



Eisenhower Express

The Mission of Eisenhower School is to inspire,
to educate, and to expand the total student.

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School Principal News!

~Mr. Ferguson

The light snow outside and the colder temperatures remind us that winter is upon us as we turn the calendar to December. I hope this newsletter finds you all well and looking forward to the upcoming holiday season. There are a few grade level special events this month and a particular one of note is the 2nd and 3rd grade music program at Roosevelt Middle School on December 17. The students have been busy practicing and getting ready to put on a great show! We hope you are all able to make it. Great things are happening at Eisenhower each and every day!

Speaking of great things, did you know that we recently held our annual canned food drive? This was sponsored by our PTO in cooperation with our student leadership group headed up by Mrs. Perreard. This year your generosity helped bring in over 3,000 food items that were donated to our local food pantry. Thank you for your incredible generosity! The students and families at Eisenhower never ceases to amaze me!

Another amazing display of your helpfulness and compassion occurred when we unexpectedly had damage to our roof causing significant damage to our art room, music room, and gymnasium. Many of you volunteered your time to help with the clean-up and that was very much appreciated. All of you were understanding about the necessary changes in routine, schedules, and traffic flow as we dealt with the installation of our new (temporary) roof. We are thankful that we were able to get back to normal as quickly as we did and I thank you all for your assistance with that!

As the weather turns to winter, please make sure your child has the appropriate winter clothing to wear to school. Kids need their fresh air and time to run around during the day so we have recess every day, even when it's cold. We only stay inside when the temperature and/or wind chill is 0 or below. Thanks for making sure the students have appropriate hats, gloves, coats, snow pants, etc.

Speaking of winter weather, I wanted to make a clarification in case we have a situation of a weather delay, especially on a Friday. All 2-hour delays will result in students beginning school at 10:25 (2 hours later than our normal time of 8:25). IF the district ever calls a 2-hour delay on a Friday, the 2 hour delay is figured from our normal starting time of 8:25 so students would begin at 10:25. **Basic rule of thumb is: When there is a 2-hour delay, students will enter the building at 10:25, even if it's on a Friday.**

In the weeks ahead, I want to wish all of you a very happy holiday season. Whatever your beliefs or traditions, I hope that you get to spend quality time with family, friends, and everyone you are thankful for in your life.

School Nurse News!

~Mrs. Ernzen

The holidays are a time for friends and family to gather, sharing conversation, good food, and potentially the influenza viruses. Reduce risk by getting vaccine protection. Children and adults who are vaccinated will also provide added protection for the infants and grandparents who might be at the holiday gatherings – age groups that have the highest rates of complications from the disease. **It's not too late to vaccinate!** There are fewer school days in December and more family get-togethers. Many families will be traveling (some a great distance) or hosting others from near and far. Mingling with people from other places brings the opportunity for exposure to infectious diseases, especially seasonal influenza. There is time to build immunity before the holidays. If you still need an influenza vaccine get it now before traveling or hosting company! Check www.flu.gov for local providers. **And remember:**

- the importance of cough and sneeze etiquette
- frequent hand washing
- avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth
- contact a healthcare provider within 48 hours if illness develops; and stay home when ill.

School Counselor News!

~Mrs. Klein

The month of December has come upon us already! This month's guidance theme is "Careers and The World of Work." Students will learn about the benefits of positive thinking and for having a sense of purpose in their school work and within their lives. We will explore the possibilities of careers and the world of work using the computer programs of "Paws in Jobland" and "I Have a Plan -- Iowa." These classroom lessons will provide opportunities for enrichment and empowerment as our children are able to find out about their own personal interests and the various possibilities for employment in our ever-changing world. Through the efforts of parents and teachers alike, we can help ensure that our children are able to reach their fullest potential, and they do their best work at school and find meet their future needs of employment.



* We had an AMAZING year for the food drive. We brought in **3003** items of food! Great job to ALL classes. We literally filled up the Dubuque Food Pantry with 5 truck, van, and SUV loads of food. Katy Perreard, our Gifted & Talented Facilitator, Darci Thoma, PTO food drive committee chair, and the Eisenhower student leadership committee did a wonderful job organizing this event. A special thanks to Mr. Ferguson and the PTO members for hauling the food to the food pantry THANK YOU to the students, parents, teachers, staff and all those who helped make this year's drive a success. Eisenhower, YOU ARE TRULY AWESOME!

* We are currently collecting items for the **Eisenhower Giving Tree**. Your child can help by bringing in NEW mittens, hats, scarves, and socks this month. The donated items will go to our Eisenhower students that are in need. Thank you for your generosity!

* The third **Box Tops** round ends December 22nd. Box Tops can be handed into your child's classroom at any time. They can be turned in individually with your child's name and teacher written on the back or placed in a ziplock bag with that same information. The class of the winner who is drawn will receive an extra recess!

* Our next **Skate Country Night** is December 7th from 6-8 pm. Hope to see you there!

* Our next **Wendy's night** is Tuesday, December 15th. Thanks for continuing to support our school!

* Every parent and Eisenhower employee is automatically a member of the PTO, and has voting rights. **Our next meeting is on January 11th at 6:30 pm in the library.** There is free childcare available. New perspectives and ideas are always welcome, please join us!

* Have a safe and wonderful break!

Please contact Rebecca Jones, PTO President, with any questions or ideas at Eisenhower.PTO.Dubuque@gmail.com.

MONTH AT A GLANCE

DECEMBER 4	EISENHOWER SCHOOL SPELLING BEE
DECEMBER 5	LEGO LEAGUE COMPETITION @ ERMS 9-4 PM
DECEMBER 7	SKATE PARTY 6-8 PM ORCHESTRA CONCERT @6:00 IN EISENHOWER GYM
DECEMBER 11	EISENHOWER CHOIR ON KAT-FM @ 6:35 AM
DECEMBER 15	WENDY'S NIGHT 5-7 PM
DECEMBER 17	2 ND AND 3 RD GRADE MUSICAL @ ERMS
DECEMBER 22	3 RD BOX TOP ROUND ENDS
DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 3	NO SCHOOL- CHRISTMAS BREAK
JANUARY 4	SCHOOL RESUMES