

# NEWS FROM THE NEST

DECEMBER 2025

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy December, Everyone!

It's hard to believe we're already in the final month of 2025! Our Winter Program is this Friday, and our students have been working so hard to put on a great show. We can't wait for you to see all their effort come to life on stage!

Next week, we'll kick off our winter testing window. This is always an exciting time because we get to see just how much growth our students have made from the beginning of the year to now. We're proud of their progress and appreciate your support at home.

December is a busy month, but it's also a great reminder of how much we have to be thankful for—a supportive group of families and a truly wonderful school community. Thank you for being an important part of it! Wishing you a warm and joyful month ahead!

Claire Kayton, Elementary Principal



# DECEMBER EVENT CALENDAR

**December 3rd:** Late Start- PLC (9:10AM Start)

**December 5th:** Winter Program at 2:00PM

**December 8th:** BOE Meeting (5:30PM)

**December 8th:** PTO Meeting (6:00PM)

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

**December 17th:** Late Start- PLC (9:10AM Start)

**December 18th:** Movie Theater Day! (afternoon)

**December 19th:** Rockin' Rally and 1:00PM Dismissal

**December 22nd-January 2nd:** Winter Break (No School)

**January 5th:** Return for 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester!

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

## 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

## Elementary Christmas Program

Friday, December 5th

PROGRAM BEGINS AT  
2:00PM  
IN THE PA GYM

LIVE STREAMED AT:  
[FAN.HUDL.COM/BOONECENTRAL](http://FAN.HUDL.COM/BOONECENTRAL)



# WINTER SPORTS LETTER

Dear Families,

As we head into a busy season of basketball games and wrestling meets, we want to thank you for supporting our Boone Central athletes and helping make these events positive experiences for everyone.

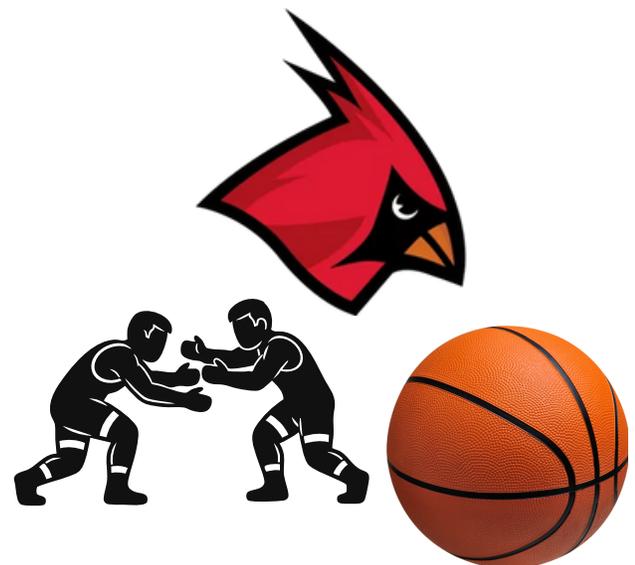
As a reminder, if your child is attending an event, please remind them to remain in the gym and seated in the bleachers to cheer on our teams. This helps us ensure the safety of all students, maintain supervision, and protect our school facilities. When students are moving around the building or unsupervised in hallways, it creates safety concerns and distracts from the event.

Your partnership makes a big difference in creating a safe, welcoming environment for all students, families, and visitors. Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe and focused on supporting our student-athletes, coaches, and programs.

We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at upcoming events this winter!

Go Cardinals!

Claire Kayton, Elementary Principal  
Bill Curry, Middle School Principal



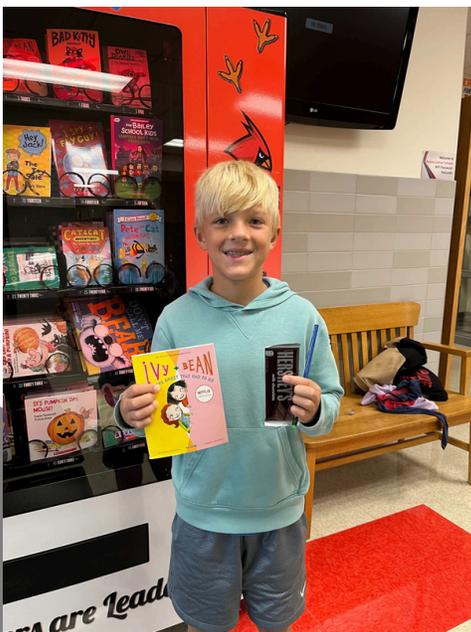
THANK YOU!

We would like to thank local businesses for sponsoring books for the PreK-8<sup>th</sup> Grade book vending machines!

Blu Roofing  
Albion Dental Clinic  
The "J"

Homestead Bank  
Gragert's Market  
Temme Auction  
Cornerstone Bank  
TC Vet

Wells Drug  
Cornhusker Power Goodwill Fund





**Are your children getting a new tech gadget for the holidays? The American Academy of Pediatrics has developed the 5 C's of Media Guidance for school aged children. Take a peek and consider how to introduce this new gadget to your kids.**

## **1. Child**

Who is your child, how do they react to media, and what are their motivations for using it?

## **2. Content**

What is worth their attention? Parental controls although not 100% can help filter content. What will they be “using” their screen for?

## **3. Calm**

How do they calm their emotions or go to sleep? Teach children other ways to calm down besides screen time. Such as listening to quiet music or deep breathing.

## **4. Crowding Out**

What do screens get in the way of? Avoid letting screens be your child's go-to. Be sure you are being a good role model in creating family time.

## **5. Communication**

Talk about media, apps, and screen time to raise a smart and responsible child. Be sure your child knows that they can and should come to you with any questions.

Have a Healthy & Happy Holiday!



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# PTO WANTS YOU TO KNOW

Boone Central Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

-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!

-As the holiday season arrives, you can find teacher and staff wish lists for gift ideas [HERE!](#)

**Join us for our December Meeting: Dec. 8, 2025 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						
M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	
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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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**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