

# NEWS FROM THE NEST

JANUARY 2026

*The Cardinal Way*

Building Character

Creating Opportunity

Striving For Success

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are excited to share some fun news as we begin the new year! Boone Central Elementary has moved from a “Great” to an “Excellent” rating on the Nebraska Education Profile (NEP) AQuESTT system for the 2024–25 school year. This designation reflects multiple indicators of school success, including attendance rates, student achievement, and academic growth. We are proud of our students for their hard work, and thankful for our staff and families who make this level of success possible.

As we kick off the second semester, our focus remains on high-quality instruction and student engagement. During the month of January, classrooms are being intentional about the use of technology. Teachers are planning when Chromebooks and iPads are used to enhance learning, ensuring technology is purposeful and meaningful rather than always at students’ fingertips. This approach supports focus, balance, and deeper learning as we continue striving for excellence together.

Claire Kayton, Elementary Principal



# JANUARY EVENT CALENDAR

**January 7th:** Late Start- PLC (9:10AM Start)

**January 12th:** BOE Meeting (6:30AM)

**January 12th:** PTO Meeting (6:00PM)

**January 14th:** Late Start- PLC (9:10AM Start)

**January 21st:** Late Start- PLC (9:10AM Start)

**January 28th:** Late Start- PLC (9:10AM Start)

**January 30th:** Rockin' Rally and 1:00PM Dismissal



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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

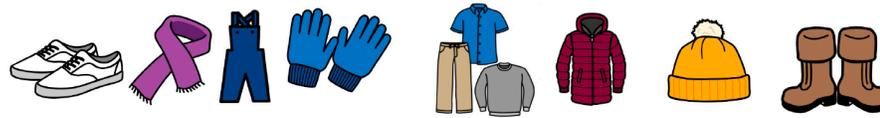
\*8:45AM PLAYGROUND IS OPEN FOR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN MORNING FITNESS

**2025-2026 STUDENT HANDBOOK**

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

# WEATHER

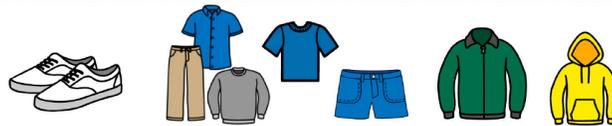
## What to Wear?



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

## PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

[Preschool Application Here: February 12th-March 10th](#)

[Kindergarten Registration Here](#)

\*Both applications are available on the school website or at the elementary office!



# NURSE'S CORNER



**Visiting the dentist at an early age is crucial because baby teeth act as a placeholder for our permanent teeth. Dentists would like to see kids by their first birthday or 6 months after their first tooth erupts.**

**Regular visits every 6 months after that should continue. Other benefits include:**

- Watching for decay that cause problems in permanent teeth
- Eliminating pain and infections that kids may not notice until severe
- Making sure teeth are in correct alignment for speech development
- Educating kids on importance of good dental care
- Eliminating the need for “big” dentist visits where more severe interventions are needed

**Unfortunately many health insurances don't cover dental visits. If you have a need for financial assistance for your student's dental needs please reach out to Nurse Jen!**



Nurse: Jen Molt, BSN, RN  
[jmolt@boonecentral.esu7.org](mailto:jmolt@boonecentral.esu7.org)

# PTO WANTS YOU TO KNOW

Boone Central Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

-Thank you to everyone who donated to the PTO Big Give project!

-Be on the lookout for information about the Spring Book Fair on Wednesday, February 11th.

**Join us for our January Meeting: Jan. 12, 2026 in the Elementary Flex Room (339) at 6pm.**

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

## Boone Central Elementary *Playground Shade*



Help PTO reach our '25-'26 goal. Thank you for your generosity!

Boone Central Elementary PTO is qualified as a charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

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		

# Boone Central Public Schools - Master Calendar

## 2025-2026

August 2025						
M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	
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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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23	24	25	26	27	28	

March 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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April 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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May 2026						
M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	
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<span style="background-color: #FFA500; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px;"></span> PLC/Late Start 9:10 am	<span style="background-color: #FFFF00; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px;"></span> 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**  
 g. (12) Sep. (20) Oct. (21) Nov. (17)  
 c. (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
<b>August 2025</b>	
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
<b>September 2025</b>	
1	No School - Labor Day
24	P/T Conference 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
<b>October 2025</b>	
22	End of First Quarter - Pre-k PT Conf.
23	No School - Teacher Inservice
24	Fall Break
<b>November 2025</b>	
11	Veteran's Day Program
26, 27, 28	No School
<b>December 2026</b>	
19	End of 1st Semester; 1:00 p.m. Dismissal
24-28	NSAA Moratorium
22-31	No School - Winter Break
<b>January 2026</b>	
1	No School - Winter Break
2	No School - Teacher Inservice
5	School Resumes/2nd Semester
<b>February 2026</b>	
11	PT Conference 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
20	No School
<b>March 2026</b>	
10	End of 3rd Quarter
11, 12, 13	No School - Spring Break
<b>April 2026</b>	
2	No School - Teacher Inservice
3, 6	No School
29	Pre-K PT Conference
<b>May 2026</b>	
15	Last Day of Preschool
17	Graduation
20	Last Day of School - 1:00 p.m. Dismissal
21	Teacher Work Day