



Eisenhower Express

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

May 5, 2016

Issue 9



School Principal News!

~Mr. Ferguson

It's hard to believe we are now in the month of May and starting to wind down the current school year. This month finds us with many fun and educational activities to wrap up the year.

As I look at the calendar with all of the events upcoming before our last day on June 6, I can't help but feel excited with all of the planned activities, learning experiences, and fun events planned as we head into the last month of school. In addition to teachers preparing end of year lessons and culminating educational events, our Eisenhower PTO is planning a fun Spring Fling coming up on the evening of May 26 and helping to coordinate our Field Day on June 2. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the PTO and all students and families for showing the Eisenhower staff such appreciation this entire year and particularly this past week during Staff Appreciation Week. You always go above and beyond with kind notes, special treats, and words of appreciation. We are thankful for your partnership with us and your tokens of appreciation are things we cherish.

As I mentioned earlier, the teachers are busy planning out their final units of study with the students. We are wrapping up the spring MAP and DIBELS assessments and are excited to see the learning growth each child has experienced this year. You will receive this information with the end of year progress reports that are sent home on the last day of school.

In order to hopefully help students as they prepare to transition to a new grade level, we will again have our "Fly Up" activity the morning of the last day of school. Your child(ren) will go to their new teacher for a short 45 minute activity to meet their 2016-17 teacher and get acquainted with new classmates for next year. In an attempt to communicate clearly to you who the new teacher will be, your child will bring home a postcard on the last day with the next year teacher name printed on it.

As we move forward in the month of May and finally experience some spring weather, I know that evening activities, sports, and events become more prevalent. I wish you all a peaceful end of the school year.

School Nurse News!

~Mrs. Ernzen

May 8-14 is Food Allergy Awareness Week. If someone you know has a severe food allergy then you understand how serious this can be. If not, take a moment to look at these facts to improve your understanding of this potentially life-threatening medical condition. By increasing awareness, we all can encourage respect, promote safety, and improve the quality of life of all those affected by food allergies and anaphylaxis.

FOOD ALLERGY FACTS:

- Food allergies can be life-threatening.
 - They affect up to 15 million Americans--6 million are children – that's roughly two in every classroom.
 - Nearly 40 percent of these children have already experienced a severe or life-threatening reaction.
 - The number of children with food allergies in the U.S. increased 50 percent between 1997 and 2011, but there is no clear answer as to why.
 - A reaction to food can range from a mild response (such as an itchy mouth) to anaphylaxis, a severe and potentially deadly reaction. Every three minutes, a food allergy reaction sends someone to the emergency room in the U.S.
 - About a third of kids with food allergies report that they have been bullied specifically because of their allergies.
- Make a difference in the lives of those living with food allergies by learning about food allergies and anaphylaxis by going to this website: www.foodallergy.org. And next time someone tells you they have a food allergy, be sure to take this seriously—this could be a MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH for that person, and **YOU CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!**

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT BY TAKING TIME TO KNOW AND WEAR TEAL DURING THE WEEK

School Counselor News!

~Mrs. Klein

This is a very special time of year for all of us at school. Transitions are everywhere as our students are nearing the completion of one grade level and are looking forward to the next in the coming fall. Not only do we see emotional/social effects of these year-to-year changes, but we are also lending our support and comfort to students and parents alike as needs arise.

It is also a time of excitement and uncertainty as our fifth grade students are getting ready to transition to middle school. Please continue to stay connected to your son/daughter by providing warmth, love, and attachment even when our growing children pull back away from us and want to do what they believe "everyone else is doing." We can be sure that they will always need *you* and your



Hello Eisenhower families. I hope you are doing well! We are in the home stretch! Our annual book swap was a success! It was wonderful to see our students find a new book treasure to take home. Thank you for sending in your retired books to make that possible.

There were many Eisenhower families and staff members that were able to attend the ARK Roll and Sole-A-Thon last Saturday. Even with the rainy weather, the kids had lots of fun supporting their friends by walking, riding, and skating inside.

Our **Five Star Award Assembly** and **Spirit Day** is this **Friday, May 6th**. We are so lucky to be part of a school filled with so many amazing teachers and support staff!

I have had a wonderful year acting as your PTO President! A **Big Thank you** to everyone for their help and support!

* Our annual **Spring Fling** will be on **May 26th from 5:30-7:30**. We will be having lots of **Luau fun**! There will be exciting new games to try! Food will be available for purchase.

* **Field Day** will be on **Thursday, June 2nd**. Families are encouraged to come out, cheer their kids on and stay for lunch! We will even let you help with the relay races!

* There are still short sleeve **Eisenhower t-shirts** available in all sizes for purchase. Please contact Darci Thoma at darci.thoma@outlook.com.

* Every parent and Eisenhower employee is automatically a member of the PTO, and has voting rights. Our last **PTO meeting** is on **May 16th from 6:30-7:30** in the library. We will be holding elections for next year if you're interested in joining a committee. We can find a spot for you! 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

MONTH AT A GLANCE

MAY 2	MAP TESTING BEGINS
MAY 5	ELEMENTARY TRACK MEET AT DALZELL FIELD 4:00 PM
MAY 6	GO THE DISTANCE DAY FOR 4TH GRADE KINDERGARTEN MOTHER'S DAY TEA 10-11 AM
MAY 13	1ST GRADE TO SWISS VALLEY
MAY 16	PTO MEETING 6:30 PM
MAY 19	KINDERGARTEN TO ALLISON HENDERSON/CHERRY LANES/FIRE STATION 9:30-1:15 ROOSEVELT JAZZ BAND PERFORMANCE @ EISENHOWER 10:45 AM
MAY 20	GRADE 3 TO E.B. LYONS
MAY 24	NATIONAL HISTORY DAY
MAY 26	PTO SPRING FLING