



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

Dear Eisenhower Families,

I hope you agree that it is great to be back to school and into a “school routine”. I hope you had an enjoyable summer break and are looking forward to a successful 2016-17 school year at Eisenhower! Students are starting to get into the routines of school and teachers are starting to finalize daily schedules and implementing the full academic curriculum.

As the teachers begin their regular routines in the classroom, we are focused on continuous improvement in our instructional practices so that we may provide your child(ren) the best possible education. In all of our staff professional development this year, our new learning for teachers is focused on integrating technology, language arts (aligning the CORE standards to our instruction), math (implementation of ST Math into our weekly work), character development (continued partnership with Two by Two), and finally a continued focus on collaborative inquiry, analyzing student work, and learning more about “Growth Mindset” strategies. We will again have the weekly one-hour late start on Friday mornings and we so appreciate having the time to collaborate and learn new strategies for supporting our students. Thank you for your continued support and flexibility as you juggle your morning routines each Friday.

As we move forward with the school year, here are a couple reminders as it pertains to student safety:

- We have staff supervision on the playground area and safety patrol in the morning starting at 8:15 a.m. Students should **NOT** be at school before 8:15 unless they are going to Y-care or the breakfast program (which starts at 8:00). When students arrive before 8:15, there is no supervision and with that a greater chance for problems to occur. If you need an earlier arrival, please contact Y-Care to line up childcare arrangements. Thanks for your cooperation.
- Arrival and dismissal time: To help keep this running smoothly, please adhere to our parking lot arrival and dismissal procedures. In the morning, please pull into the lot and pull around as far as you can and let your child(ren) exit your vehicle on the sidewalk side of your car only. They will then be able to follow the sidewalk around to their lineup area. Please do not use the driveway or pull up area to park your vehicle. If you need to park, utilize a parking spot or park on the street and take advantage of our crosswalk patrol workers. After school, pull into the pickup zones and wait for your child in your vehicle unless you are using a parking spot. Staff will work to ensure your child is escorted to your vehicle safely. Drivers, be VERY mindful of our little ones by watching carefully and driving SLOWLY whenever you are in our parking lots.
- If you are dropping your child off in the neighborhood, never let your child out in the middle of the street, especially on JFK. Pull over to park so your child can exit your vehicle on the sidewalk side of your car and then walk down to a crosswalk area. If you are dropping off on JFK, please pull into one of the church parking lots and then utilize the crosswalk where there is a controlled light and a safety patrol staff member. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation with this to ensure safety for all.

Upcoming we have our fall MAP testing for students in grades 2-5 and DIBELS reading assessments for all students K-5th grade. Results will be shared with you at conferences.

If you have any questions for me, feel free to give a call to school or stop by and see me in the main office. We appreciate your continued support and cooperation!

Sincerely,
Andy Ferguson, Principal

School Nurse News!

September 23 & 24, 2016 Five Flags Center Dubuque, Iowa

The Iowa Mission of Mercy is a two day, free oral health care event where patients receive quality dental care provided by dental professionals supported by hundreds of lay volunteers. • Clinic opens at 6:00 a.m. and closes when we have reached our capacity for the day. • Please arrive early and be prepared for long lines! • No appointments. Patients will be seen on a first come, first served basis • Certain medical conditions may prevent treatment • No income limitations • No extensive paperwork • Fillings, extractions, cleanings and "flippers" (partials) are some of the services available • NOT able to provide bridges, crowns or dentures • Childcare provided • Everyone is welcome!

For more information, please visit our website at www.iowamom.org Or call 800-828-2181

School Counselor News!

~Mrs. Klein

Hope you all have had a wonderful summer break with your children and what a pleasure it was to see you and welcome you back to our 2016-17 school year during orientation and parent meetings.

Now that school is starting once again, we all face the daily efforts as parents, guardians, and caregivers in dealing with the challenges of helping students go to and from school each day. With this in mind, it seems an appropriate time to highlight the importance of *attendance*. As you know from your own lives, attendance is the most vital part of an individual's successful learning, living and working experiences. By making sure that *our children attend school on time each day*, we begin a practice that will carry them throughout their lives. If there are struggles with leaving home and arriving at school, we can work on these needs together to make sure that our children are able to manage their daily education and find all the happiness and learning potential that their years of schooling can bring.

Wishing you the very best throughout this new school year!



Hello Eisenhower families! My name is Rebecca Jones, and I am excited to be your PTO president again this year. I have a son in first grade and a daughter in fifth. I hope your school year is off to a great start! It was wonderful to see so many both familiar and new faces at our first PTO meeting on Monday. We have lots of exciting events coming up this month! Thank you for all you do to help support Eisenhower!

