mimic those physical illnesses.

-If your child seems continuously battling with you to not want to go to school, let us know! It takes a village and we are willing to help you!

-Avoid appointments and vacations during the school day as much as possible, take advantage of those late Wednesdays or days off.

-If your child does have a chronic or acute illness let me know and let's find ways to make things more comfortable for them at school! Sometimes just knowing they will be cared for can help!



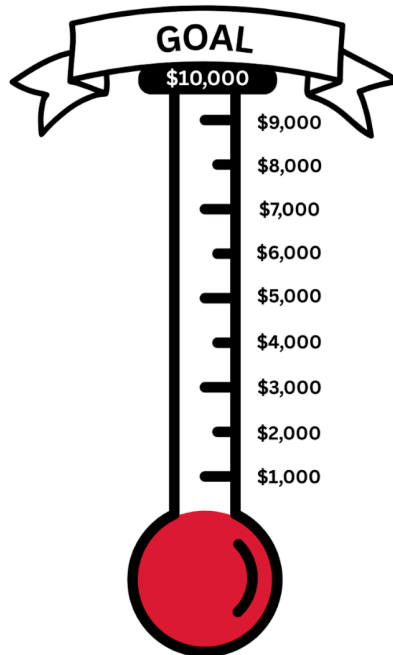
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PTO WANTS YOU TO KNOW

Boone Central Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

- PTO is raising money for playground shade. Stay tuned for upcoming fundraisers, and thanks in advance for your support!
 - Be watching for your PTO welcome letter and dues envelope in your registration packet. Stop by our table at Registration Day to chat with us and learn more about PTO.
 - Join us for our first meeting of the year: August 11, 2025 in the Elementary Flex Room (339) at 6pm.
 - Check out our brand new website! <https://tinyurl.com/bcepto>
- You can learn all about PTO, find board contact info, view or subscribe to our calendar of meetings and events, pay your dues, make a donation to the playground shade, and COMING SOON: shop for Boone Central Elementary gear in our store!

Boone Central Elementary *Playground Shade*



Help PTO reach our goal. Thank you for your support!

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE: [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/BCEPTO](https://tinyurl.com/bcepto)

WE WILL MEET THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:00 AT BOONE
CENTRAL ELEMENTARY! WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOU JOINING US!





Boone Central Elementary Supply List (2025-2026)



Preschool

- 1 Container Clorox Wipes
- 2 Containers Baby Wipes
- 1 Box of Kleenex Tissues
- Chapstick
- Full Size Book Bag
- Ziplock bag with extra set of clothes- shirt, pants, underwear and socks
- Pillow with Pillow Case No Larger Than 13x18
- Fleece Blanket No Larger Than 40x60
- Ball Cap and Sunglasses
- 12 oz or Smaller Water Bottle With Name On It

Kindergarten

- Large Book Bag
- 4 boxes of 24 count Crayola Crayons
- 12 Ticonderoga Pencils (sharpened)
- 18 Elmer's Glue Sticks
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex Tissues
- 1 Pink Eraser
- 1 Single Subject Spiral Notebook
- 1 Large Package of Napkins for Snack Time (min. 200 count)
- 1 Large Box of Cereal, Crackers, or Pretzels
- Last Name Beginning with (A-M) 1 Large Container of Clorox Wipes
- Last Name Beginning with (N-Z) 1 Large Bottle of Hand Sanitizer

1st Grade

- 12 Ticonderoga Pencils (sharpened)
- 1 pair of small blunt end Fiskers brand scissors
- 12 Elmer's Glue Sticks
- 2 boxes of 24 count Crayola Crayons
- 2 boxes of 24 count Crayola Colored Pencils
- 1 Single Subject Spiral Notebook
- 1 Two Pocket folder (no prongs)
- 2 Containers Clorox Wipes
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex Tissues
- Headphones for iPad (not wireless)
- 1 Box Quart Ziploc Bags (Girls Only)
- 1 box Gallon Ziploc Bags (Boys Only)

2nd Grade

- 24 Ticonderoga Pencils (sharpened)
- 9 Elmer's Glue Sticks
- 2 Boxes 24 count Crayola Crayons
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex Tissues
- 2 Pocket Folders
- 1 Spiral Notebook (wide rules)
- Pencil Box (5"x9")
- 6 Pink Pearl Erasers
- Crayola Colored Pencils
- Crayola Markers
- Small Pointed Scissors
- 12' Translucent Ruler (in and cm)
- Headphones (not wireless)
- Girls Only: 1 Bottle of Hand Sanitizer
- Boys Only: 1 Container of Clorox Wipes

