



# 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

I hope this month's Eisenhower Express finds you all well and ready to enjoy the upcoming spring weather. At school, we are glad to have full, 5-day weeks of school when we can get into a routine and finish the year strong. We also find this to be a busy time of year!

Our service project/fundraising partnership with Loras College Dance Marathon for the University of Iowa Children's Hospitals and Children's Miracle Network is taking place this week and so far we've had a successful campaign. The students and staff have enjoyed dressing in school/team spirit gear, wearing sunglasses and silly hats, and dressing up in 60's, 70's, and 80's clothes and wearing mismatched outfits. It's been a great school spirit week that also benefits an outstanding cause. We thank our Eisenhower Leadership students for coordinating the events of this week. Representatives from Loras will be here on April 8th to announce the fundraising total and interact with the students during recess.

Upcoming we have the spring DIBELS for Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade taking place April 25-May 5 and spring MAP testing for grades 2-5 from May 2-20. Please encourage your child to work hard and take these spring assessments seriously as we use this data to make important educational decisions and it allows us to see the great academic growth they have made this year.

Our Kindergarten Orientation events will take place next week on April 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Those with last names starting with A-L should attend on the 12<sup>th</sup> and M-Z should come on the 14<sup>th</sup>. If you know of anyone who hasn't already received our mailed invitation who is living in the Eisenhower district and has a child turning 5 years old on or before September 15, 2016, please encourage them to contact our main office at 563-552-3500. We look forward to welcoming a new incoming kindergarten class!

Next week you will receive an email and/or phone call from the district explaining some new school safety and security protocols and training information that will be taking place in all K-5 classrooms the week of April 18. Students will watch a short video in class and then participate in a brief discussion led by their classroom teacher. We have always worked on evacuation/fire drill protocols as well as severe weather procedures and now we will spend a little more time talking to students about what to do in the event of a dangerous situation in the school. After receiving the information from the district, feel free to contact me at school if you have further questions.

The last couple months of school will be busy so keep an eye on our calendar for upcoming events. Our end of year events will be listed in next month's Eisenhower Express. At this time, the last day of school for students will be Monday, June 6!

## George Washington Middle School

Open House

April 12, 2016

7:00-8:00 PM, Auditorium

Come early and hear our...

- Wahawk Band play in our front yard (6:30-6:50)
- Washington Chamber Orchestra play in the Auditorium (6:40-7:00)

Agenda:

- View a scene from the Washington Musical, The Music Man
- Hear about Middle School from the Washington Stuco
- Meet the Washington teachers on a Scavenger Hunt
- Learn about how to get involved in school activities in our gymnasium

All future Wahawks will receive a t-shirt courtesy of the Washington PTO!

## School Counselor News!

~Mrs. Klein

We are in the month of April already and students are learning about the transitions that occur throughout their school years. At this time, our guidance lessons are about all the academic growth that they have had and how much each one of them has changed. We will be discussing and making a collage of this school year and then providing students with the opportunity to reflect upon all the hard work that it has taken for them to be where they are today as they build these all important skills that they will need in their adult lives.

At Eisenhower, we also want to say "thank you" to you for all the love, care and devotion that you provide for them. What a positive difference you make!!!



Hello Eisenhower families! I hope you are all doing well! Spring is here! There is planning for lots of fun activities under way.

\* The annual **Eisenhower book swap** is coming up on **Earth Day, April 22nd**. Please watch for a note coming home closer to this date. Students can trade in books they're finished reading and find books that are new to them. If your child is at a chapter book reading level, please have them trade in chapter books. This is a fun day to volunteer and help students pick out new books! Please contact Rebecca Jones at [wolff.rebecca@gmail.com](mailto:wolff.rebecca@gmail.com) if you'd like to help. Thank you!

\* **ARK Advocates Roll and Sole-A-Thon** is on **April 30th**. Please come out and help raise money, and support persons with disabilities in our community! You can register online at [getmerged.com/rollandsoleathon](http://getmerged.com/rollandsoleathon). There is a family bike ride (walkers are welcome) and a group bike ride. There will also be an adaptive recreation and equipment expo at Mystique Ice Center from 11-2pm. Eisenhower students have had a great time participating in the past!

\* Thanks to all those who came out to skate on Monday! Our last **skate party** of the year will be on **May 3rd from 6-8pm**.

\* Our annual **Spring Fling** will be on **May 26th from 5:30-7:30**. Please contact Bridgette West [westsbrc@hotmail.com](mailto:westsbrc@hotmail.com) if you are interested in helping with this event.

\* There are still short sleeve **Eisenhower t-shirts** available in all sizes for purchase. Please contact Darci Thoma at [darcihoma@outlook.com](mailto:darcihoma@outlook.com).

\* Every parent and Eisenhower employee is automatically a member of the PTO, and has voting rights. Our next **PTO meeting** is on **April 18, 2016** in the library. There is free childcare available. New perspectives and ideas are always welcome, please join us!

Please contact Rebecca Jones, PTO President, with any questions or ideas at [Eisenhower.PTO.Dubuque@gmail.com](mailto:Eisenhower.PTO.Dubuque@gmail.com)

## MONTH AT A GLANCE

<b>APRIL 12</b>	<b>KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION (A-L) WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ORIENTATION</b>
<b>APRIL 14</b>	<b>KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION (M-Z)</b>
<b>APRIL 16</b>	<b>STEM FESTIVAL @ LORAS 10 AM-2 PM</b>
<b>APRIL 18</b>	<b>PTO MEETING @ 6:00 PM</b>
<b>APRIL 19</b>	<b>WENDY'S NIGHT 5-7 PM</b>
<b>APRIL 20</b>	<b>5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE HUMAN BODY BEE @ CLARKE UNIVERSITY</b>
<b>APRIL 22</b>	<b>PTO SPONSORED BOOK SWAP</b>
<b>APRIL 25</b>	<b>SPRING DIBELS TESTING BEGINS</b>
<b>APRIL 28</b>	<b>4<sup>TH</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CONCERT @ HEMPSTEAD 6:30 PM</b>