



# Sageville Elementary

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## Calendar Of Events

### Tomorrow

**Scrip orders are due  
PTC Movie Night**

**MAP tests for stu-  
dents in Grades 2-5  
start next week!**

### Friday, January 15

**9:45 Professional  
Learning  
11:20-2:20 Gr. 5 Eagle  
Watch at Grand Har-  
bor**

**Next week MAP tests  
continue and Gr. K  
students will take  
FAST and Grs. 2-5 will  
take DIBELS reading  
assessments.**

**No School on Monday,  
January 18th.**

## From the Desk of Miss Mac

Greetings Sageville families,

**Tonight the FBI Internet Safety session will be held at Washington Middle School at 6:30 PM. This session is free and parents are encouraged to attend.**

**PTC MOVIE NIGHT** will be held on **Friday, January 8th.**

“Inside Out” will be shown. The event is free and concessions available for purchase. Wear your pj’s and bring your lawn chair or blanket. **The doors will open at 6:15 p.m. and the movie will be shown at 6:45 p.m.** Students must be accompanied by an adult. In case of inclement weather, an automated phone call message will be sent and the event will be moved to Friday, January 15th.

January is typically the time for the winter window of assessment. Students in Grade 2-5 will take MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) in the areas of reading and math. They will begin next week and will continue through the end of January.

During the week of January 18th, students in Gr. K take a new reading assessment called FAST. (Formative Assessment System for Teachers). Grades 2-5 will take DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Early Language Skills). These are screening tools to assist teachers to take a closer look at the needs for instruction.

Think about a screening tool this way: If your child seems worn down and his forehead is warm to the touch, you may assume he has a fever. But you probably also take his temperature with a thermometer and use the result to decide whether you should put him to bed, schedule a doctor’s appointment, or rush him to the emergency room. Universal screening measures, such as FAST or DIBELS, are the thermometer that can help teachers make better decisions about the reading instruction each child needs. Parents, you will get results from all of these assessments.

K-5 classroom teachers spent extra time at Sageville School on Tuesday afternoon. Our language arts content leader, Amy Rambousek, led us through a more detailed training on our new student reading software called Lexia. Ideally, each student spends approximately 20 minutes a day on this program. It is designed for school use only at this time. Students who struggle in certain areas are given extra instruction in that area with their classroom teacher or our Americorp workers.

Make sure your student is reading an extra 20 minutes per day and mark it on your January reading calendar!

### Friday, January 8th, Professional Learning

Staff will continue to learn about Close reading strategies and also have time to use the Collaborative Inquiry Process to look at student learning.



Mrs. Griffin, Sageville's music teacher, has taken a music position with Shullsburg School District, her hometown, in Wisconsin. Her last day is tomorrow. We wish Mrs. Griffin all the best and thank her for sharing her love of music with us. We **welcome Miss Cameron Scholtes** as our new music teacher. She starts on Monday, January 11th. She has been Hoover Elementary's part-time music teacher.

Mrs. Griffin, thanks for making beautiful music with Sageville students and staff!

Parents, please check on the status of your volunteer background check with the school district. If you have not renewed it in the last five years, it may be time to re-do it. Spring field trips will be here before you know it and it takes several weeks for them to be approved. You can get a copy from our school office or the district office. Thank you!



#### DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

##### Food Service Substitutes Needed!

Food and Nutrition Services has employment opportunities available for substitute food service workers across the district. High school diploma required.

Applications available at:  
[www.dubqschools.org](http://www.dubqschools.org)  
 Click on careers.

### Mrs. Kaiser's Counselor Corner

During the week of January 4th – 8th I have been in kindergarten thru second grade. In kindergarten we worked on self-control. The students learned what self-control is and that we are in control of our thoughts, our words and our bodies. In first grade we learned about different types of feelings and that other people may be experiencing different feelings with the same situation. In second grade we discussed situations that make us feel upset. We then generated a list of healthy

coping skills, students wrote down three coping skills they can utilize when feeling upset. Next week I will be in grades 3-5.

**Tips for Parents:** "If there is no struggle, there is no progress."



Please continue your efforts in collecting Box Tops for Sageville School. We appreciate it very much!