Items to note:

- * Our first **Wendy's night** is **September 13 from 5-7pm**. If you would like a night off from cooking, it is a great time to relax and meet other Eisenhower families. Eisenhower receives a percentage of sales made during this time!
 - * **Back to School Night** is **Thursday September 22nd from 5:30-7pm**. This is a fun night to see your child's classroom and meet other parents! Food will be for sale on the playground and there will be a DJ with live music weather permitting!
 - * **Book Fair** is also on **Thursday September 22nd from 3:30-7:30pm**. Stop in after school or during Back to School Night. This is a great way to find new books and support our school! Please contact Bridgette West at westsbrc@hotmail.com if you are interested in helping with Book Fair.
 - * We have begun planning for **Walk-A-Thon**, our Big school fundraiser! **Walk-A-Thon will be on Friday, October 7, in the afternoon**. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this fun event!
 - * We will be collecting **Box Tops** again this year. Please keep clipping! We will have more information soon about this year's Box Top's excitement.
 - * Every parent and Eisenhower employee is automatically a member of the PTO, and has voting rights. **Our next PTO meeting is on September 12 from 6:30-7:30 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 wolff.rebecca@gmail.com We are always looking for volunteers! Please let me know if you would like to help in any way!



It's Not Too Late to Enroll for 2016-2017!

It is not too late to sign your child up for Iowa's free four-year-old preschool in one of our district or community partner preschool classrooms for the 2016-2017 school year. If you are a resident of the state of Iowa and your child turns four on or before September 15, 2016, you meet the requirements! **The following are district preschool classrooms that still have openings: Audubon, Bryant, Fulton, Hoover, Irving, Lincoln, Prescott, Sageville, and Table Mound.** Visit one of these great elementary schools listed today to enroll your child. Remember, your child may attend preschool at **any** school. **Homeschool boundaries do not apply** to preschool. Spread the word to your friends, neighbors, and relatives today!

MONTHLY HEALTH TOPICS FOR 2016-2017

In your school's monthly communication/newsletters with parents, please include the health topic and brief description for that month. Teachers should be encouraged to include this in their class newsletters/parent communication as well.

- **September—Emotional Health/Feelings**

This month's health topic focuses on identifying and promoting positive health behaviors and responsible decision making.

- **October—Relationships with Family/Friends**

This month's health topic focuses on families—how they are different and alike, how they may change, and how family members and friends can help you stay healthy and safe. Children also discover the importance of showing respect, making wise decisions, and knowing how to resolve conflicts.

- **November—Your Body/Growth and Development/Human Sexuality**

This month's health topic focuses on children learning the stages of growth and the importance of healthful habits throughout life. Children also learn appropriate terminology and functions of their bodies.

- **December—Nutrition**

This month's health topic focuses on helpful eating habits. Children will learn about MyPlate and planning healthful meals and snacks.

- **January—Personal Health/Physical Activity/Hygiene/Healthy Goals**

This month's health topic focuses on the importance of keeping the body clean, physically active and healthy.

- **February—Safety**

This month's health topic focuses on safety rules for school and home.

- **March—Substance Use/Misuse**

This month's health topic focuses on safe use of medications and health risks of alcohol, tobacco and other legal/illegal substances. Children also learn and practice refusal skills.

- **April—Communicable Disease/Non-communicable Diseases**

This month's health topic focuses on strategies for lifelong disease prevention.

- **May—Environmental/Consumer/Community Health**

This month's health topic focuses on how to find and assess health information and recognize the role of community health helpers. Children also learn about the harmful effects of pollution and how to reduce, reuse and recycle.

MONTH AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER 5	NO SCHOOL-LABOR DAY
SEPTEMBER 6	BAND AND ORCHESTRA PARENT INFO MEETING @ WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL 6:30-7:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 12	PTO MEETING @ 6:30 PM MAP TESTING WINDOW OPENS BAND AND ORCHESTRA JUMP START @ IRVING (SEPT.12-16)
SEPTEMBER 13	WENDY'S NIGHT 5-7 PM
SEPTEMBER 22	BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 5:30-7 PM SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IN GYM 3:30-7:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 23	WALK-A-THON KICK OFF ASSEMBLY
SEPTEMBER 30	NO SCHOOL

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

OCTOBER 3	WENDY'S NIGHT
OCTOBER 4	SKATE NIGHT 6-8 PM
OCTOBER 6	PICTURE DAY
OCTOBER 7	PICTURE DAY PTO WALK-A-THON
OCTOBER 20	NO SCHOOL
OCTOBER 21	NO SCHOOL