3rd Grade

- 1 Box of Kleenex Tissues
- 12 Pack Crayola Colored Pencils
- 12 Pack Crayola Markers
- 24 Pack Crayola Crayons
- 24 Ticonderoga Pencils (sharpened)
- 15 Elmer's Glue Sticks
- 2 Pink Erasers
- 1 Pair Of Scissors
- 1 Notebook
- 1 Folder
- Headphones (not wireless)
- Girls Only: 1 Box of Plastic Baggies (any size)
- Boys Only: 1 Container of Clorox Wipes

4th Grade

- 24 Ticonderoga Pencils (sharpened)
- 4 Single Subject Notebooks (wide ruled)
- 2 Folders
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Markers (optional)
- 2 Pink Erasers
- 10 Elmer's Glue Sticks
- 2 Boses of Kleenex Tissues
- Scissors
- Ruler (in and cm)
- Pencil/Color Box
- 2 Highlighters
- Earbuds or Headphones (not wireless)
- 1 Three Ring Binder (1.5 or 2 in)
- 1 Pocket Pouch For Inside Binder
- Girls Only: 1 Bottle of Hand Sanitizer
- Boys Only: 1 Container of Clorox Wipes



BOONE CENTRAL ELEMENTARY



Important Back To School Dates

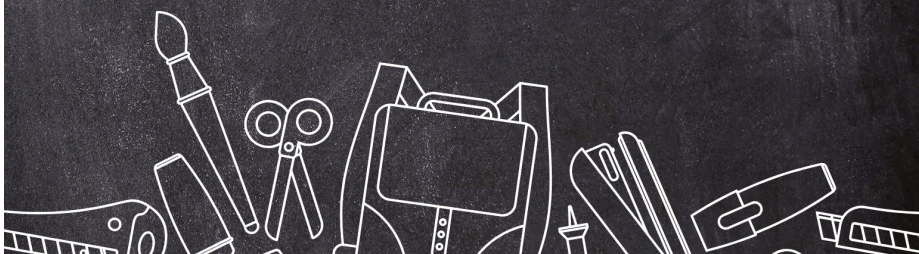
July 30th-August 1st: Packet Pick Up In The Elementary
Vestibule (8:00am-3:00pm)

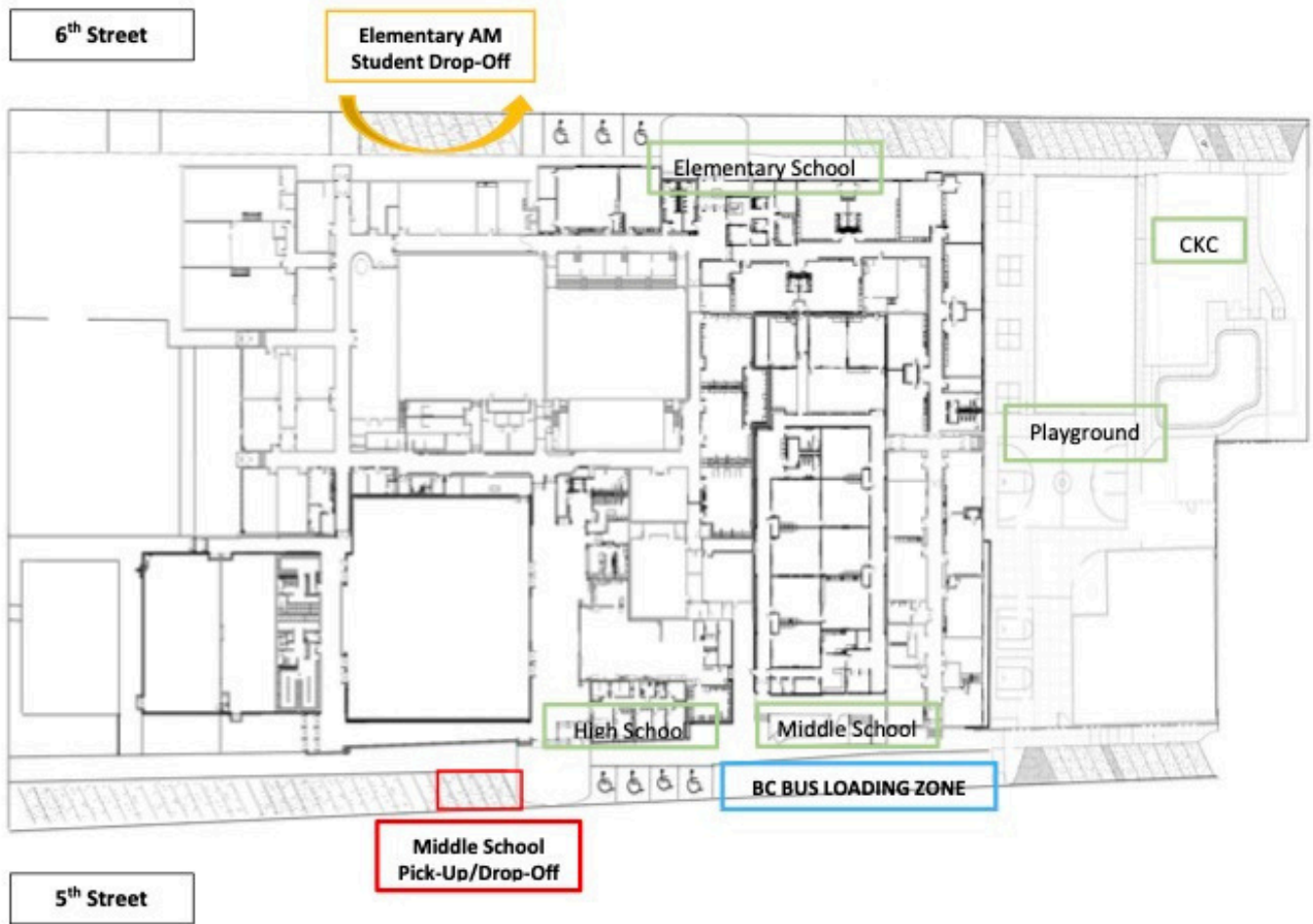
August 7th: Elementary Registration and School Pictures
(11:00am-6:00pm)

