



# NEWS FROM THE NEST

NOVEMBER 2025



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As the weather begins to change, we will start bringing students inside during morning drop-off instead of having outdoor recess before school. Please remember that we will still go outside for recess throughout the day, even when it's chilly. Make sure your child comes to school with appropriate cold-weather gear—jackets, hats, gloves, and anything else to keep them warm and comfortable.

November is the month of gratitude, and I want to take a moment to share how thankful we are for your continued support. We are truly lucky to work in such a wonderful district with amazing students, families, and staff.

This month will fly by quickly, but I hope you all find moments to slow down, reflect, and give thanks.

Claire Kayton, Elementary Principal





# FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



The 2025-2026 school year is off and running! It has been a very successful start to the year with the fall activities off to a great start! We are fortunate to see all of our athletic teams continue to be successful along with all of the great things taking place in other extracurricular activities and academically as well.

It is also hard to believe that winter is right around the corner. As you all know, the weather can change in a hurry around here. With this in mind, there is always the chance for poor weather that may cause a late start, early release, or cancellation. We use several methods to inform parents and the community if this should occur:

1. Our automatic calling system which includes email, a text message, and a phone call. Please contact the school if you need to update any of these or have not been receiving alerts the first couple of months.
2. Our website (<https://www.boonecentral.org>) and app will have information if there is a change to our schedule or cancellation.
3. Social media - Twitter and Facebook
4. TV: Channels 4 (10/11 NOW), 10 (KOLN), 13 (NTV), and 8 (KLKN)
5. Radio: KLIN, Froggy 98, B107.3, WOWFM, and other local stations

I would encourage you to visit with your children that drive themselves to school to discuss winter driving tips. There will be days when we will have school when the road conditions are not perfect, but are safe enough to come to school. Encourage your children to drive slowly, to leave with extra time to get to school, and to leave plenty of distance between their vehicle and the vehicle ahead of them. Winter driving is part of living in Nebraska. We will do our best to make decisions based on the information at hand from the National Weather Service and current conditions. However, as a parent you make the final decision for your student(s) and always have the right to keep your child at home if you determine weather conditions are not suitable for them to travel to school.

Thank you for all the great support of our school district! Enjoy the winter season and all of the activities taking place, Go Cards!

Sincerely,  
Chris Look  
Superintendent

# NOVEMBER EVENT CALENDAR

**November 5th:** Late Start- PLC (9:10AM Start)

**November 10th:** BOE Meeting (7:30PM)

**November 10th:** PTO Meeting (6:00pm)

**November 11th:** Veteran's Day Program (9:00AM)

**November 12th:** Late Start- PLC (9:10AM Start)

**November 17th:** Strategic Planning Community Meeting (5:30PM)

**November 19th:** Late Start- PLC (9:10AM Start)

**November 26th-28th:** Thanksgiving Break (No School)



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## 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](#)

# WEATHER

## What to Wear?



39 degrees or below- winter coat, hat, and gloves.



40-49 degrees- winter coat (hat and gloves are optional).



50-64 degrees- sweatshirt or light jacket.



65 degrees - above- enjoy the nice weather

# CARDINAL BANK

## Not Too Late To Sign Up

The Cardinal Bank is open on Wednesday mornings before school begins! Have your child take their deposit to the PA gym when they arrive!



# BLOOD DRIVE

## Donate Blood In Honor Of **William Roberts**



A serious car accident changed everything for William Roberts. The accident left him with severe injuries—damaged arteries, nerves, and extensive trauma to his upper arm. He underwent multiple surgeries, including a skin graft, and received several units of donated blood that played a critical role in his recovery. Today, he's back to playing sports, farming, hunting, and volunteering in his community. To honor the lifesaving care William received, he and his family are hosting a blood drive in his honor.