August 13th: PK-8th Open Houes & Burger Bash
(5:00pm-7:00pm)

August 14th: First Day of School (1:00pm Dismissal)

August 21st: First Day of Preschool





Month	Start Day	Calendar Title
2025	8	1 1:Sun, 2:Mon
Boone Central Public Schools		
Boone Central Public Schools - Master Calendar		
2025-2026		

August 2025						
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September 2025						
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October 2025						
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November 2025						
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December 2025						
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January 2026						
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February 2026						
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March 2026						
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April 2026						
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May 2026						
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Registration	PreK Start/End Day
Early Dismissal 1:00 pm	Teacher Only/No Students
PLC/Late Start 9:10 am	No School

PreK thru High School Hours	
8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. on Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.	
9:10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays	

Future Graduation Dates	
May 16, 2027	
May 14, 2028	

Teacher Contract Hours	
7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday thru Friday	

Student Days Per Month	
Aug. (12) Sep. (20) Oct. (21) Nov. (17)	
Dec. (15) Jan. (19) Feb. (18) Mar. (20)	
Apr. (19) May (14) Total 175	

Teacher Days Per Month	
Aug. (15) Sep. (21.5) Oct. (22) Nov. (17)	
Dec. (15) Jan. (21) Feb. (19.5) Mar. (19)	
Apr. (20) May (15) Total 185	

Date	Event
August 2025	
5, 6	HS/MS Registration
7	Elementary Registration
8	Mentor/Mentee Day
11, 12, 13	Teacher Inservice
13	PK-8 Open House/9th Orientation
14	First Day of School; 1:00 p.m. Dismissal
September 2025	
1	No School - Labor Day
24	P/T Conference 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
October 2025	
22	End of First Quarter - Pre-k PT Conf.
23	No School - Teacher Inservice
24	Fall Break
November 2025	
11	Veteran's Day Program
26, 27, 28	No School
December 2025	
19	End of 1st Semester; 1:00 p.m. Dismissal
24-28	NSAA Moratorium
22-31	No School - Winter Break
January 2026	
1	No School - Winter Break
2	No School - Teacher Inservice
5	School Resumes/2nd Semester
February 2026	
11	PT Conference 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
20	No School
March 2026	
10	End of 3rd Quarter
11, 12, 13	No School - Spring Break
April 2026	
2	No School - Teacher Inservice
3, 6	No School
29	Pre-K PT Conference
May 2026	
15	Last Day of Preschool
17	Graduation
20	Last Day of School - 1:00 p.m. Dismissal
21	Teacher Work Day