## **Scholarship Blood Drive** **Boone Central School**

Boone County Fairgrounds

**Wednesday, November 12, 2025**  
**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

For an appointment, contact Kaci Wies at [kwies26@boonecentral.esu7.org](mailto:kwies26@boonecentral.esu7.org), Myah Rankin at [mrankin26@boonecentral.esu7.org](mailto:mrankin26@boonecentral.esu7.org), Miranda McGill at [mmcgill26@boonecentral.esu7.org](mailto:mmcgill26@boonecentral.esu7.org), Katelyn Krohn at [katelynkrohn8@gmail.com](mailto:katelynkrohn8@gmail.com), Kyle Jensen at 402-910-0681 or schedule online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

Bring Donor Card or Photo ID

Note: Eat breakfast/lunch & drink plenty of water prior to donating blood.

**Give blood + get thanked! Come to give Oct. 20-Nov. 16 for a \$10 e-gift card to merchant of choice!**



**American Red Cross**

[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767



*Boone Central Elementary  
School will be hosting a*

# WINTER WARM-UP

NOVEMBER 3-21



**COLLECTING ALL  
SIZES OF NEW &  
GENTLY USED**

- **Gloves** 
- **Mittens** 
- **Hats** 
- **Scarfs** 
- **Coats** 

Drop off items at Boone Central  
Elementary School

Donations will be shared between BCES  
and the Columbus Rescue Mission





**With our fall time change comes shorter days and colder weather. This can cause short periods of sadness, tiredness or feeling "down" in our students. Studies have shown that decreased sunlight can decrease the serotonin in our brain increasing these symptoms. Ways we can help our kids give that brain a boost during these winter months may be:**

## **1. Prioritize Sleep**

Students may need more sleep than normal, but just an hour or so.

## **2. Get Outside Everyday**

Even for just a few minutes the light and nature will bump up those good endorphins.

## **3. Eat Healthy**

Even though a blanket, tv and sweet treats can be enjoyed, focus on healthy meal options and kick up the veggies.

## **4. Stay Active**

Get creative if there are no options for being outside. Kids fitness videos, board games, and visiting family and friends can be a great way to keep moving.

If you notice your student is having "bigger" feelings or feelings that are hanging on for longer than a few weeks, please let us and your doctor know. Younger children are starting to experience SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder) more frequently. This disorder can last all winter long and tends to go away in summer months. Oversleeping, overeating, social withdrawal, and feelings of irritability, frustration and restlessness can be present. Any questions please let us know!



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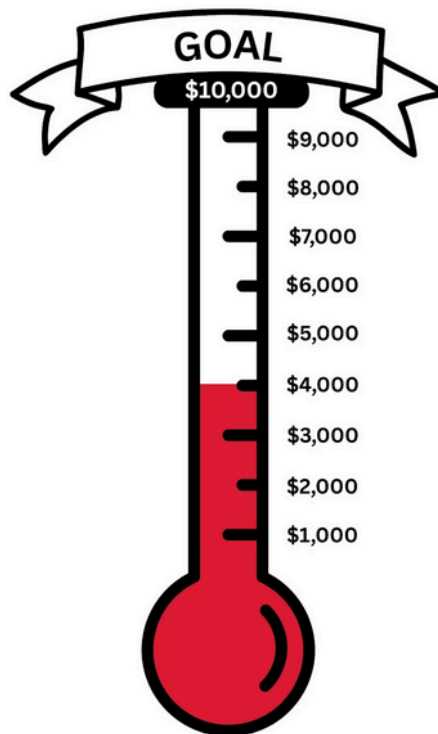
# PTO WANTS YOU TO KNOW

Boone Central Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

- Thank you to all of the Quarter 1 volunteers! The kindergarteners were the winners of the Q1 PTO Points for a Purpose! They got to celebrate with donuts!
- We are in need of some volunteers for the movie theater concessions the weekend of November 21st-23<sup>rd</sup>. Please reach out if you are available!
- PTO will have S'MORES at the mini park from 4:00-6:00 on December 4<sup>th</sup> prior to the Albion Light Parade!

**Join us for our November Meeting: Nov. 10, 2025 in the Elementary Flex Room (339) at 6pm.**

Check out our website! <https://tinyurl.com/bcepto>



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!





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

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	

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

Future Graduation Dates	
May 16, 2027	
May 14, 2028	

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